

my tribute to what the Acting Prime Minister has said respecting the memory of our two deceased colleagues. They belonged to different provinces and they represented different parties in this House, but both were alike in this regard, that much of their life was given to public service. It is gratifying to recall that in the case of these late members we had an example of appreciation of public duty such as is given only by those who are willing to incur the responsibilities and obligations of public life.

Mr. Lapointe, who was on this side of the House for a period of something like ten years, gave a great deal of his time not only to the service of his country in Parliament, but also to the service of the municipal affairs of his city. For sixteen years he was a dominating personality in the Council of Montreal. He was chairman for ten years of the Finance Committee. At one time he was a candidate for the mayoralty. During the whole period of his municipal career the financial affairs of the city were conducted with a degree of efficiency and regard for public integrity such as satisfied the most exacting citizens.

Mr. Marshall, who sat on the other side of the House, was known to us, as my right hon. friend has said, not merely as a faithful, efficient and industrious public servant, but also as one of those who have done much to build up the most important of our industries. I am sure that we all join together in conveying to the relatives and friends of our late colleagues the deep sympathy which this House feels at their sudden and unexpected demise.

#### BOARD OF COMMERCE—RESIGNATION OF JUDGE ROBSON.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY (Russell): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. leader of the Government if it is the intention to give to the House a statement as to resignation of Judge Robson from the Board of Commerce, and if so, when?

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The papers will be brought down in due time.

#### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY ACQUISITION—THE AGREEMENT.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, I observe from the press that the Grand Trunk Railway shareholders have approved the agreement entered into be-

tween the Government and that company. I would like to ask my hon. friend, the leader of the Government, if it is his intention to bring down immediately a copy of the agreement?

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes, it is the intention.

#### LORD JELlicoe's VISIT TO OTTAWA.

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister (Sir George Foster) if he has any statement to give to the House or if there is any official statement forthcoming with reference to the recent visit to Ottawa of Lord Jellicoe and his staff. By whose invitation was it that Lord Jellicoe came here? Has he made a report to the Government, and if so, will the House be put into possession of that report at an early date?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I think I may answer my hon. friend's questions in the affirmative.

#### VACANCY IN EAST ELGIN.

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: Writs have been issued for the holding of bye-elections in three constituencies. There is also a vacancy in the electoral district of East Elgin. Is it the intention of the Government to issue immediately a writ of election for the filling of that vacancy?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The Government will issue a writ in due conformity with the requirements of the statute. As to obtaining any further information, I am afraid that my hon. friend will have to adjourn his curiosity.

#### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

ADDRESS IN REPLY MOVED BY MR. HUME CRONYN AND SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER MCGREGOR.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the speech of His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. HUME CRONYN (London) moved:

That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, offering the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament.

He said: The announcement in the public press that the duty and honour of moving the reply to the speech from the Throne had been conferred upon me was my first intimation on the subject, and came as a complete surprise. When, a few days later,