

and other sorrowing friends. Great tributes were paid in speeches and in the press. Across Canada, across the United States, and in overseas centres, his notices followed the <sup>exhortation</sup> ~~precept~~ of Ecclesiasticus: "Let us now praise famous men, men of little showing."

In mid-winter weather and deep snow, his body was transplanted to the countryside. He was buried in the little cemetery of St. Mark's just outside the village of Pakenham, about 45 miles from Ottawa.

#### Summary

On his death Mr. King summed up his services in a speech of eulogy in the House of Commons. He said in part: "Seventeen years ago Doctor O.D. Skelton entered the service of Canada at my request. For sixteen years he was Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs... The outbreak of war and the anxieties of the years which immediately preceded it threw new and heavy burdens on the Department of External Affairs. In spite of failing health, the advice of his doctor and the entreaties of his friends, Doctor Skelton insisted on shouldering far more than his full share of them. I have never seen anything which surpassed his devotion to duty as exemplified in his daily work. His death was marked by expressions of sorrow, admiration and affection almost unprecedented. Many notable messages bore witness to his great work, not only for Canada and the British Commonwealth but for the cause of international goodwill and human understanding the world over. Only those