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MR. SIDNEY E. SMITH

Mr. Sidney Earle Smith, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, died suddenly in Ottawa on March 17, 1959. The Prime Minister paid the following tribute to him in the House of Commons on March 18:

"Mr. Speaker, yesterday afternoon tragedy walked with the House of Commons. Today we are speaking in memory of Hon. Sidney Smith, the late Secretary of State for External Affairs, not in his capacity as such but as one who in the short 18 months during which he was a Member of this House, earned the friendship of Members everywhere in the House, and the appreciation of Canadians as a whole for the contribution he made in international affairs on behalf of Canada.

"Mr. Smith came into the House with a reputation fully established as one of the great Canadians of his time. One cannot look into the future with any certainty, but I know the House will agree when I say this: here on the threshold of a new career, had he been spared, the brilliance of his contribution in other walks of life would have been repeated in large measure in this House.

EARLY CAREER

"His life was one of service, beginning in the first war when as a young man in his teens he went overseas and served his king and country in the artillery and subsequently in the Royal Flying Corps. On demobilization he continued his studies, first in his own locality

at his birthplace of Port Hood and at Windsor in his native province of Nova Scotia. In 1921 he was called to the Bar of that province. In the same year he was appointed lecturer at Dalhousie, and soon rose to a professorship. In 1929, after a period as lecturer at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, he became Dean of Law at Dalhousie.

"He was a great university administrator and teacher. His record is enshrined in the hearts of the many thousands of graduates who came under his influence at Dalhousie, Manitoba and Toronto Universities. I believe his greatest and most enduring memorial will be the lives of those who came under his beneficent influence in the course of that relationship, unique in its nature, which at all times existed between him and his student body.

PUBLIC SERVICE

"His was a life of service and devotion. He had an instinctive genius for human relationships. After becoming a Member of the House of Commons and a Minister of the Crown, he visited various parts of the world. Today messages are being received from national and international leaders not only in Canada, in the United Nations and NATO, but in the capitals of the world. All of them confirm the estimate that we formed of him and the respect, admiration and affection felt for one who gave so much to his country. Indeed, his

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