

he leave behind friends from his own political group, but also friends from this group. Although I did not support his party, and was opposed to him in most political divisions, I considered him a close personal friend. I shall miss him because in the halls and corridors of the house, and in the chamber, I learned to regard him with deep affection, and as one who through the years I was honoured to call a friend.

The sympathy of this party goes out to his wife and the other members of his family. We extend our sympathy to the Prime Minister, to the government and the party to which he belonged in the loss they have sustained. I should like to join in what has been expressed so eloquently by the Prime Minister, and in thus paying tribute to the memory of a fellow member I shall have discharged a duty which would have given me pleasure were he here, but which is a sad one because of this occasion.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggarr): Mr. Speaker, we wish to associate ourselves with the expressions of sympathy to the widow, the mother and brothers of the late Mr. Turner, and we would also express sympathy to the Prime Minister in the loss of a faithful follower.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, it seems particularly regrettable that a young man who apparently had such promise should have been called away at such an early age. We deeply sympathize with those who are bereaved, and also with the Prime Minister and the members of his party in the loss of this man.

I had some connection with Mr. Turner, and was led to believe that he represented his constituency sincerely, and worked for what he deemed to be the welfare of Canada as a whole. I am sorry I did not learn to know more about him, but so far as I did learn, I considered him worthy of respect.

Mr. DANIEL McIVOR (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, from this corner of the house I should like to pay my humble tribute to an old friend, Johnny Turner. As a baseball player he could throw straight and strike hard—characteristics which he carried with him into his life. He called almost daily in my room, and while he and I did not agree on certain things, there was one thing on which we did agree. I can still see the twinkle in his eye when he told me that his father and mother were Christian Presbyterians. When he told me that his health was not good, I could then say to him, as one man to another, "Just one thing counts. It is not your position

in life or the amount of money you can pile up: it is your faith in God that counts." Johnny Turner told me that a man is a big fool if he does not make sure that his faith is fixed in God. That is my tribute to the hon. member who sat in this royal corner of the house.

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, as a colleague from Manitoba of the late Mr. Turner who sat in the house for over nine years with him, I wish to pay a tribute of respect to his memory and to join with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), the leader of the opposition (Mr. Graydon), the leaders of the other parties and the hon. member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor) in extending to his family our very deep sympathy.

The constituency that Mr. Turner represented was a difficult one to represent. I doubt if any riding in the whole dominion was more cosmopolitan in character than the riding of Springfield. But in that constituency Mr. Turner had friends among all classes and all racial origins whatever they were. It is a tribute to the character of the man that in his work as representative of the constituency he drew these people together and made them feel that they were Canadians, made them feel that they had their place in the life of this country.

He made no pretence of having all the human virtues. He had his failings like the rest of us poor human mortals. But Mr. Turner was a man of sincere convictions. He was a man of no pretence of any kind. He believed in right as he saw it and he was prepared to fight for it. The great mass of people are just ordinary folk and to lose Mr. Turner is a loss, not only to this parliament but to the great body of people in the country and especially those in the constituency he represented here for so many years.

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): Mr. Speaker, it was my great privilege to consider the late Mr. Turner, the former member for Springfield, a personal friend. His loss will be felt by all of us, and especially by his constituents who were his friends. There were large numbers of French-speaking Canadians in his constituency and they liked Jack Turner very much. They thought highly of him. While he was in the house he was true to them, and he expressed their views with remarkable courage.

Jack Turner was four-square; he was strongly built, and he was not afraid to say what he thought. In his first year here he made practical and useful and progressive suggestions, some of which have been accepted. In later