

causes. The total of the lives lost at sea up to the end of October was 241. These figures do not include the losses of Canadian merchant seamen of which, I regret to say, no accurate figures are presently available. I should like here to say just a word about the sinking of the "Empress of Britain". Although she was requisitioned by the Admiralty at the beginning of the war, and was not serving as a Canadian ship, her many associations with Canada were such that the shock of her loss brought the reality of war particularly close.

It has been my sad duty to express to the next of kin of the brave men who have died at sea the sympathy, gratitude and pride of the Canadian people. In all such expressions which have been made, and in those which may be made, I know that every member of this House will wish most sincerely to join.

Our two major losses at sea have been due to tragic accidents of war. The men who lost their lives in the sinking of the "Fraser" and the "Margaree" and the foundering of the "Bras d'Or", and the merchant sailors who have faced all the dangers of the ocean, made more perilous by a ruthless foe, have died as heroes in their country's cause.

#### The Losses in the Air

In the air, up to and including the end of October, we have lost in the Royal Canadian Air Force 27 officers and 41 airmen in Canada. Outside Canada we have lost 5 officers