

(Mr. Trudeau) and the leader of the official opposition (Mr. Stanfield) in extending to the family of Mr. Colin Cameron our most sincere condolences.

We had the opportunity of knowing Mr. Cameron in this house during six years; he was a member of parliament for eleven years, after having sat in the legislature of British Columbia for several years. All of us, regardless of our political allegiance, have admired his hard work in this house. He was the financial critic for his party and, from that point of view, we were very much interested in the criticism he voiced. Even though we may not have shared his opinions and criticism, Mr. Cameron still was a model member, a member who minded his own business, a man who brought something worthwhile to the House of Commons, as well for the government as for the opposition.

The house will certainly suffer from the loss of this inveterate worker. In any event, the memory of Mr. Cameron dwells with us and we offer to his family our most sincere condolences.

[English]

Mr. David Lewis (Yorh South): Mr. Speaker, the words which have been spoken by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) and the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) are very deeply appreciated not only by the members of my party who are in this chamber but also by thousands of our members across the country, and most particularly by the family who survive Mr. Cameron.

I had known him for over 30 years. We worked together in the C.C.F. party as in the New Democratic party and I learned, with all my colleagues in our party, to admire and respect Mr. Cameron as much in disagreement as in agreement.

We found him always, if I may put it this way, a civilized human being, a human being with compassion for others, a human being with sensitivity about other people, a human being with concern not only for the welfare but for the comfort, decencies and relationships among people. That deep human concern expressed itself in the vigour of his opposition as well as in the vigour of his support.

He was a man, as I know, and all others who worked with him for, as I have said, more than three decades in a party know—he was a man who was dedicated beyond exaggeration to the improvement of the

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human condition not only in his own land but in lands all across the world. He was, when one knew him personally, as deeply affected by the hunger and deprivation of millions of people in Asia, Africa or elsewhere in the world as he was by the hunger and suffering of people here in his own country.

It was this profound dedication to the welfare of human beings that made him stand out among his peers in this country. Added to that was an appreciation of language, a respect for the nuance of words and a poetic turn of phrase which made the expression of his concern for humanity a delight to listen to.

We are grateful to the Prime Minister, and to the others who have spoken, for their kind words about a colleague whom we in this party miss profoundly, as does this house.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an order in council appointing the Hon. George James McIlraith, Solicitor General of Canada, the Hon. Charles Mills Drury, President of the Treasury Board, the Hon. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Hon. Donald Stovel Macdonald, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intituled: An act respecting the House of Commons.

[Translation]

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, list of members to compose the standing committees of this house and that such committee be composed of Messrs. Baldwin, Bell, Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), Macdonald (Rosedale), Pilon and Rondeau; and that the provisions of paragraph (1) of standing order 65 not apply with regard to the number of members on such committee.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by Mr. Macdonald that Mr. Hugh Faulkner, member for