

HON. MR. SCOTT—I am sure that every member of this Chamber who had the pleasure of knowing the late Senator Macdonald will with great sorrow join in a tribute of respect to his memory. During the time that he was a member of this Chamber we all felt that he possessed a superior mind, that he had calm judgment and great equanimity—that he was a thoroughly benevolent and true Christian in all his characteristics. Though allied to one of the political parties of the country, the late Mr. Macdonald never felt himself trammelled by party political views. As a rule, in giving utterance to his opinions in this Chamber, we all felt that he was exercising an unbiased judgment. He was a man who acted from the very highest impulses of human nature. For some years past it had been Mr. Macdonald's custom, during the summer months, to visit other portions of the world, and he not only gave the public the benefit of his experience through the newspapers, but he also gave to this Chamber, time and again, most valuable opinions as to what was best in the interest of the Dominion to promote trade with the countries that he had visited. Some three years ago he went to the West Indies as a member of the Toronto Chamber of Commerce, and on the assembling of Parliament here afterwards he gave a most interesting speech on the subject of closer trade relations with those islands. The following year, when it was thought possible that Newfoundland would come into the Dominion, he visited that island and published a series of interesting letters in one of the Toronto newspapers, giving his impressions of the country through which he had travelled. Those letters were highly thought of in Newfoundland. The people there received him with open arms, and seemed to quite coincide with the views that he expressed. Last year his travels were in a different direction—over the western part of this continent and northward to Alaska and the disputed sea adjoining. Those who took an interest in Senator Macdonald's letters must have been struck with the kindly, generous, sympathetic Christian spirit which pervaded them. He seemed to be ever anxious to do good. Even in that remote country, Alaska, where his political or national sympathies were not aroused, he took a deep interest in

rescuing the native children of the country from barbarism. He headed a subscription to place the native girls of that country in schools, where they would have the benefit of an education and be protected from the evil influences of the white man. Outside of his public life, Senator Macdonald was deeply beloved. He was a man of very benevolent character; his purse was ever open. God blessed him with great wealth, and he distributed it most generously and liberally. His great charities were most unostentatiously given. It is only now discovered, when he has gone, the very many persons who were receiving from his purse. Not this Chamber alone, but this country, has sustained a great loss in the death of Senator Macdonald.

HON. MR. HOWLAN—I would accuse myself of very great ingratitude if I allowed this opportunity to pass without paying my tribute to the memory of the late Senator Macdonald. It was not my good fortune to have a lengthened acquaintance with him. He was a gentleman that I am proud to number among my friends. During the past year it pleased God to visit me with sickness when I was twelve hundred miles away from home. No man was more constant at my bedside than Mr. Macdonald, and his lofty sentiments and the breadth of his mind impressed me very strongly with the nobility of his character. He has left few men behind him like himself. He was a man of deep sympathies, profound thought and earnest convictions, and able at all times to express his views, not only with his pen but with his tongue. In the city of Toronto, where he resided, his loss will be greatly felt. He had been reared as a Canadian, not in the lap of luxury, but supported by his own industry, and he will take his place among those who aided in building up the Dominion. Long after we have passed away, and another generation takes our place, he will be included among those who contributed by their energy, their ability and their moral strength to the greatness of the country. Among them no name will be honored with greater distinction than that of John Macdonald, of Toronto.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington)—In rising to address the House, I do so with a