

number whom I cannot class as a personal friend. Those who were acquainted with Mr. McCallum knew he was a man of more than ordinary ability. He had that stern Scottish nature which characterizes his race. He never hesitated, when speaking in the Senate or outside, to say precisely what he meant, and those who remember the last speech that he made in this House last session will have a fair indication of the man's character. Hon. gentlemen will remember that on that occasion he called attention to the removal from the House of the late Minister of Justice, of whom he spoke in the most friendly and kindly terms. He said we had found him to be a man of strict honour, and while he differed from him he wished it distinctly understood that in parting with his brother senators upon that occasion he did so without the slightest feeling of animosity against any of them, and, as if it were premonition of what was to come, his last words were that he never expected to meet us again. Then we have another gentleman, young as a senator, the Hon. A. T. Wood, a prince among the merchants of Ontario. Perhaps I ought to say what I have said to Mr. Wood so very often, that upon the great principles which agitated the country and upon which discussions had taken place during elections and in the House, there was very little differences between Mr. Wood and myself, but when it came to a question of voting we were on opposite sides. He was one of those whom every one having an acquaintance with him admired as a business man, personalty, and in every vocation of life in which he might be found. Though he was called a liberal, I think I may safely say that he was one of the strongest personal friends I had in Ontario. Then we have lost an ornament to the House, a gentleman of culture and education, who, whenever he spoke, gave indications of a knowledge of the subjects which he discussed and of the business of the country. I would not have supposed, when we parted a few months ago, that Mr. Primrose would have been numbered among those who was to join the the great majority. I missed his friendly face and that kindly hand shake and smile with which he used to greet gentlemen of both political parties. These facts have created not only a feeling of regret, but a

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depression on my part while addressing the House. Next, and lastly, the seventh gentleman to pass away within a few months, was the lately appointed Mr. Déchene. I had not the privilege of a personal acquaintance with that gentleman, but from what I did know of him he was a gentleman in every sense of the word, and I have no doubt would have been an ornament to the House had he lived to perform the duties which every Senator ought to perform. Then we have to consider for a moment that in these few months seven gentlemen have passed away. Look at the number remaining in this House who were appointed at confederation, we find there are but four. My hon friend who sits in front of me, (Hon. Mr. Miller) is one of them, Senator Dickey, whom every one respects as a man of talent and ability and everything which pertains to that which is good is another. He is now upon a sick bed and the probabilities are we shall never see him again. Then we have the venerable Senator Wark, whom I hope to see here again, and if I may be permitted in this respect to make a suggestion to the Secretary of State, I do so in all sincerity. Mr. Wark is now in his 100th year. I expect from what I have heard that he will be here in a short time. The suggestion that I desire to make is that my hon. friend should ask the Minister of Railways to place one of the government cars at his disposal in order that he may come up in comfort and at ease. I am sure that no one in this country will object to that. All they have to do is to call the attention of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the fact, and I am confident that they will grant transportation readily and with pleasure. The next one, the only other one left out of the original Senators, is my intimate and personal friend Mr. Aikens. He has been for a long time confined to his room, and at one time I scarcely thought that we should ever see him here again. I am glad to know, however, that he is slowly recovering and I hope before this session ends that we may have the pleasure of seeing him in the House for a short time at least. There is another vacancy, and one that I deeply regret for personal as well as for political reasons, and that is the vacancy which has been created,