

The late Dr. W. G. Blair

following year. While in New York I noticed that he took a great interest in the two political parties in that city and I was not surprised that when he came back to Canada he entered politics.

He was a very hard working, sincere member and I am sure that he represented his constituents in the house with distinction. He was always interested in the health of the members of the house. One of the last conversations I had with him had to do with that very matter. The Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) said today that he had intended to call Dr. Blair to a higher duty, I presume to the portfolio of minister of national health and welfare. Without detracting in any way from the present incumbent of that high

office, may I say that I regret that Dr. Blair was not spared to be called to take that portfolio.

I desire to join with the leader of the various parties in the house and express my condolences to Mrs. Blair and her family.

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Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the debate in reply to the speech from the throne will be proceeded with tomorrow and will be restricted to the mover and seconder. By leave the house will then adjourn until Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Diefenbaker the house adjourned at 4.45 p.m.
