

*The late Gordon Graydon*

the affection of all his colleagues, and all others who met him, because he was big-hearted, broadminded and tolerant. He will be remembered as a fine gentleman, an outstanding parliamentarian, a great Canadian, and as a very dear friend.

I join with other speakers in conveying my deepest sympathy, in the name of private members of the House of Commons, to his mother, to his wife and to her daughters, as well as to the Leader of the Opposition and the late member's other friends.

**Mr. J. L. MacDougall (Vancouver-Burrard):** Mr. Speaker, I feel all hon. members, upon this very solemn occasion, would like to pay tribute to our dear, departed friend. Unfortunately I had known Gordon only during the period of the twenty-first parliament. It was my good fortune to have served with him on the committee on external affairs. I believe that on an occasion such as this we might very well apply the old saying: *Veni, vidi, vici*—"I came, I saw, I conquered."

So far as I, personally, was concerned, and indeed so far as all members of the house are concerned, Gordon was a very dear friend. We kidded each other in a spirit of good humour. While we disagreed on occasions, it was never with malice. The loss of Gordon to the House of Commons and to his party is one it will take a long time to mend. First of all he was a good soldier, and an outstanding parliamentarian. In addition he was a great gentleman. Then, last but by no means least, I believe the best way to describe his many admirable qualities would be to say that he was folksy. He had the ability to be a friend to all people, regardless of whether they disagreed with him politically or not.

When one comes to consider human characteristics, he realizes at once that there is no quality in the human mind or nature more admirable than this one to which I have referred.

Certainly the Lord of the Universe must have had great regard for the common man, because we know that throughout all lands of the world he created so many having that admirable quality of being folksy and friendly to all with whom they come in contact.

On this occasion I speak with a full heart. News of Gordon's illness came to me as a great personal blow. I said to my wife that, at the time of prorogation, anyone in the house would have picked Gordon Graydon as one of the most healthy. I believe that at that time he was.

[Mr. Pouliot.]

There is a lesson here for all of us. When one is taken from our midst, one who was so fresh, so rosy, so full of life, one who would have accomplished so much in the future, we must in all humility realize our personal position—that we never know the day or the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh. All of us who enjoy health today would, I am sure, ask that God in His wisdom might give to each and every one of us an understanding and appreciation of the great bounty the Almighty has bestowed upon us. In our daily lives we should act as Gordon did, and thus be worthy recipients of the blessings the Almighty has thus conferred upon us.

**Mr. G. J. Tustin (Prince Edward-Lennox):** I should like to concur in the tributes that have been paid to our late beloved friend, Gordon Graydon. I had the privilege of knowing him for many years. We entered this house at the same time. In the eighteenth parliament we were deskmates; for the greater part of the nineteenth parliament we were roommates, and we really became very close friends. I should like to add my voice in sympathy this afternoon to his widow, his dear old mother and his three daughters. They will miss him; we will miss him, and I am sure they will be comforted to have our message of sympathy this afternoon.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Harris, Lapointe, Casselman, Shaw and Weir.

Motion agreed to.

**INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION**

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Hon. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, the Hon. J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, the Hon. Hugues Lapointe, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and the Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intitled: An act respecting the House of Commons.

**LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT**

Report of the joint librarians of parliament.  
—Mr. Speaker.