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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Speaker: The Honourable PIERRE-FRANÇOIS CASGRAIN

FRIDAY, February 10, 1939.

The house met at three o'clock.

STANDING ORDERS

Mr. W. H. GOLDING (Huron-Perth) presented the first and second reports of the standing committee on standing orders, and moved that the reports be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

DEATH OF POPE PIUS XI

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY OF GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND HIS MAJESTY'S LOYAL OPPOSITION

On the order for motions:

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and on his behalf, I desire to communicate to the house the contents of a cablegram which was sent this morning by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Ottawa, to His Britannic Majesty's minister, Vatican City. It reads:

Ottawa, February 10, 1939.

Will you kindly convey to His Excellency the Secretary of State of the Holy See the following expression of sympathy of the government of Canada, in the bereavement occasioned the Vatican City and the Roman Catholic church by the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI.

"The government of Canada desires to associate itself with the governments of other countries in expressing its sense of the loss sustained in the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. The profound sorrow felt by members of the Roman Catholic church in all parts of the world will be shared throughout Canada where the devotion of Pope Pius to the spiritual progress of mankind had gained for His Holiness nation-wide admiration and esteem."

To these words of the leader of the nation I desire to add my own personal tribute to the memory of the great pontiff who died yesterday.

In the hours of great crises His Holiness Pius XI has always been a fine model, a powerful personality.

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Amidst the disorders generated by war, misery and unemployment, he has preached the crusade of public salvation, defending the family institution, defending order, labour and social peace, fighting all that leads to anarchy, hatred and the domination of blind force. He has consistently defended those who were persecuted and oppressed.

A friend of social progress and modern institutions, he has published pastoral letters and encyclicals which are monuments to economic and social reform based on justice, charity and human brotherhood.

He was a great religious leader. He will be remembered as the Pope of Peace, of the poor, and of working men.

I am sure I am reflecting the views of all the members of this house in expressing our sorrow and our deep regret at his demise.

Hon. C. H. CAHAN (St. Lawrence-St. George): Mr. Speaker, in the unavoidable absence of the leader of the official opposition (Mr. Manion), I wish to express on his behalf and on behalf of my colleagues and myself, our profound emotion upon learning this morning of the passing from this life of Pope Pius XI. His Holiness was a great churchman and a brilliant scholar, who was preeminent in his devotion to the welfare of all classes and conditions of our fellowmen.

As the sovereign pontiff of Vatican City, his influence was ever exerted with the political leaders of all nations for the preservation of peace. As the ecclesiastical head of over 350,000,000 of peoples of all the races of the world, every important movement for the spiritual, moral and social improvement of all classes and conditions of mankind, enlisted his sincere sympathy and his earnest support.

As a prelate of fervent, personal piety and devotion, his compassion was ever extended to the poor, the sick and the afflicted.

As an eminent Christian gentleman, he showed us all an example of steadfast faith and fortitude under physical suffering that

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