

a number of organizations in different parts of Canada, particularly in Montreal and Toronto, and as a result some of the objectionable features of the original bill were modified. That aspect of the matter will, however, be discussed when the bill is considered in committee of the whole.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

THE LATE MR. J. W. KING, M.P.

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, when parliament met in December the constituency of North Huron was represented in this House by Mr. John Warwick King, of Bluevale, Huron county, who was first elected to parliament in the general elections of 1921, and who was again returned in the general elections of 1925 and 1926. To-day the constituency as you have just reminded us, is without representation owing to the death of its member on January 14.

It is fitting, Mr. Speaker, that before the House resumes its duty we should give some expression of the sense of our loss, and of the sympathy which will be felt in all parts of the House with the relatives and friends who have been bereaved by the sudden death of our late member.

At the time of his death Mr. King had just entered upon his seventy-second year. He was born of Scotch parents at Smith's Falls, Ontario. He received his early education at Bluevale public school and at the collegiate institute of St. Catharines and of Collingwood and at the normal school in the city of Ottawa. For seventeen years he was a public school teacher in this province. He gave up teaching to farm in Huron county, and spent the last twenty years of his life as an agriculturist.

In politics Mr. King was originally a Liberal. He joined the Progressive party in the elections of 1921 and was on each occasion returned to parliament as a member of that party. In this House, while loyal to the party to which he had given his allegiance, he retained in full measure his Liberal convictions and sympathies, and wherever he felt justified in so doing, gave wholehearted support to my colleagues and myself. I mention this circumstance at the moment only because of the larger measure of loss which I feel we on this side of the House share in common with our Progressive friends.

Mr. King was of a quiet and retiring disposition. His voice was not often heard in debate, but his presence made itself felt in his frank and friendly intercourse with the

members, and in his exceptionally faithful attendance in the House. He was a man who made many friends and I should imagine very rarely made an enemy.

A very short time ago Mr. King suffered a great bereavement in the death of his wife, whose loss he greatly mourned. They had no family, but he leaves behind him immediate relatives and many friends by whom he will be greatly missed, and to whom this House will extend its fullest sympathy.

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, this is the second occasion within a comparatively brief space of time upon which the House has been asked to note the death of one of its members. Mr. King, the former member for North Huron in this House had, it is true, reached what is looked upon as the allotted span of life, but in appearance he retained many elements of youth and displayed great activity for a man of his years. During his career here he was most constant in his attendance, most diligent and assiduous in the discharge of his parliamentary duties and while, as my right hon. friend has just said, his voice was not often raised in debate in this chamber, he was looked upon as a man of good judgment and strong common sense, a very valuable asset to this chamber and to the proceedings of this parliament. The loss of such a man will be felt here and perhaps in the constituency which he represented, more than in any other quarter. To his friends there and his friends here and to the relatives who survive him, we join in expressing our sincere sympathy.

Mr. JOHN L. BROWN (Lisgar): It is perhaps fitting, Mr. Speaker, that a member of the group with which Mr. King was more directly associated should express on this occasion our appreciation of the loss we have sustained. When I say that I shall always remember with pleasure my intercourse with Mr. King, I believe I express the sentiments of the group to which Mr. King belonged in this House. We always found him a genial companion, a man of unimpeachable integrity and sound judgment, and his voice was heard in the councils of the group of which he was a valued member. We recognize that that group has suffered a loss; we recognize that this House and the people of North Huron have suffered a loss as well, and they will be indeed fortunate if they find a successor to Mr. King who will be equally faithful to his duties, equally sound in his judgment and equally willing to give all his time and the best that is in him to the service of his constituency and his country. With the other members of our group I wish to express a sense of the loss we have sustained.