

great deal of political courage to sever oneself from his old associations. He did so. He did it openly and manfully in the House. I remember the speech in which he conveyed to us his final decision, and although he resumed his alliance with the party of his early days, in all his career as a politician he was courageous to follow his own convictions, and to do what he thought was best for the Dominion of Canada. That quality in his lordship is worthy of all admiration.

All the qualities which distinguished him in business, in politics, in the administration of a great trust, such as was committed to him by the Hudson Bay Company, are qualities which Canadians may well imitate. And now that he has passed away we cannot help but bestow upon him that admiration which every one must feel for a man of courage, a man of achievement, and a man of loyalty to the trust committed to his care. Lord Strathcona had a rich experience in life. Few men's experience is richer. From the humble home which he occupied on the coast of Labrador, how romantic it was, as the hon. leader has said, his trip down to the centre of Canada for a little while, then west to look out on the prairie covered with beautiful snow from Winnipeg to the Rocky mountains, at that time uncultivated and unsettled. It was a remarkable experience, extending from the time when he saw the very first dawn, shall I say, of civilization, to the latter days when he visited that country and found it peopled with teeming thousands; a wild prairie, formerly unproductive and practically valueless, had been turned into a blooming wheat field, where abundant harvests are obtained at the present time. He had a great experience in Canada, an experience of association with the greatest men that Canada has produced, with the founders of Confederation, with the men who laid the foundations of our great Dominion—to be associated with them, if nothing more, would be, in itself, a great experience. But his experience went further. He went to the heart of the Empire, as the hon. gentleman has said. He sat in Council with the leading statesmen of England. He had admission to the royal residences of Her Majesty, and afterwards his Majesty, the late King, and probably of the present King, and to all that was great in that centre of Empire; all that was literary, all that was profound, and all that was mighty and eloquent in administration

he associated with in its stages. To pass by the circuit of the Hudson Bay outposts, around to the Parliament of Canada, and further to the Parliament of the Empire, is an experience which few men enjoy, and is an experience in which few men could have added the lustre which Lord Strathcona did to every part of his career. What shall I say? Speaking as a Canadian, what ought we to say, looking over his record here and abroad? He was in all essential respects a loyal Canadian. He showed that while he was in Canada. He showed that during the Boer war in organizing the Strathcona Horse. He showed that in representing us in the council of the nations, and in his philanthropy to Canadian institutions, when he was abroad. He showed that by his demeanour towards every Canadian with whom he came in contact. His house was always open to his friends. His friends were numerous here and numerous abroad as well. Generous hearted and philanthropic, he might be placed in the very first and highest rank, in the list of men of great distinction. To raise Canada in the estimation of the empire, is also a matter of great importance. Wherever he went, whether it was to meetings of council abroad, or whether it was to literary or educational gatherings, to have it said that the man who shines as an administrator is the man who represents Canada, is to give Canada a standing with those who may associate with him which it could not otherwise have obtained. If we have any heart at all, and if we have any love for men of the highest character, if we have any sympathy for those who have promoted our standing as Canadians, we cannot do otherwise than wear the badge of sorrow and regret. And no honour we can do to his memory, and no record of what he has achieved, will fully illustrate what is in the heart of every Canadian regarding him, for the people of Canada grieve over his departure, in the most regretful spirit that I can express. I second the motion for the adjournment of this House, and I hope that long, long years to come those who read of the men of our generation will not forget that among the great men of Canada, in its early history, was the man whose memory and whose passing away from us to-day is so much regretted.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I hope the House will pardon me on this occasion if I take the opportunity to offer also a tribute to the memory of the late lamented Lord Strathcona. I will not speak about him as the hon. leader of the Government, or the