

*Tributes to Members**(Text):*

**Mr. St. Laurent:** It is a pleasure to welcome the new member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings (Mr. Nowlan). He was not the choice of our party, but as we are a democratic people, we are pleased to congratulate him on his recent victory. As a lawyer and a public-spirited citizen, he will make a contribution that will be of value to all Canadians.

*(Translation):*

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

Mr. Boucher's long experience in public affairs as well as in business marks him out as the logical successor to Mr. Tucker, now the Liberal leader in Saskatchewan.

As for the member for Laval-Two Mountains, we are all proud and happy to see him here among us as a colleague in this house. Mr. Demers is a prominent business man and agronomist whose knowledge will mean further help to us in solving the many problems that face parliament at every session. Now at the opening of each session, while rejoicing over happy events, we must also recall some occasions of bereavement. Since the last session of parliament we lost a fellow member in Mr. Lucien Dubois, member for Nicolet-Yamaska, who, you will recall, had been in poor health for some years. Mr. Dubois was born at Gentilly in the province of Quebec fifty-five years ago. Though a farmer, he took an interest in municipal matters and was for several years secretary of the municipality of Gentilly. He was also secretary of the school board in the same community. He was particularly concerned with social problems. In fact he was a bachelor and followed, I believe, the example of the hon. member for Glengarry (Mr. Mackenzie King). He took as active an interest in social matters as those of us who have large families. Mr. Dubois was associated with the Historical Society of Montreal and the French-Canadian Genealogical Society. He sat in this house for eighteen years, having first been elected in 1930. The services which he rendered to his country during all those years, by his contribution to the debates of the house, are well known to all.

Lastly, he was a modest man, but as a member he attended the sittings of the house as regularly as his ailing health permitted. I know that in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mr. Dubois' father, brothers and sisters, I give voice to the feelings of every hon. member.

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**Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in rising for the first time as a member of this house, may I pick up the

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remarks of the right hon. the Prime Minister where he left off and join in the expression of regret at the untimely death of Mr. Dubois. One of the members of our party, the hon. member for Stanstead (Mr. Hackett), who knew him personally, will make some remarks in regard to him. I can only say, from the conversations I have had with those who knew him well, that he was highly regarded by all the members of the house, and that we share in the deep feeling of regret at his untimely loss.

I wish sincerely to congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) on his assumption of the high and responsible office to which he has been called. In the conduct of the affairs of government during the time that he has that responsibility I extend to him my best wishes for his good health and for the strength to carry on the arduous duties which fall to his lot. I wish also to thank him for the remarks he made about my own entry into this house. This is, of course, a different arena to that in which I have been for some time past. I thank the Prime Minister for his advice as to the duties of a leader of the opposition. There is one thing, however, that perhaps might be borne in mind, namely, that the rules of the provincial legislature and those of the House of Commons are quite similar, and that I had some years' experience as leader of the opposition in the Ontario legislature. Perhaps because of that fact, together with the fact that I saw changes take place, I have not the same feeling of permanence that may occupy the minds of some people. However, I know that the general summary of the responsibilities of the leader of the opposition was well put forward, in spite of the fact that the Prime Minister had not had the opportunity of sharing my experience. I hope that I shall be able to conduct myself in this office along the lines that have been suggested.

I wish to join in the felicitations which have been extended to the new members who have entered this house today, as I have. I wish to join in the remarks that have been made about the right hon. member for Glengarry (Mr. King) in regard to his return to good health. I know that I share with everyone here the feeling of satisfaction at seeing him present and in good health today, and I hope that condition continues. To each of the new members who have assumed their responsibilities, some of them almost as recently as I myself, I can only say that I wish them well in the tasks they have undertaken. In the conduct of the affairs of parliament under our system, it will be my duty to co-operate on such occasions as co-operation is indicated, and, on those occasions on which it is not