

Tributes to Deceased Members

legislature of Quebec. As a result of that combined experience he was able to bring good judgment to his consideration of the subjects that came before him in the House of Commons. All the members of this house will join in expressing regret that this faithful servant of his own community should have been taken from us.

Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, we too join in extending sympathy to the families of the two members who have left us and passed to the great beyond. We are reminded of the transitory nature of life when invariably at the opening of a session we have to mourn the loss of some of our colleagues. The tributes that have been paid in this instance I think have expressed what we all feel in regard to the deceased members and their work in this parliament.

Mr. Hatfield was a member for some years, and sat very near the place from which I am speaking this afternoon. I came to know him rather well and to appreciate the interest he took in the work of the house, especially in the field in which he was particularly qualified. I knew of his assiduous efforts on behalf of the people he represented.

Mr. Gosselin was a newer member, but he had also made some impression upon the house. We appreciated the fact that he took a great interest in the ordinary workers of his constituency, at one time having been, as the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) has said, an employee of one of our great railway systems.

We join in expressing our sympathy to the bereaved families; and may I also express our sympathy to the Prime Minister and the leader of the official opposition (Mr. Drew) on each having lost one of his colleagues in this house.

Mr. J. H. Blackmore (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, the members of my group have asked me to say a few words on this sad occasion in appreciation of these two fine men. I had the opportunity of rather close association with Mr. Hatfield, as he and I had offices in the same corridor, and once in a while exchanged views.

In a conspicuous place on the front page of the *Hartland Observer* of New Brunswick, under date of January 10, 1952, an article appeared entitled "Impressive final tribute paid H. H. Hatfield, M.P., Sunday." In it I find these words:

A man who loved his community and its people, and who served them well, rests today in the quiet country graveyard nestled in the windswept hills of the little Saint John river valley town of Hartland.

As the shadows of a wintry day swept silently over the hillside, all that was mortal of Heber Harold Hatfield, the town's first citizen, was tenderly laid to rest while relatives and friends stood with bowed heads.

An hour before the service the United Baptist church was filled to capacity, and hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

I thought those comments, coming from the people who knew Mr. Hatfield best, might appropriately be mentioned here.

The provincial leader of the opposition in New Brunswick used some words concerning Mr. Hatfield with which I am sure the members of this house will agree. He referred to "his great capacity for action" and "his ability to create confidence"; to his "honesty", "kindness" and "tolerance". I believe generally speaking all the members of this house were impressed by Mr. Hatfield in just that way.

I shall not repeat what has already been said about our departed member by the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew). We desire to join in extending heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hatfield and all others bereaved by the loss of this fine man, as we also extend sympathy to the leader of the opposition on the loss of a valuable supporter.

With respect to Mr. Gosselin, we did not have much opportunity to get to know him. When men come and sit with us for a short time we do not really get to know them very well; but I did gain the impression that this man was courageous, conscientious and high-minded. We desire to extend sympathy to all those bereaved by his passing, and we sympathize with the Prime Minister in the loss of this good supporter.

LIVESTOCK**OUTBREAK OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN THE REGINA AREA**

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I thought that at the very beginning of the session I should make a statement to the house about the recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among cattle in the Regina district.

This is the first outbreak of this disease in Canada within the memory of living men. While nearly every other country in the world, including the United States, has had some cases, and in several countries the disease is endemic, until now Canada has managed, by reason of careful precautionary measures, to maintain a clean bill of health. I think this remarkable record is a tribute to the zeal and care of those charged with the responsibility of administering the regulations.