

Who served no private end,
Who gain'd no title, and who lost no friend;
Ennobled by himself, by all approv'd and
prais'd.

I think higher praise than that we cannot give to the memory of James Robb. To most of us he was a friend; he never forgot, when he spoke in this house or on the public platform, the high responsibilities of his great office, and in the discharge of his very onerous duties his sincerity of purpose was always so apparent that he gained for himself a reputation in this country which it is not easy for any public man to attain. I will not endeavour to do more than say how fully we appreciate the observations that have been made by the Prime Minister as to his long public career and the example it is to the youth of this country, showing as it does how from the humble surroundings of a small village community he made for himself a great place in the public life of Canada. He will be long remembered by men and women who knew him only by reputation; he will be sincerely mourned by those who knew him in this house and who will always remember him as a warm-hearted, kindly and sincere gentleman whose epitaph might well be that of a great American president:

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won;
Now comes rest.

The hon. member for Bagot was less well known to those of us who sit to the left of the Speaker. We knew him as a genial member of this house, of kindly disposition and regular in his attendance, who indicated by every standard by which judgment could be arrived at that he was deeply interested in all problems affecting this country as they were debated in parliament. He took little or no part in those proceedings except to follow them with great care. The office which he held in his community, that of notary, is of course one of the oldest known to the law, and it presents great opportunities to come closely in contact with many people; for the office of notary is one in which great confidence is reposed in civil law communities. I am informed that our former friend had the confidence of the people with whom he was associated, and indeed, as the Prime Minister has said, his election successes indicate that he held to a peculiar degree not only the confidence but the affection and regard of those amongst whom he lived. We mourn his passing because he was on the threshold of what seemed to be a promising career. As we come here to-day and meet old friends

and associates and see vacant chairs taken by new members, we are reminded that in the midst of life we are in death. Of that fact we are constantly reminded as we come and go in this parliament, and that, I believe, is in the minds of all of us who are gathered here to-day to pay a final tribute to two of our colleagues who have passed to the great beyond.

Mr. ROBERT GARDINER (Acadia): Mr. Speaker, unfortunately at the commencement of almost every session we have to regret the passing of members of this house who had been associated with us. In the passing of Mr. Robb I am sure that we all desire to be associated with the remarks of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett) in expressing a tribute to his memory and also in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Robb in her bereavement. I think there is no doubt in the minds of hon. members of this house that the duties of the office which Mr. Robb occupied, taking up as they did a tremendous amount of his time and energy, contributed largely to his demise. When we in the west who are not so closely associated with the east learned of Mr. Robb's illness we earnestly hoped that he would survive, but such was not the case, and the citizens of his community and the members of this house regret his passing. While Mr. Robb was Minister of Finance he devoted his time and energy to the duties of his position, and we believe that he performed those duties well. Canada mourns the death of a splendid executive officer, and the members of the House of Commons mourn the death of a good friend.

With regard to the late Mr. Morin, in common with the leader of the opposition we on this side of the house were not so well acquainted with him, but we remember that he was of a happy disposition and that he earned the respect and esteem of all members.

We in this corner of the house desire to join in expressing our regret to the relatives of these two deceased members.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the house adjourned at 4.37 p.m. until Monday, February 24.

Monday, February 24, 1930

DIVORCE LEGISLATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): In view, Mr. Speaker, of the Prime Minister's statement to the house last session,