

Mackenzie King) and others, are as well known in our neighbouring country, the United States.

In paying a tribute to the hon. member who has introduced this bill, I should like to pay a tribute also to another hon. member who through the years has silently and vigorously fought to preserve in government places the name of Jack Miner. I refer to the hon. member for Essex South, in whose riding the Miner sanctuary is to be found. Jack Miner was a great friend of the hon. member for Essex South, as well as being one of his neighbours.

I myself had a contact with Jack Miner which went over a number of years. I knew him well and my family summered not very far from where this sanctuary is. I wish to pay a tribute to-night as well as to express a word of thanks for what the name of Jack Miner has meant, not only to the citizens I represent but to the family of which I have the honour to be the male parent. My children speak of Jack Miner, as do the children of Essex county, with a pride and gratitude that I am sure would gladden the heart of any hon. member.

I remember having the privilege on one occasion of visiting the home of a great bird lover in England, Sir Edward Grey. When he found out that I had come from Canada he asked me if I knew Jack Miner. As the house will recall, Sir Edward Grey and Theodore Roosevelt, great bird lovers themselves, found in the work of Jack Miner a great satisfaction which came to them in the evening of their very busy lives.

Essex county is proud of Jack Miner. Essex county, as the hon. member for Davenport has said, is one of the great counties of Canada. With great respect I would suggest that it is the greatest county in Canada. The tributes which have been paid to-night to one of her great citizens are tributes, not only to Jack Miner but to that county itself. I know the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Skey) would have liked to join in these tributes to-night but for the fact that he had to leave the chamber. Jack Miner by his efforts has written the name of Canada in the skies of the world, and by the tributes we have paid him to-night we have written his name in the history books of our great country.

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to-night to rise and support the bill proposed by the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. MacNicol). All my life I have been a sportsman of one kind or another; I am very fond of fishing and of shooting. I knew Jack Miner for a great

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many years. I have visited his sanctuary and have fed his ducks when they came around me. One thing he taught me and the youth and people of this country was that sportsmanship did not mean hogging everything; namely, shooting for the sake of shooting or fishing for the sake of fishing. Jack Miner has taught many people that the Christian religion far transcends any form of greed. He has taught the youth of this country the love of the outdoors; he has taught them how to be temperate in all things that they do.

I venture to say that Jack Miner had more to do than anybody else in the formation of Ducks Unlimited in the northwest territory, the organization which has had so much to do with the increase of the duck population in Canada. He taught people that the great thing was to play the game for the sake of the game and not just for the sake of winning. Thousands of people have been taught that lesson by Jack Miner.

There is another thing. Jack Miner has, I believe, been more responsible than any other man for plotting the flight of wild life between the north and the south.

I shall not take up any more time, except again to congratulate my hon. friend upon bringing forward this bill, because we all know what a great asset Jack Miner was to Canada. He was not only a great Canadian but an internationalist as well.

Mr. SOLON E. LOW (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, there is little left for me to say except that I believe that if this house passes this bill it will be a fitting recognition by the members of the work of a great Canadian in this country. I believe also that the introduction of a Jack Miner day throughout Canada and its observance will focus the attention of Canadians from coast to coast upon the constant necessity of exercising great care in the conservation of our wild life. I wish to commend the hon. member for Davenport, (Mr. MacNicol) upon introducing this bill and to assure you, sir, and him through you, that I will give it my support.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): Mr. Speaker, just before the minister rises to close the debate, may I at this late hour, without taking the risk of talking out the bill, simply say that we regard it as vital and that the Progressive Conservative party identifies itself with the moving of the second reading by the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. MacNicol) and wholeheartedly supports the proposal he has made.