

*The late Hon. P. F. Casgrain*

and looked very sad because of the passing of their member. This huge throng praying for their deceased member showed me that members of parliament who do their duty as Notary Belzile did are respected and loved by the people. I convey to Mrs. Belzile and her children the deepest sympathy of all the private members of parliament.

**Mr. Paul E. Cote (Verdun-La Salle):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to associate myself with the Prime Minister, the leaders of the opposition groups, and others, in the high tributes which they have paid to the memory of the Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, the revered leader of this party and of the house for so many years, as well as to Gleason Belzile, the able and respected parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance.

The house will understand however, Mr. Speaker, that I should like to avail myself of this opportunity in a particular way to voice my personal sorrow at the passing of one with whom I have been closely associated for almost three years. This house has lost a loyal friend in the true sense of the word in the passing of the Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, a colleague who never spared any time or effort to be of assistance. In many ways his strong personality and his great human qualities have given him an outstanding place in this chamber, and have endeared him to each of us. In the many spheres of his daily activities throughout a lifetime his thinking and his course of action have been primarily determined by his kindness, and his concern for the welfare of the common man. His career will remain in the minds of his fellow workers for a long time to come as an inspiring example of unselfishness, courage, and patriotism. In the passing of this outstanding minister of labour, his parliamentary assistant has lost a respected and considerate leader, a man for whom he has developed great admiration and a profound affection.

**THE LATE HON. P. F. CASGRAIN**

**Mr. Speaker:** May I at this time have the honour of saying a few words about a former member of this house with whom many of us were personally acquainted. On Saturday last, August 26, there passed away at Montreal a distinguished Canadian who at one time held the position in this house which I now have the honour to hold. I refer to the late Hon. Mr. Justice Casgrain.

Pierre François Casgrain was born in the city of Montreal in 1886. For many years he was a member of this house, being elected first in the year 1917 for the constituency of Charlevoix-Montmorency, and although the boundaries and the name of the constituency

[Mr. Pouliot.]

were changed he was re-elected for the constituency at six subsequent general elections, namely, 1921, 1925, 1926, 1930, 1935 and 1940. In 1936 he was elected Speaker of this house and in 1940 he joined the cabinet of the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as secretary of state. In December, 1941, he was appointed to the bench of the superior court of Quebec. Those of us who were here when Mr. Casgrain was Speaker recall the fair and impartial manner in which he presided over our deliberations. He held the office of Speaker during a time when Canada was faced with great economic problems, and he carried the duties of the office with dignity and in the best traditions of those who had gone before him.

Mr. Casgrain passed away after a very brief illness. The suddenness of his passing must have been a very severe shock to his wife and to his loved ones. I am sure that all hon. members join me in extending our very deep sympathy to Mrs. Casgrain and to the members of their family.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** I am sure that all the personal friends of the late Judge Casgrain, and there are still a great many of them in this house, will be grateful to you, Mr. Speaker, for this graceful tribute to his memory and for the expression of sympathy to his widow and his family.

**THE MINISTRY****ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS**

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** I realize that what I am about to say has very little of the character of a news scoop, but I believe I should place on the record a statement that the Hon. Milton F. Gregg was appointed Minister of Labour on August 7. The Hon. Hugues Lapointe was appointed Minister of Veterans Affairs on the same day, and on that day the Minister of Justice and Attorney General assumed the discharge of the responsibilities assigned to the Solicitor General.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

**MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY OPERATION ACT****PROVISION FOR RESUMPTION OF RAILWAY OPERATIONS AND SETTLEMENT OF LABOUR DISPUTE**

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** moved the second reading of Bill