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REPRESENTATIVE LIBERALS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

I should like, before concluding this address, to make mention of the names of one or two Ontario Liberals, whose lives were given in whole-hearted and unselfish devotion to the public affairs of our country, and who have been taken from us since we last assembled here. Sir George Ross, at successive intervals, Minister of Education, Premier of Ontario, and Leader of the Liberal party in the Senate of the Dominion, and the Hon. William Paterson, for many years member of the Dominion Parliament and Minister of Customs in the Federal Cabinet, were men of such high and unimpeachable character, and so marked in ability and individuality that their long association with the political life of Canada has made them a part of its history. Gilbert McIntyre of St. Marys, for a short period member and Deputy Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons, was as splendid a citizen, as high-minded and conscientious a statesman as Canada's parliament has known. Senator George Cox of Toronto, Senator William Gibson of Beamsville, and Senator Thomas Coffey of London, were Liberals whose honourable record in the service of their country and party will long be remembered. Other names might well be referred to here, but these, for prominence attained through the worthy fulfillment of opportunities of public service enjoyed, are deserving, perhaps, of special mention.

May I again express appreciation of the confidence shewn by the members of the General Reform Association in having honoured me with its presidency during three successive years. In asking that the office be now allowed to pass to another, may I assure my successor and fellow-members of an abiding interest in the Association's affairs, and a ready and active co-operation in its work whenever occasion may require and opportunity permit.

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