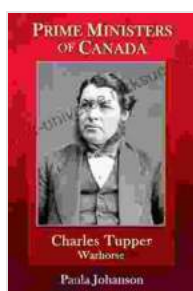


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Charles Tupper was one of Canada's longest-serving Prime Ministers, holding the office twice from 1896 to 1901. He was a key figure in Canadian politics for over half a century, and played a major role in the development of Canada's national identity.

Early Life and Career

Tupper was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, in 1821. His father was a doctor, and Tupper followed in his footsteps, graduating from medical school in 1843. However, he soon realized that his true passion was politics.

Tupper was elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in 1855, and quickly rose through the ranks. He served as Premier of Nova Scotia from 1864 to 1867, and played a key role in the Canadian Confederation of 1867.

Confederation and Beyond

Tupper was one of the Fathers of Confederation, and he played a major role in the negotiations that led to the creation of Canada. He was appointed Canada's first Minister of Justice in 1867, and served in various other cabinet positions under Sir John A. Macdonald.

Tupper was a strong supporter of Canadian nationalism, and he worked to promote Canadian unity. He was also a staunch advocate for the British Empire, and he opposed Canadian independence.

First Term as Prime Minister

In 1896, Tupper became Prime Minister of Canada following the death of Sir John A. Macdonald. He was 75 years old at the time, and he was the oldest person to ever serve as Prime Minister of Canada.

Tupper's first term as Prime Minister was marked by economic recession and political instability. He was also facing pressure from the United States to negotiate a reciprocity agreement, which would have lowered tariffs between the two countries.

Tupper was opposed to reciprocity, and he refused to negotiate with the United States. This led to a major trade war between the two countries, which lasted for several years.

Second Term as Prime Minister

In 1900, Tupper lost the federal election to Wilfrid Laurier. However, he was re-elected in 1904, and he served as Prime Minister for a second term from 1904 to 1908.

Tupper's second term as Prime Minister was more successful than his first. He negotiated a settlement to the trade war with the United States, and he oversaw a period of economic growth and prosperity.

In 1908, Tupper retired from politics. He died in 1915 at the age of 93.

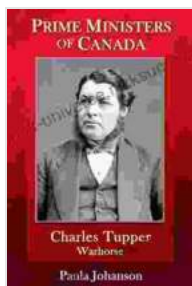
Legacy

Charles Tupper was one of the most important figures in Canadian history. He was a key figure in the Canadian Confederation, and he played a major role in the development of Canada's national identity. He was also a strong advocate for Canadian unity, and he opposed Canadian independence.

Tupper's legacy is complex and controversial. He was a strong supporter of the British Empire, and he opposed Canadian independence. He was also

a staunch conservative, and he opposed many of the social and economic reforms that were introduced in the early 20th century.

However, there is no doubt that Tupper was a major figure in Canadian history. He was a skilled politician, and he played a key role in the development of Canada's nationhood.

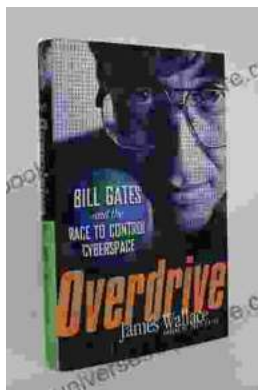


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