

That when this House adjourns it shall stand adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock in the afternoon.

I need not give any reason for making this motion, the House will understand it by looking at the wreath which we see upon the desk on the other side.

Almost within the last few hours death has removed from among us one of the most respected and influential members of this House in the person of Mr. Wood, the late member for Brockville. Mr. Wood occupied a prominent position in this House, as everybody knows. He had been an important member of the late Administration, and after a conference with my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition, we think that it would only be paying a fitting tribute to that gentleman, a tribute in which every member of this House will concur, that we should not commence immediately our work, but that the House should stand adjourned for a day or two before undertaking the more serious labours of the session. I need not say, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Wood occupied such a position in this House as makes his loss a personal one to all of us. He was very much respected by his opponents, and he was dearly beloved, I know, by his friends. His judicial mind, his temper, his character, were such that every one of us feels a sense of bereavement at his loss. I am sure also that the sentiments which I have just expressed will be shared by both sides of the House in reference to the loss of another gentleman, lately a member of this House, Dr. Guay of Lévis. Dr. Guay endeared himself to all who knew him, and for those who had the privilege of his intimate friendship, feel a sense of bereavement which it is hard to express. It is perhaps a fruit of the better part of our nature, engaged as we are in daily and sometimes heated conflicts, that unconsciously there arises in our hearts a sense of affection for those even whom it is our duty to oppose every day; and when death removes one of those friends, we feel a personal loss. Perhaps also we may draw the lesson from these circumstances that our respect and our affection for those friends should find expression at an earlier period, and that we should not wait until we have to content ourselves with the expression of vain regrets. I must also associate the name of Mr. Jameson, the late member for Winnipeg, with those already mentioned, whose loss we now have to deplore.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I desire in the first place to thank the right hon. leader of the House for the very courteous manner in which he met the suggestion that this House should adjourn in consequence of the death of one of my fellow colleagues in the Government of Canada, a gentleman who, as he has properly said, occupied a very high position in this House in the estimation of members upon both sides. As an able lawyer, as a gentleman who brought a profound

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knowledge of the profession to which he belonged to the consideration of the various questions which came before us, as a member of this House prompt in his attention to public business and to the discharge of his duties, not only to his party but to the country, by giving his most careful and candid consideration to every question that came before us, Mr. Wood, the late member for Brockville, undoubtedly obtained the respect and confidence of hon. gentlemen, whether sitting to the right or to the left of Mr. Speaker. The loss is one which we all deplore, and we deplore it the more because we are just entering upon the duties of a session, and those duties, we feel, will be not so efficiently and so well discharged, certainly from this side of the House, in consequence of his absence from it. I associate myself with every word that the leader of the House has so kindly and warmly uttered in reference to the memory of a gentleman who has occupied, not only a position in the Government of this country, but who has occupied the position of Deputy Speaker of this House, and in both positions he has obtained the confidence and friendship. I may say, of gentlemen sitting on both sides of the House. I also have no hesitation in associating myself with all that the right hon. leader of the House has said with reference to the death of another gentleman, Dr. Guay. Every person who knew that gentleman respected him as one of the most conscientious members that adorned the Parliament of this country. I must also add that there will be but one sentiment in appreciation of the loss which has been sustained by the House owing to the untimely and sudden death of the late member for Winnipeg. Mr. Jameson was an English gentleman who came to this country after occupying a high social position in his own country, bringing to the discharge of his duties in Parliament a highly cultivated mind, and discharging those duties not only with fidelity, but in such a manner as to endear him to the members on both sides. I am certain that I am only expressing the unanimous sentiment of this House when I say that every man desires to extend to the families, and to the relations and near friends of these gentlemen of whom the hand of death has so recently deprived us, the most cordial and sincere sympathy. I feel strongly what the leader of the House has said as to these occurrences being for us grave reminders of how slight and slender is the tenure by which we hold our positions here. I trust that in the deliberations of this House we shall all bring such a conscientious regard to the discharge of the high duties and functions devolving upon us, as will enable us to meet that dread summons when it comes with the conviction that we have at all events endeavoured to do our duty.

Motion agreed to.