

Happy Birthday, Sir¹³⁴¹³¹

FEW men are elevated to the annals of history in their own lifetimes.

Sir Winston Churchill was. There are others. But the nearest and dearest name that springs to mind at this moment is that of Arthur Meighen, who celebrated his 84th birthday yesterday.

Few men have given such integrity to Canadian public life and served it so well.

And few are privileged the rich reserves of memory that belong to this man, Canada's oldest elder statesman, who was Prime Minister twice before retiring from politics in 1942.

Yet he keeps busy with the present. He is energetic, alert and belies his

age. He strolls two miles in the morning and finishes with a healthy, ruddy glow.

Then he goes to his Bay st. office, sits at his desk with the Churchill portrait and breaks later for lunch with old friends.

Maybe that's when he reminisces.

About the time when he was a cowboy—"that kind of life certainly toughens a man."

Or about his days as Prime Minister—he says he would never backtrack on any of the decisions he took at the critical points of his career.

A happy birthday, Mr. Meighen, and please excuse us for being a day late.

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