

he was prepared to extend to others, and had his health been more vigorous I believe he would have remained. I think he felt, and I know I was one who felt that he deserved more in the way of understanding of his very difficult position at that very critical time. However, this is not the time to weigh these matters. War makes many situations difficult. It is only in the light of subsequent events that we are able to estimate whether or not the course that has been taken is best for all. What I am anxious the house should know is that such political differences as may have arisen at the time made no difference whatever in the personal friendship, which, born of many years of membership in parliament and years of intimate association in the cabinet, existed between us. He remained, for me, throughout his life, a close and deeply valued personal friend. The last time I saw Mr. Cardin was on an afternoon I was about to leave for England. He had asked a question of the ministry to which I had replied. When we met in the corridor he said he hoped the question he had asked had not embarrassed me. Nothing could better have revealed his kindly feelings.

In the few years following his resignation from the ministry, Mr. Cardin continued to occupy a seat on this side of the house and to give the government his support on most occasions. It is true his attitude was more or less independent. He did not hesitate to criticize the ministry on points where he felt he should differ. Had he continued in the ministry he would have had that privilege in the council. It is a common thing for those who have shared cabinet responsibility to offer suggestions and criticisms to the younger or less experienced members of their party. It was as an independent Liberal, but as a Liberal, that Mr. Cardin contested and was returned to parliament at the last general election. My one regret for members who were not present in former sessions of this parliament is that they had not the privilege of sharing Mr. Cardin's oratory as we who were with him in previous parliaments are privileged to recall it.

May I say in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, that in the third of a century, during which Mr. Cardin occupied a seat in the House of Commons, and over a third of which time he was a member of the ministry, he left upon its members the impression of a man of character and ability, of great industry and integrity. He has given to our public life the example of the high place in public esteem to which these qualities may bring those who possess

and exercise them, however circumscribed, at the outset, may be their fortunes, and however limited their opportunities. He has left to our country, and to his native province in particular, a name that will have an enduring place among those who, in the last quarter of a century, have been most prominent in promoting the development of our national life and in shaping its future.

#### THE LATE WILLIAM CHISHOLM MACDONALD

By Mr. Cardin's death this house lost one of its members who, because of his years and increasing infirmity was nearing the close of his long and distinguished career. In the passing of Mr. William Chisholm Macdonald the house sustained the loss of one the fullness of whose public career was just emerging and full of promise.

In his own community, the city of Halifax, and in his profession, that of law, Mr. Macdonald had won for himself a high place in the esteem of his fellows. Throughout his life he had shown great devotion to his country's interests. In the first world war he served overseas in France and in Belgium during 1917 and 1918 as a lieutenant in the Canadian artillery.

Mr. Macdonald was first elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1940. He was reelected in 1945. Throughout the period during which he sat in the house he was one of its most respected, active, though at the same time most self-effacing members. His modesty, however, did not conceal a fine capacity for devoted service. He was at all times a faithful representative of his constituency and of his province.

As one of the representatives of the city of Halifax, Mr. Macdonald, along with his colleague Mr. Isnor, carried through the war years many of the responsibilities arising from wartime activities and dangers in their home city. Mr. Macdonald's knowledge of and interest in defence questions generally was of special value to Canada at the time of its greatest need. By his conscientious and efficient discharge of his duty as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Defence he rendered exceptionally useful service to the government.

Mr. Macdonald's passing is a great loss to our parliament and to our country. Despite the limited time of his membership in this house, he will be remembered by all who knew him as one of the most upright, disinterested, loyal, faithful and devoted representatives of the people; one whose presence