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THE LATE ARTHUR B. DAMUDE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister): Before the house enters upon the proceedings of this afternoon, I regret to have to announce to hon. members the passing of one of our number in the period of the recess which we have just had. Mr. Arthur Damude, the late member for Welland, passed away on the fifteenth of September at the comparatively early age of fifty-two years.

Mr. Damude entered the House of Commons in 1935 and was returned as a member at the last general elections. He was of a retiring disposition and took little part in the discussions in the house. He was, however, faithful in attendance, followed the proceedings of the house closely, and was very helpful on committees. He was keenly interested in the social problems of the day, and had given much of his time and thought particularly to the welfare of labour and also of those who are engaged in agriculture.

In his own constituency as a younger man, he had taken part in municipal affairs and in the work of local charitable institutions. Those of us on this side who knew him well will miss him greatly, because he was one of the most companionable of men and one of the most loyal of friends and supporters. He had the promise of many years of useful service before him. Unfortunately he has been taken away at this early age.

Mr. Damude suffered bereavement in the loss of his wife only a short time before his own death. There is only one member of the family left, Lieutenant Ross Damude, who is in the Canadian armed forces. I am sure it would be the wish of hon. members that we should express to Lieutenant Damude something of the great respect we have for his father's memory. It will be revered by all who knew him, and he will long be remembered by the citizens whom he served so well.