

## APPENDIX

[Translation]

SPEECHES ON UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF BOOK OF  
REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATING NAMES OF NEWFOUNDLANDERS  
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN WAR

MR. PROSPER BOULANGER (MERCIER): Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. It is with deep emotion and great joy that I have the honour this afternoon to represent the hon. Lucien Lamoureux, Speaker of the House of Commons, and also the privilege of introducing the Hon. Daniel MacDonald, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

I think that there is no need to introduce Mr. MacDonald. Even if during the last years, he has been before all a politician—first at the provincial level and now at the federal level—he has remained nevertheless strongly devoted to his first love: farming. And whenever his ministerial responsibilities allow him to do so, he likes to go back to the red soil of his farm in his province.

[English]

That he is a war veteran is obvious; and the scars he bears show that he knows, personally, what it means to be at the "sharp end" in battle. He is well aware too, also from personal experience, of the provisions of Canada's veterans charter and of the way in which its benefits have been, and are, administered.

[Translation]

The contribution of Canada and Newfoundland to two World Wars was such that at memorial ceremonies, it is difficult to find someone who has not lost a relative or a friend. This is all the truer in the case of men such as Mr. MacDonald who fought the enemy at close range.

During the few months since his appointment as Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr. MacDonald has proved that he has set his heart on the needs and aspirations of veterans and their family.

[English]

I am sure that, in unveiling this memorial to the war dead of Newfoundland, Mr. MacDonald will want to leave us a message that certainly takes a special significance, coming from a man with his past and experience.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Honourable Daniel MacDonald, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

HON. DANIEL J. MACDONALD (MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS): Mr. Chairman, Reverend Sirs, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am indeed privileged to be playing a small part on such a solemn and historic occasion. We are here to witness, and take part in, the unveiling and dedication of a book which commemorates the names of more than two thousand men and women who gave their lives bravely and willingly for the ideals of freedom which we all hold so dear.

These were a very special group of people and they came from a very special place. It is fitting that the book bearing their names will rest, proud and silent, in the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower. Many of those whose names are listed here have no known graves but now their names

are recorded forever in this book in the capital of our country.

It is also fitting that so many of their friends are here today. I would like to thank the province of Newfoundland for arranging to bring so many of your brave sons and fair daughters to be witness to this memorable event.

The story behind the production of this book started over six years ago. A certain pressure group from one of the larger island provinces felt, and I must say with justification, that the names of their fallen heroes should be enshrined in the Memorial Chamber along with those other Canadians who had made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

One of the main driving forces in this group was a veteran of both World Wars and a man who is held in great respect in his native Newfoundland. I refer to Major, the Hon. C. W. Carter, Senator. I know—but I want to be sure that everyone knows—just how much Senator Carter contributed to the successful completion of the project. It is said that no man is indispensable but Senator Carter came awfully close to proving that saying wrong.

A great many people contributed their talents and energies to producing this book and, unfortunately, it is impossible to name them all. There are, however, two whose dedication and industry must be identified. One of them, Major Sidney Frost, is with us today and I want to thank him officially for his part in initiating and bringing this project to a successful conclusion. The other one was Mr. Alan Fraser who regretfully did not live to see the fruition of his labours. I am happy to see Mrs. Fraser here today to witness the dedication of this superb piece of work to which her husband contributed so much.

Many others worked long and faithfully gathering the information which was required. I know that, when you see this book, you will appreciate that their reward is the knowledge of a job well done.

Canada has always deservedly had an international reputation for excellence in the ways in which she commemorates her war dead. Whether the memorials are in stone or vellum, they reflect the feelings we have for those who fell that we might live. They have a dignity and a glory worthy of those in whose memory they were created.

Just this summer, while on an inspection tour of our memorials and cemeteries in Europe, I had the privilege of visiting Newfoundland Park at Beaumont-Hamel. I know quite a few of you have made a pilgrimage to this hallowed piece of Newfoundland but I wanted to relay the feelings I experienced to all who are here today.

The impact of this impressive memorial was staggering. I came as a complete stranger but I was immediately filled with a compassion and awe for the courage of those who had passed this way on the first day of July in 1916. This