

I should like to pay tribute to those who played a rôle in the political events leading up to confederation, whether they were for or against union. They were all participating in a major event of Canadian and Newfoundland history. I should like also to pay special tribute to the late Louis S. St. Laurent who, on the Canadian side, was outstanding in his unwavering perception that Newfoundland is of capital importance to Canada, and to J. R. Smallwood who, on the Newfoundland side, was truly the architect of confederation.

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