

tribute to two members who were with us when we last met here and whose chairs are vacant today. We on this side of the house remember the late Mr. Bridges as a most courteous minister; we remember him as a good soldier and as an industrious administrator of his department, a young man with a bright career ahead, cut off before his time.

We did not see much of the late hon. member for Ontario, Mr. Sinclair. We did not hear from him very much in the house, but we remember him as a quiet man, modest and unassuming, a man of character and integrity.

To the friends and relatives of these deceased members I should like to say on behalf of those who sit with me that we join with the Prime Minister and his hon. friends in extending our sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): I just wish to associate the members of the C.C.F. group in this house with the expressions of sympathy which have already been extended to the families and friends of the two members who have departed. I had known the Hon. Mr. Bridges for really a good many years, not perhaps personally but through correspondence I had with him when he was president of the New Brunswick teachers' association years ago and I happened to be secretary of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. I always found him to be courteous and a thorough gentleman in every respect. We all regret his loss both to the House of Commons and to the country.

I also wish to join in the expressions of sympathy to the friends and relatives of Mr. Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair was a kindly gentleman whom I got to know as a member of the external affairs committee. It is true his health did not permit him to take much part in the house, but we who were members of the external affairs committee remember him as one who took an interest in the matters that came before that committee, and who always treated his colleagues with great kindness and consideration. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we would wish to join in the expressions of sympathy that have already been made.

Mr. SOLON E. LOW (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, the Social Credit members of the house wish me on their behalf to express keen regret at the loss that this house has sustained in the passing of the late Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Bridges, and the hon. member for Ontario, Mr. Sinclair. It was my privilege to know Mr. Bridges quite well. I will honour his memory, the splendid way in

which he always dealt with problems and questions which I brought before him. He was the type of administrator that I have always felt would go far in the administrative work of this country.

I did not know Mr. Sinclair so well, but our regrets are none the less keen because of that fact. We join in the expressions of sympathy to the friends and families of these two gentlemen.

Hon. MILTON F. GREGG (Minister of Fisheries): As the junior member of this house, as one who has watched from outside with keen interest the career of Frank Bridges, and as his friend, may I, sir, add a word to the tributes to his memory today from all quarters of this chamber. His service in war and in peace was marked with a cheerful expenditure of himself in the execution of any task to which he set his heart and mind. His career in public life, in his native province of New Brunswick and here in Ottawa, has been an inspiration to all of us, and a high example to the youth of our land. He has left behind in his few years richer bequests to his countrymen than most men have been able to leave after a lifetime of effort. In the broadest meaning of the expression, Frank Bridges was a "service casualty."

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, the next item I have on my list is the debate on the address, the speeches of the mover and the seconder. It is now twenty minutes to six o'clock. It is quite apparent that the mover of the address would not have time to conclude his speech before six o'clock. In the circumstances the house might be agreeable to an immediate adjournment, with the debate on the address to commence on Monday.

Mr. BRACKEN: I should like to ask one or two questions of the minister before adjournment.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Is the leader of the opposition agreeable to our adjourning?

Mr. BRACKEN: Yes.

Mr. COLDWELL: Why could we not proceed at eight o'clock? This will make a material difference in the order of business for next week. If the mover and the seconder speak on Monday it will be difficult for the other speeches to be taken on that day and that will mean that some of us will insist that the debate on the address be proceeded with on two days instead of one. Could we not