

I wish, however, to say a word with reference, first, to Sir Edward Kemp. His career was an extremely striking one. He came from the little English patch in the Province of Quebec, which has furnished so many distinguished men to Parliament and to commerce and industry in this country. Sir Edward Kemp was one of the very successful men recruited from that little settlement. Individually I am greatly indebted to him for his readiness at all times to give counsel to a junior like myself, particularly in matters of trade, commerce and finance, in which he was peculiarly capable of giving advice.

In spite of the demands of a successful career he was kindness itself. Perhaps no other man in public life in Canada had a kinder heart or was more willing to extend a helping hand to relieve those in distress. I know of many occasions when he exercised this kindly spirit, but what I know is only a tithe of the many kindnesses that he performed.

He will be very much missed on this side of the House. The party to which I have the honour to belong will miss him. While his attachment to his party had not weakened, he had ceased to be a very keen partisan and always displayed a readiness to approach matters in a public-spirited way. We esteemed his counsel at all times, for his wide experience made it invaluable in our endeavour to legislate in the best interests of the country.

I had known the late Dr. Reid personally for a longer period than I had known Sir Edward Kemp, but after coming to this House I was not thrown into such close contact with him. The striking events of Dr. Reid's career have been succinctly related by the honourable leader of the House. As a Minister he was always very devoted to his department, particularly when he was charged with the responsibility of the Customs Department. Perhaps no Minister ever devoted more time and industry or gave more of his heart to the department over which he presided. I do not think that Dr. Reid was quite as much at home in the Department of Railways and Canals as he had been in the Customs Department. In the early days of the projected amalgamation of the various railways that now go to make up the Canadian National Railway System it was my pleasure, if not my duty, to attend the debates in the other House. The subject was a difficult one. The ramifications of the various companies were almost endless and nobody could understand them at all without the most careful scrutiny and attention. Perhaps nobody

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understood those matters as fully as Mr. Meighen, whose mind was peculiarly suited to dissecting the relationship of the various companies, co-ordinating them, and formulating a policy to bring them under one head; but the late Senator Reid did all that it was humanly possible for him to do, and the demands made upon him must have been very trying.

As to the late Hon. Mr. Laflamme, I had very little opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with him. I remember well the first time I met him. It was in the city of Winnipeg, at a meeting of the Canadian Bar Association. He was there, I believe, as the representative of the Minister of Justice. One evening as I was wandering through the hotel where the meetings were being held, a young legal acquaintance of mine suggested that we should call on Mr. Laflamme. When I said that I did not know Mr. Laflamme this young colleague replied, "We will go anyway." So we called on Mr. Laflamme and passed a very pleasant evening with him. I feel, as a lawyer, that through his death this House has suffered a real loss. Having a pride in my profession, I am very eager to see our ranks recruited from time to time from the best legal talent in the other House. Mr. Laflamme was an acquisition to the Senate for the debating of matters in their constitutional or legal aspect. I recall that he made some very pertinent remarks last session with respect to the negotiation of treaties.

Senator Prowse I have known ever since my entry into this House. He had long preceded me. The honourable leader of the Government has recorded the steps of his career. He was a man of a very kindly nature; he had not an enemy in the House; and if he could diffuse a ray of pleasure he was only too glad to do so.

I sincerely join with my honourable friend the leader of the Government in extending to the families of these gentlemen our sincere sympathy.

I should be very happy if the right honourable the junior member for Ottawa (Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster), who was a colleague of the first named gentlemen, would say a few words to the House.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Honourable members, it is usual for this yearly recurring ceremony of remembrance to be participated in by the leaders on either side, and by those alone. While many members on both sides would probably desire to add their quota of remembrance of incidents that had occurred, our sentiments are ably and thoroughly expressed by the leaders, and the