

Tributes

Motion to amend the Income Tax Act and I ask that an Order of the Day be designated for consideration of the motion.

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[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER**TABLING OF DOCUMENT**

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, further to the question of the hon. member from Winnipeg, I am pleased to table the transcript of the interview which took place last Sunday, I think, between the Leader of the Opposition and Mike Duffy.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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[English]

THE LATE COLIN BENNETT

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished Canadian who passed away late last week. The Hon. Colin Bennett made an outstanding contribution to Canada as a parliamentarian, as a judge and as a respected business leader.

Colin Bennett was born in 1908 in the town of Meaford, Ontario where he attended public school before graduating with a degree in political economy from Victoria College at the University of Toronto in 1931. After attending Osgoode Hall Law School he was called to the bar in 1936 and he returned to Meaford to practise with the law firm of Albery and Bennett.

A veteran of the Second World War, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945 and retired with the rank of group captain.

Colin Bennett was first elected to this House as the Liberal member of Parliament for Grey North in 1949.

He sought election after many years of public service including the time that he spent as town clerk and solicitor, as chairman of the board of stewards of Meaford United Church, as manager of the Meaford Intermediate Baseball Team, as president of the Mea-

ford Curling Club, as a master in the Masonic Lodge, as secretary of the Meaford Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the board of Meaford Hospital.

My colleague for Bruce-Grey and I are very privileged to follow such an outstanding individual as representatives in this House for Grey County. During his time in this House he was Canada's representative on the Legal Committee and alternate delegate to the General Assembly at the United Nations in Paris in 1951. He served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Veterans Affairs in 1953 and was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 1956.

After serving eight years in the House of Commons, Mr. Bennett left Parliament before the 1957 election when he was appointed to the bench at the County Court of Grey County. He went on to become Chief Judge of the County and District Courts of Ontario and was the first chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board where he was active as an arbiter and conciliator in labour disputes.

He also was a leading member of the business community when, after resigning from the bench in 1974, he served as president and later as honorary chairman of the Victoria and Grey Trust Company, now known as National Trust.

I am hard pressed to think of anyone who gave so tirelessly to his community and to his country as did Colin Bennett. He represents everything that is good about this country and set a very high standard for those of us who followed him in this House.

His accomplishments in public life, while extraordinary, were not his greatest achievement. His role as a husband, father and grandfather is what gave him the most pride and satisfaction. He is survived by his wife, Fern, and the three children, Cynthia, Laurence and Mary Ellen.

It is to them that I would like to not only pass on the sincere condolences of this House and of the people of Grey County, but rather I would like to thank them for giving him the personal and family support that allowed him to make such an extraordinary contribution to this community and to Canada.

Colin Bennett will be greatly missed.