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regard I should like to read a very fine sentence which was uttered by one of our mutual friends, Bishop Renison, speaking of him in St. James cathedral last Friday:

He was one who was touched in youth by the glorious spiritual conception of the British empire.

Personally I did not always agree with him on certain matters, but we could remain friends without sharing the same views. That is the great privilege of members of the House of Commons. We come from all corners of this country; we do not always hold the same views, but we remain friends because we respect each other and understand the point of view of the other man, though that point of view may be entirely different from our own.

The late Mr. Church did a great deal for the city of Toronto. During his lifetime I said of him, without desiring to give offence to anyone else, that no one had done as much as he had done for his native city. In regard to the transportation system, for example, he saved the city twenty-four or twenty-five million dollars; and he was known to be honest. If he had not been, we would not have heard the eulogies that have been uttered today.

Sir, the memory of Tommy Church will live for ever. He did a great deal for our soldiers, as has been said. He did a great deal also for the underdog, for those who seemed to have no friends, who were turned away by all. They found a friend in Tommy Church because they were weak, because they were poor, because they were ill. He wanted them to be well and happy.

I always admired Mr. Church's courage and his deep conviction every time he spoke in the house. During the last session he was more active than any other private member. It seemed to be his swan song. He wanted to accomplish as much for his country, in this House of Commons, as he did during the time he occupied the chair of the first magistrate of the queen city of Toronto.

May I conclude with a personal recollection? A few days before his death eight or nine years ago, Mr. Lapointe was piloting his estimates through the house. He did not seem to be very well, and he was having trouble with some members of the opposition who were repeatedly harping on the same matter. It was very hot, and Mr. Lapointe was tired and ill. Tommy Church was instrumental in putting an end to the questioning, so Mr. Lapointe sent him a note of thanks. It read, "My dear Tommy: You are the prince of them all." I have no doubt that those who have charge of Tommy Church's correspondence will find that note. He kept it and showed it to me and to some of his friends,

because he was quite proud of it. I shall close by paraphrasing that quotation; Tommy Church was the prince of them all.

THE MINISTRY**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to mention the changes that have taken place in the ministry since the last session.

Hon. Colin Gibson resigned as Minister of Mines and Resources on January 18. Hon. J. J. McCann was appointed Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, retaining his present portfolio of national revenue, also on January 18.

Hon. Robert H. Winters resigned as Minister of Reconstruction and Supply and was appointed Minister of Resources and Development on January 18.

Hon. Walter E. Harris was, on the same day, appointed Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Because I was standing I did not applaud that announcement, but I share with other hon. members their pleasure at seeing the member for Grey-Bruce assume additional responsibilities in the conduct of the affairs of the country.

I should like to table the relevant orders in council dealing with those appointments, and to add that Mr. Harris, of course, prior to taking the oath of office as a minister of the crown, resigned as parliamentary assistant to the Prime Minister and president of the privy council.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS**ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to announce that Mr. Ralph Maybank resigned as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Mines and Resources on January 18, and on the same day was appointed parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Mr. George Prudham was appointed parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Resources and Development on February 1, 1950.

I wish to table the orders in council relating to those appointments.

TRANSFER OF DUTIES**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT—QUEBEC BATTLEFIELDS COMMISSION**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I wish to table orders in council dealing with the provisions of the Public Service Rearrangement and Transfer of