

was a type of the men who have made Yarmouth one of the principal sea ports of the Dominion of Canada. By diligence in business he had attained a position, not only in his own county but throughout the whole province, which entitled him to the respect and admiration of all of our people for the splendid qualities he possessed in mercantile life. It was typical of the man that the last words he spoke in Parliament were on behalf of the industry, and of the men engaged in that industry, which is foremost in the constituency from which he came. He was beloved by the plain people in his own constituency and honoured by men of both sides of politics, and so was re-elected to Parliament by increasing majorities and held a commanding position in his county which few men in Parliament have occupied. Every one who knew our honoured friend appreciated how modest he was in regard to the expression of his views. But, modest as he was he was a man not only of great business ability but was possessed of other high qualities which would have enabled him to take a place of eminence in public life, had he directed his abilities exclusively or principally along that line. Exceptionally devoted to the views he entertained and a man of the highest principles and ideals, he was recognized by all who were in close association with him as one of the strongest men in the public life of our province. It is a strange thing that to-day, just after we have listened to the panegyrics on the great Nova Scotian who was at one time leader of this House and Prime Minister of the Dominion, and who passed away recently, by a strange coincidence of fate, we are called upon to mourn the loss of one of the members of the present House from the same province who occupied such a conspicuous place in public life, and who was loved and honoured by the people of that province.

In his private life, those of us who were aware of the relations that Mr. Law occupied with his beloved wife and daughter, who came with him to Ottawa on many occasions, know that these were of a character too sacred to touch upon. We know, however, that the blessings of happy association in family life were given him to enjoy in greater measure than to most men.

Dazed by the calamity of Thursday night, it is hard for us to realize that one who was so closely associated with us is gone and that we shall see him no more. It is one of the strange dispensations of Providence that the finger of death should have

touched him in the very midst of his labours. Knowing him as we did we are sure that when the time came for him to go down into the valley of the shadow of death, when there was forced upon him the realization that for him the end of earthly things had come, he entered confidently within the shadow, and he was inspired by the faith which had guided him throughout life and with the certainty of a future which can only be given to men who lived as did Bowman Law. He has passed beyond our ken, beyond the reach of human harm or help,

To that vast realm of silence or of joy
Where the innumerable dwell;

and he has left to us, who have been associated with him, as friends and as fellow-representatives nothing but the kindest recollections and a memory which will be cherished as long as life shall last. He has left to his constituents a record of devotion to their interests, of unswerving integrity in business and in political life, well worthy of emulation by us all and by those who come after us. Long after the disaster of Thursday last shall have been forgotten, the name of Bowman Law will be cherished in pleasant memory by the men associated with him and by the men and women of Nova Scotia whom he represented so well in this House.

Mr. J. H. SINCLAIR (Guysborough): I had the honour and pleasure of Mr. Law's acquaintance for over fifteen years, and I esteemed him very much indeed. I counted him one of my best friends and his friendship was one of my most precious possessions. I have nothing to say except to join my hon. friend from Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) in expressing my high regard for Mr. Law's character and my great sorrow at his untimely death.

RE-BUILDING OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

On the Orders of the Day,

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: May I ask my right hon. friend the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Borden) if the Government have yet had time to consider the re-building of the Parliament Buildings. That question may be premature, but if so, will the right hon. gentleman give us an opportunity to debate the subject before a conclusion is reached as to what the plans shall be?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We shall be very glad to have any opinions and sug-