

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, September 25, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM UGANDA AND JAMAICA NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that during the recess I received from the national assemblies of Uganda and Jamaica a message and resolution extending congratulations to Canada on the occasion of our centennial.

VACANCIES

Mr. Speaker: I also have the honour to inform the house that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation:

Of Cyril F. Kennedy, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Colchester-Hants, by resignation.

Of Hon. John Whitney Pickersgill, member for the electoral district of Bonavista-Twillin-gate, by resignation.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF ALISTAIR FRASER AS CLERK

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty to inform the house that the governor general in council has appointed Alistair Fraser, Esquire, B.A., LL.B. as Clerk of the House in the place of Léon-J. Raymond, Esquire, O.B.E., LL.B., retired.

THE LATE HON. GUY FAVREAU

EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET ON PASSING OF FORMER MINISTER

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, with leave of the house I should like to call attention, and I do it with great sadness, to the fact that since this house adjourned in July one of our former colleagues who, as the house knows, had resigned a few weeks earlier because of ill health, has passed away. I refer to Hon. Guy Favreau, as fine and great hearted a man, as unselfish and sincere a patriot as I have ever known in my public life. He was a man with no trace of meanness or pettiness, a big man in every sense of the word. Mr. Favreau

made great sacrifices to serve, in parliament and in politics, a country he loved. He worked untiringly and unselfishly at the expense first of ill health and ultimately of his life. Our country can ill spare men of his kind, especially at this time in our history.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, speaking on behalf of this party I wish to say to the Prime Minister through you that we join in the sympathies which have been extended to the family of the late Mr. Favreau. I also wish to say that in my opinion he served his country well on the treasury benches of this parliament. He was one of those men who endeavoured to bring about unity in this country and played an important part in its ultimate success. We all miss him, and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

• (2:40 p.m.)

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I would like to associate ourselves with the Prime Minister in expressing our deep and profound regret at the passing of a former member of this house, Mr. Favreau. It was only a few months ago when he was elevated to the bench that we bade him farewell and expressed our appreciation of his services to this country. We little thought at that time that he would soon pass from amongst us.

I should like to place on record our great admiration for the qualities he displayed in his public life, and to express the hope that you, Mr. Speaker, will convey to the members of his family our sincere condolences at the great loss they have suffered, as well as the great loss that all Canada has suffered in the passing of a man who gave so much to the service of his country.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I join the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) and the representatives of the various parties in the house in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family of the Hon. Guy Favreau.

Those who had the pleasure of knowing the hon. Mr. Favreau knew that he put the interests of the Canadian people far above those of political partisanship. For this rea-