

*The late Angus L. Macdonald*

Canadian. In these troubled days we cannot afford to lose men like him. I know that from everyone here with a full heart there will be extended to his widow and the members of his family, the deep and profound sympathy of all of us.

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, it is I think very fitting that the Prime Minister has given us an opportunity of paying our respect to a man with whom many of us were associated in this house during the war years. We remember when he came here. He came here not because he wished to come, but because he was called by the government of Canada to participate in the deliberations of the government in the conduct of the war during a very critical period. We all remember his charm and his integrity, and it came as quite a shock to those of us who knew him to know that another great—and I use the word advisedly—Canadian figure who had served his country so well in the capacity of minister of defence for naval services during the war had passed to his reward. On behalf of all associated with me, and I know on behalf of everyone else in this house, I join in expressing our appreciation of the life that he led, the service that he gave to our country, and our deep sympathy with his widow and family in their great and sudden sorrow.

**Mr. J. H. Blackmore (Lethbridge):** Mr. Speaker, the members of our group deem it entirely fitting that the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) should have taken this opportunity to honour Angus Macdonald in the way that he has done today. I had the privilege of sitting in the house when he was here, and while he had the responsibility of being minister of defence for naval services. I always associated with Angus Macdonald three words: stability, strength and serenity. The members of our group are pleased to join with the members of the other parties in paying a last farewell to Angus Macdonald and in expressing the most sincere condolences to those who are bereaved.

**Hon. C. G. Power (Quebec South):** Mr. Speaker, for some years I was honoured by being associated with Angus Macdonald in the course of our duties as members of this government. Angus left with those of us who were associated with him a memory of a man of intense patriotism without ostentation, forcible character without violence, of loyalty as a colleague and of the foremost natural friendship as a man. It is with the deepest regret that I note the passing of a man who did honour to the Nova Scotia which he loved, and to the Canada which he represented so ably in this house. To his widow

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and family, I think I speak on behalf of all those who were in any degree associated with Angus during the time he was here, I express the deepest and most sincere sympathy. He will go to his last resting place, in the soil of the Nova Scotia which he loved, carrying with him the love, the affection and the admiration of thousands of his fellow citizens, and also the word that will go all over Canada that he was a great Canadian.

**Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a day of mourning for Nova Scotians everywhere, and I wish on behalf of my province to thank the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and those other hon. members who have spoken so feelingly on this sad occasion. All Canadians feel that they are losing a great public figure and a staunch friend.

The Hon. Angus Macdonald was long a symbol of Nova Scotia, and most of us saw in him the reflection of what we ourselves might wish to be. He had that warm and strong personality which easily transcends all differences of race, creed or religion. It was Angus Macdonald who did so much to weld together so many different peoples in Nova Scotia and make us a province that has already been proud of its role in confederation.

Farsighted and wise in his advocacy of the role of Nova Scotia in the life of this great country, he was to me a great friend and a wise counsellor in all those matters respecting Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians. Always a great admirer of Joseph Howe, whose statue stands so nearby his own office, Angus Macdonald will today take his place beside that great figure in the hearts and minds of Nova Scotians everywhere.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****IGOR GOUZENKO—RELEASE OF TESTIMONY BEFORE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES**

**Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, hon. members will recall that on February 16, 1954 my colleague, the parliamentary assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pinard), made a statement concerning the handling of the transcript of the proceedings of the meeting on January 4, 1954, at which Mr. Igor Gouzenko was interviewed by representatives of the United States government. In that statement the parliamentary assistant informed the house that in the latter part of January the Canadian government had notified the United States government that we