

will have the opportunity of looking upon his face for the last time.

Viewing his vacant desk, with its drapery of mourning, and bearing the floral tokens of affection, it is hard for us to realize that we shall never again see him rise in his place in this House, and that we shall hear his voice no more.

In order that the House may approve and participate in the action which the Government has taken, I beg to move:

That it be resolved that in the opinion of this House the mortal remains of the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., should be publicly interred, and that this House will concur in giving to the ceremony a fitting degree of solemnity and importance.

Mr. JAMES ALEXANDER ROBB (Chateauguay-Huntingdon, Chief Whip of the Opposition) Mr. Speaker: Having in mind that on Tuesday next opportunity will be given to pay tribute to the memory of our late distinguished leader, the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, I will leave until then and to others better qualified than I am to speak for this side of the House. Representing temporarily His Majesty's loyal Opposition, I desire to thank the Acting Prime Minister and the Government for their kindness and consideration. In every way the Government has manifested a desire to anticipate our wishes in honouring the memory of him who was our leader and, in the truest sense, our companion and our counsel.

In a few minutes all that remains of the honoured Liberal Chieftain and Canadian statesman will lie in this Chamber in state, honoured in death, as he was in life, by all classes and creeds of the Canadian nation. How appropriate at this moment are the words written on the occasion of the death of another distinguished British statesman:

Now is hushed the voice of party,

Grit and Tory both are one,

Joined to praise that wondrous statesman,

Now his noble work is done.

Motion of Sir Thomas White agreed to.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. SAM SHARPE, D.S.O.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, since the last session of Parliament another of our members has passed away. I refer to that gallant soldier, Lieut.-Col. Sam Sharpe, D.S.O. He was elected upon three successive occasions by the people of North Ontario as their representative in this House. Early in his career he had become connected with the Canadian militia and, when the war broke

out, he was major of the 34th battalion. After experiencing some difficulty in qualifying as medically fit for active service, Major Sharpe undertook to raise the 116th First Ontario County regiment, with which he went overseas in July, 1916. He was deservedly popular with the rank and file as well as with his brother officers, for all of whom he displayed an almost fatherly regard. He served with great distinction at the front being mentioned in dispatches and winning the coveted Distinguished Service Order. In civil life he was held in high esteem among his associates at the Bar and a wide circle of private acquaintances. He was a member who took a valuable part in the discussions in this House and in the work of important committees. His public career was full of promise and I am sure that every member of this House will join in deploring his untimely death and offering assurance of our deep and cordial sympathy to the widow and other members of his family circle.

Mr. ROBB (Chief Whip of the Opposition): Temporarily representing, and speaking for, His Majesty's loyal Opposition, I desire to join in paying our tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased friend and colleague, the late Lieut.-Col. Sam Sharpe who as a member of this House had a host of friends. The late Col. Sharpe, as has been so well said by the hon. the Acting Prime Minister (Sir Thomas White) was a most useful member of this House, and one who was remarkable for the industry which he displayed in the performance of his parliamentary duties. Upon the outbreak of war, at the call of his country, he left these legislative halls, unsheathed his sword and went forth to do battle in the cause of freedom and justice.

We, upon this side, deplore his untimely end. We join with the Acting Prime Minister in the expression of admiration for his gallant conduct, and in offering our sympathy to Mrs. Sharpe and the members of his family.

WELCOME TO THE HON. DR. BELAND.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have spoken of the losses sustained by the House in the death of two of its members. I now turn to the restoration to this House of a member long known and well liked. I refer to the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Beland) formerly Postmaster General of Canada. We welcome him back almost as from the tomb; from the living death of