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SIR ROBERT BORDEN PASSES AWAY

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Like a political contemporary, Sir George Foster, Borden started out in life to be a teacher, moving to New Jersey where he became a professor in the Glenwood Institute. But he stayed only a year or two, returning to Nova Scotia to study law and eventually going into politics.

In September, 1889, he married Laura Bond of Halifax. They had no children.

Sir Robert, like his cousin, Sir Frederick Borden, originally was a Liberal but he differed from the party platform in 1891. He slowly drifted into the Conservative camp and finally in 1896, at the age of 42, he was elected Conservative member for Halifax.

That was the election that swept Laurier and the Liberals into power, to stay there until 1911. In a House of 213, there were only 88 Conservatives and it wasn't long until the studious member from Halifax, with the deep, sonorous voice, was marked for higher things. His keen intellect stood out in the small opposition group, the finest possible training for a future office-holder.

The Conservative party, after long years in power during the glamorous days of Sir John A. Macdonald, had fallen on evil days. One leader succeeded another. Laurier formed his "Cabinet of All the Talents" and swept everything before him.

Appointed Party Leader

Sir Charles Tupper led the Conservatives until his defeat in 1900. At a party caucus in Ottawa February 6, 1901, Borden was selected party leader by the 81 Conservative members.

Borden was comparatively unknown when the mantle of Macdonald, Abbott, Thompson, Bowell and Tupper fell on his shoulders. The Conservative party was disorganized by Laurier's brilliance. Halifax defeated Borden in 1904 and he offered his resignation at a caucus. It was declined and a seat was found for him in Carleton, Ont., Edward Kidd resigning.

That marked the turning point in Borden's career. In those days an opposition leader received no salary from the Dominion and half a dozen wealthy Conservatives contributed $5,000 a year to him. That continued for three or four years until Laurier made Canada the first country to recognize the services of an opposition leader.

Borden slowly welded the party together but not without difficulty. To many people he was a cold, distant man in an unhappy contrast to the magnetic Laurier. There were insurrections against his leadership, cliques that wanted him cast aside as the party lost again and again.

Borden's courage and tenacity may be demonstrated by one of these parlor revolutions. A group of Conservative members wanted Sir Richard McBride from British Columbia as leader and he came to Ottawa. Borden knew about the movement and gave a dinner party to the members with himself and McBride as speakers.

Everyone knew it was to be a test between them with the leadership the prize. McBride, a fiery, rhetorical speaker, flush with rolling phrases and happy adjectives, spoke first. Then came Borden, regarded as a logician, a colorless speaker who dealt in facts, not high-sounding rhetoric. But it was Borden who emerged victorious. It was he who continued as leader.

Laurier stayed in power and Borden in the shades of opposition. Finally came that day in 1911 when the Taft-Fielding reciprocity pact was laid before a startled House of Commons. It incorporated that old dream, free trade in natural products with the United States.

Borden wavered at first, unwilling to support it, unwilling to oppose it. But a caucus of members convinced him it was his duty to oppose it. He did oppose it, so strenuously that he forced dissolution and an election.

The 1911 election was one of the bitterest in Canadian history with reciprocity the major issue. Borden emerged as prime minister with reciprocity defeated and Laurier crossed the floor to the opposition benches. It marked the beginning of Borden's destiny.

The war clouds were hovering over Europe even in those days and Borden's first major question was a naval one. In 1913, believing there was an emergency, he proposed Canada add three dreadnaughts to the British fleet. Laurier held to his own policy of a Canadian navy to protect Canadian shores. But the government bill carried in the House after Borden introduced a closure motion, the first time in Canadian history. Although the bill passed the Commons, the Liberal majority in the Senate defeated it and Canada continued with its own naval forces.

Borden was not a good mixer like Laurier. He lacked the sparkle, the wit and the mercurial temperament of the Liberal leader. On the other hand, Borden in his speeches was direct and outspoken, leaving no doubt of his meaning. Hecklers brought out the latent fight in him.

In a practical sense, Canada had no army in 1914. Starting from scratch, due largely to the driving force of Sir Sam Hughes, Borden's minister of militia, troops, munitions and all the implements of war were sent across the Atlantic.

Borden and his ministers whipped the industrial and agricultural life of Canada to a war pitch. He was the first Dominion premier to be invited to attend the sessions of the British cabinet in July, 1915. Again and again he visited Great Britain to confer with Empire leaders on the prosecution of the war. He went to France in 1915 and again in 1917.

But Borden had his political as well as war difficulties. Enlistments were falling off.

A conscription bill had been introduced in the House. At a conference with Laurier, Borden told him frankly his fears for the future efficiency of the Canadian corps without adequate replacements. He invited Laurier to join in a union government of equal membership with Borden as premier. Laurier insisted conscription should not be passed without a mandate from the people, preferably through a general election.

Borden next proposed to him to form the union government and pass the conscription law, making it operative only if the new government were sustained at the polls. Laurier said he could not enter a government which would enforce compulsory military service.

Formed Union Government

Negotiations with Laurier ended with the Liberal leader opposed to compulsory conscription by any government. Although Laurier was opposed, a wing of his party was agreeable to entering a union government and enforcing conscription.

Borden decided to enter an agreement with the Liberal wing, offering equal representation in the cabinet with Conservatives.

Borden's union government was returned overwhelmingly in 1917, the "Khaki Election." The draft law went into operation.

The war ended in November 1918, and Borden's task was nearly completed. He attended the Peace conference in Paris and from the very first insisted that Canada should sign the treaty and become a full member of the League of Nations.

The modern constitutional setup of the British Empire, established at the 1926 Imperial Conference and placed on the law books by the Statute of Westminster was a dream of Borden's.

Borden remained at the head of the government until July 10, 1920, when he resigned the leadership. The long war and the intensified work had undermined Borden's health and he had sense enough to retire before his health was shattered.

When Sir Robert gave up politics, he gave it up for good, never entering even the gallery of the House after his retirement.

Mackenzie King Sorrows

LONDON, June 10; (CP)—Deeply pained at word of the death of Sir Robert Borden, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, expressed heartfelt sympathy to Lady Borden and regret that he should be absent from Ottawa to personally honor his illustrious predecessor in death.

"The passing of Sir Robert will be deeply felt throughout Canada and the British Commonwealth as, indeed, in many countries outside the Empire," Premier King said. "The death of Sir Robert has removed from the scene one of the few remaining figures of public life of Canada of the period before the war."

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