

especially. The father of our late lamented friend was, like Mr. Casgrain, a man of absolute integrity, sincerity and courage, and if his son was endowed in any way like his father, I am not at all surprised that he took the part he did in the tremendous struggle in which we are now engaged. Of a man of his character, though we may lament his death, I am sure that we may say he has met the death which he would have wished above all others. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of our four deceased colleagues.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I desire to associate myself with the tributes which have been so eloquently paid by my right hon. friends to the memory of our comrades who have passed away, and particularly I desire to refer to my personal friend and deskmate, the late Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General. I had the advantage of his acquaintance over many years. Originally I knew him when I was engaged in business in the city of Montreal. He was at that time one of the most eminent counsel of that great metropolis. On many occasions I had the privilege and advantage of his advice on matters of financial and commercial importance. Later I had the honour to be associated with him as member of the Government. I desire to bear testimony to the fine integrity of his character, to the exquisite urbanity of his disposition, and to the genial qualities of head and heart which endeared him to all, and made him so charming a comrade and friend. I wish to speak particularly of his unremitting devotion to the duties of his office, duties greatly increased by the exigencies of this unprecedented time through which we are passing. The late Postmaster-General had a very high sense of duty. He was unsparing of himself to the work of his department, and I am convinced that it was his unflagging devotion to the duties of his office which impaired and undermined his constitution, and thus laid him open to the insidious disease which carried him off. I desire to express my personal sorrow and my sympathy with his widow and the members of his family, and the sense which I entertain of the loss to the people of Canada through his untimely death.

#### PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARYSHIPS.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I desire to lay on the table of the House an Order in

Council passed on the 15th of July last, providing for the office of Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and an Order in Council of 21st October, appointing to that office Mr. Hugh Clark, member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of North Bruce. Also an Order in Council of 13th July last, providing for the office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Militia and Defence, and an Order in Council of 19th of July last, appointing to that office Mr. Fleming B. McCurdy, member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Shelburne and Queens.

#### MINISTER OF THE OVERSEAS FORCES.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I also lay on the Table of the House an Order in Council approved on October 23, 1916, providing for the office of Minister of the Overseas Forces of Canada, and an Order in Council, approved on October 31, 1916, appointing to that office the Hon. Sir George Halsey Perley.

#### IMPERIAL CONFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE.

On the motion of Sir Robert Borden for the adjournment of the House:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Is it the intention of the Government to lay on the table at as early a moment as possible the correspondence with regard to the proposed Imperial Conference?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Yes. I do not know of any reason at the moment why it should not be laid on the table of the House. I think it has practically all been made public so far. There has been no very extended correspondence.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: At all events you will bring down whatever there is?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Whatever there is we shall bring down. I hope to lay it on the table of the House to-morrow.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Friday, January 19, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

#### OPENING OF THE SESSION.

Mr. SPEAKER read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary an-