

Tributes to the Late Colin Cameron

32. A bill to amend the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation Act.

33. A bill to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act.

34. A bill to amend the National Library Act.

35. A bill to amend the Judges Act.

36. A bill to amend the Expropriation Act.

37. A bill to provide for the dissolution of the Dominion Coal Board.

38. A bill to amend the Financial Administration Act.

39. A bill to amend the Canada Corporations Act.

40. A bill to amend the Criminal Code.

41. A bill to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.

42. A bill to amend the Pest Control Products Act.

43. A bill to prevent the introduction or spreading of pests injurious to plants.

44. A bill to provide compensation to farmers whose agricultural products are contaminated by pesticide residue.

45. A bill respecting the imposition of anti-dumping duty.

46. A resolution concerning the National Anthem.

47. A bill to establish an Indian Claims Commission.

THE LATE COLIN CAMERON**TRIBUTES TO FORMER MEMBER FOR NANAIMO-COWICHAN-THE ISLANDS**

Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty this afternoon to pay tribute to the memory of one of the senior members of this house, whose death this summer has prevented him from claiming the seat he won in last June's election. I speak, of course, of the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands, the late Colin Cameron.

Mr. Cameron's outstanding success at the polls—he contested six federal elections, winning five of them—was exceeded only by the effectiveness of his presence in this chamber. His contributions to the debates of the house were of a consistently high level: Always pertinent, usually provocative and frequently witty. When Mr. Cameron spoke, members were assured of a contribution of the type which has made this place the great institution it is.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Colin Cameron displayed in his person the promise which is Canada. He came to this country as a youth and devoted his energies to farming and to work in shipyards, before turning the greater part of his attention to politics. Using his own talents in this land of opportunity, he came to this house where his lucid mind and forceful debating ability placed him in the forefront. He will not soon be forgotten in this chamber.

Neither will he be forgotten elsewhere in this land. It was part of the measure of this man that the tenacity of purpose which he displayed on the floor was matched by a courtliness and warmth which won him friends on all sides.

Mr. Cameron's loss, Mr. Speaker, will be felt by his family of whom he was so fond, by his party to which he was so loyal, and by this house to which he contributed so much. Canada herself can ill afford the loss of a man of this stature.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the members of this party I want to join the Prime Minister in paying tribute to the memory and to the contribution made by the late Colin Cameron. He was a member of long standing of this house, and before that of the legislature of British Columbia. He applied his uncommon wit, intellect and eloquence to the great issues of his time. Simply on that record of three full and active decades in public life he earned the esteem of his countrymen. But I think it was the manner of his service which won for Colin Cameron the immense affection and respect of all who were associated with him.

He was a vigorous partisan, not simply of a party, which he served with distinction, but also of a point of view which he argued and advanced with a rare eloquence. He would set differences aside when the argument was done. I had the privilege of meeting him quite a number of years ago; but like others who came more recently to this house I knew Colin Cameron by his reputation as a spirited debater and a fine and gentle man, and our observations here confirmed that reputation.

● (4:20 p.m.)

This house will miss his vigorous presence, and we extend to his family and to his associates our very genuine sympathy.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I too, and on behalf of my colleagues, join the right hon. Prime Minister