

Tributes to Deceased Members

realize that in the years ahead he would have made a larger contribution to the affairs of our country. I know hon. members would wish to join with me in expressing sincere sympathy to Mrs. Yacula and the other members of the family, coupled with the hope that his record of service, the affection that he was able to engender and the realization that she and they have the affection of those who knew him will contribute to bringing comfort to her and to the family in their hours of sadness.

One other hon. member passed away during the interim. I refer to Edward R. Lockyer, the former hon. member for Trinity. While a businessman throughout his life, he belonged to that company who believe that it is necessary for those in business to interest themselves in the public service and make their contribution. He was a member of the Toronto board of education in 1957, and in 1958 he served as a member of the city of Toronto planning board. A socially minded person, he belonged to various clubs and fraternities and as a public minded citizen he at all times contributed freely to those objectives which constitute the warp and woof of civic public service.

He was here but a short time, and like Mr. Yacula made a contribution that boded well for the future. He engraved his personality upon the memories of those who had the honour to know him. His loss, too, is the loss of all of us in this chamber. I simply rise to express the sincere sympathy of the members of this house to the widow and surviving members of his family. To the public service these two men gave of their best. Their memories will not be forgotten.

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, it is a melancholy and all too customary circumstance, as the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) has stated, that we are called upon to interrupt the historic, impressive and indeed happy ceremonies of the opening of parliament by the tributes which we pay on this occasion to former colleagues who are no longer with us.

The Prime Minister has pointed out that Mr. Yacula was born in the Ukraine and as such was a representative of that racial stock and ancient nationality which has added so much colour and strength to the fabric of Canadian national life. He did not, as the Prime Minister has also stated, have the time to make the mark in this house that he had made in his own community, but we in this party join the Prime Minister and the members of his party in the tribute of sympathy and respect that he has paid to his memory.

Likewise we join in the tribute that has been paid to Mr. Edward Russell Lockyer, [Mr. Diefenbaker.]

who was the member at his death for Trinity (Toronto), but who was born on Manitoulin island in the constituency which I have the honour to represent in this house. He was a man who had achieved business success and who put at the disposal of his country during world war II his business ability and business experience. I know if he had been spared to work and serve with us he also would have made his mark in the national service of his country.

So the members of our party join with the Prime Minister and other hon. members of the house in this tribute of respect and sympathy to the members of the families of these former members.

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members of the C.C.F. group I wish to associate myself with the remarks of the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Pearson) in expressing our great regret at the passing of two former members of this house who although they had been here but a short time had already begun to make a noteworthy contribution to our proceedings.

I should like to express to Mrs. Yacula and her daughter our sincere sympathy, and say to them that we have esteem for the late Mr. Yacula. Born in the Ukraine, coming to Canada, fitting his life with the life of his neighbours, he came to the House of Commons to represent every citizen in his riding and to play his part as a member of the Canadian House of Commons. He established himself here as a really true Canadian.

I also wish to associate the members of this group with the tribute to the late Mr. Lockyer, the former hon. member for Trinity. This man in his private life undertook many works of a charitable nature that showed he had great concern for the underprivileged and handicapped of this nation. In service work in many organizations and in the educational field he played his part, helping to make life happier for those who were underprivileged or who sought to gain an education. On behalf of this group I express to Mrs. Lockyer and to her daughter our deepest sympathy at this great loss.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an order in council appointing the Hon. Donald Methuen Fleming, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Leon Balcer, Solicitor General, the Hon. George Clyde Nowlan, Minister of National Revenue, and the Hon. Ellen Louks Fairclough, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to act with the Speaker of the House