

kindliness, and the example he set and created for the young men who grew up with him in the diplomatic service of the Department of which he was the permanent head," said further: "He believed that men in the public service could best carry on their work by remaining in the background of anonymity and retiring from the light of public favour. He hated notoriety, publicity, and everything that was blatant or garish. He knew that the great things in life are wrought in the stillness and solitude of the mind of man, and that reflection and silence become a trusted servant of the people far better than speech and the glitter of the limelight. By his own modest acceptance of these high traditions of the public service, which he did so much to create, he fashioned the pattern of the Department of External Affairs. The result of Dr. Skelton's example and influence is that today in the Department of External Affairs, in London, in Washington, and elsewhere throughout the world, this nation is served by men who, thinking nothing of public acclaim, of personal distinction, or of public reward, have laboured without ostentation, steadily and silently, for the great cause which has been entrusted to their hands." (1)

(1) H. of C. Debates, February 17, 1941, Vol.1,p.818.