

“He, (Borden) came to us less than two months ago,
“the victor of a great Imperial struggle, he has won the
“admiration and the affection of the whole nation by his
“earnestness, his strength of purpose, his discernment,
“and his frank straightforwardness, no less than by the
“lofty ideals of the duty and the future of the Empire
“which he has held up. He has taken his place for ever
“in the growing roll of statesmen from the Dominions
“Overseas who have won the right to stand beside our
“greatest, if not in opportunity, at any rate in the
“capacity and the will to seize it when it comes. We
“say in no spirit of empty compliment that we are proud
“of the testimony bestowed in his parting message that
“‘Beyond doubt there is in these Islands an earnest
“and confident spirit of hope and anticipation that
“* * * the complex and difficult problems which
“confront this vast Empire will be solved wisely and
“worthily and in accordance with the loftiest traditions
“of our history’.”