

ber. He was for many years, during the greater part of his life, I think, associated with the public life of that province and with the development of its commercial interests. It was with very great sorrow and regret that during the last couple of years we observed his failure in health, and to-day we are called upon to mourn his departure.

It was with most sorrowful surprise that I learned of the death in Honolulu of our colleague Senator Corby. His death has come as a surprise to all of us. Few men in the Canadian Parliament had the good fortune to be possessed of the charm and the popularity of our late colleague. Wherever he went, he seemed to radiate that social pleasure and good feeling which ever characterized his communication with his fellow men. His hand, his heart and his purse were always open in response to whatever appeal was made to him. His public benefactions were numerous and his friends were legion. Of the many men we know, probably it would be difficult to select any one with the geniality and the charm of manner of the late Senator Corby. For a number of years he had been associated with the public life of the Dominion, and also with its commercial interests. He served his constituents in the House of Commons for many years, and his presence in this House was always a pleasure to his fellow members. His public spirit, his enterprise and his social qualities will be deeply missed by his fellow-members in this Chamber. We cannot adequately express our profound sorrow at his loss, and the sympathy which we feel for his widow and daughters at the loss of one to whom, not only they, but all those who knew him, were most deeply attached.

It is with deep feeling of melancholy we note from session to session the passing away of those so closely associated with us, and day by day it is more deeply borne in upon us that all flesh is grass, that the place that knows us to-day may know us no more forever. We deeply regret and mourn their departure from amongst us, and would express to their families our deepest sense of the great loss which they and this Chamber and Canada have sustained in the death of our late colleagues, Senators Melvin Jones, Baird and Corby.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I desire to join with my honourable friend the leader of the Government in expressing our deep regret at the loss of the three honourable gentlemen, members of this House, to whom he has referred. Sir Melvin Jones was well

known in the West, where he took such a prominent part in the public life of the country. At the same time he was recognized throughout the Dominion as an authority in the business with which he had been associated from his youth. He was responsible for developing the concern with which he was connected, making it a great institution in Canada, and afterwards extending it to the United States. Senator Melvin Jones was a man who was respected by all who came in contact with him, and was appreciated for his business capacity and his faith in the possibility of Canada's future. This House and the country generally can ill spare a man who had taken such a prominent part in the life of the country as our late colleague.

Senator Baird has been known to all the members of this House for many years, and it was with great regret that we learned of his illness and his inability to take part last session in the work of this House. He had been before the public for many years, and had acquainted himself with the interests of this country from one end to the other. Even in the province of British Columbia he was known as a man who took a lively interest in the development and business of the country. All those who knew him had a friendly and kindly feeling for him, and recognized in him a man who was doing his best to advance the interests of his country.

In the late Senator Corby we recognized a most lovable character, a man who, as my hon. friend has said, was peculiarly appreciated in every circle in which he moved. He had the happy charm of making friends wherever he went. He always maintained his opinions in such a way as to make one feel that they were genuine, and that he was anxious to do his very best in the interest of his country, and would fight for what he thought was right. He took a very prominent part in the public life of the province of Ontario and of the Dominion.

I join with my honourable friend in expressing the regret of this Chamber, and in tendering our sympathy to the families and relatives of our three departed colleagues in the loss that we and they have sustained.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: Honourable gentlemen, I do not suppose that there is another gentleman in the Chamber who has had the long and intimate acquaintance with our late colleague Senator Corby that I have had. I have known