

its sentiments to Senator Johnston's widow and family, and to express to them our sincere regrets at his passing; to express also to them not only the regrets but the appreciation of the committee for the very valuable services that were rendered by the late Senator Johnston.

If it meets with your approval, I would suggest that an appropriate message be sent to Mrs. Johnston and the family.

Mr. CASE: Mr. Chairman, before you put the motion I would like to associate myself with the remarks you have just made. I would like to say I knew the late Senator during the days when he was serving as a member for his constituency in the House of Commons and, of course, I was able to know him a good deal better when I came to Ottawa. We have lost a very valuable member of our committee, one whose judgment was highly regarded and respected and a member whom it will be difficult to replace. He had a great interest in this committee. Those of us who were privileged to travel on the royal commission through the maritime provinces came to know something about the other side of his life, that is, his sense of good fellowship, the genial disposition he possessed. I feel each of us has suffered a personal loss in the passing of one who was so highly respected and so highly regarded.

It is a tribute to the man that he served Canada for so many years and that his contribution was considered such that he was rewarded by being appointed to the Senate. I know that he will be missed in that chamber; but particularly we as commoners will miss him most on this committee.

I wholeheartedly join with the chairman in expressing our sincere and deepest sorrow at his untimely passing, and I hope this message will be conveyed to his widow and to his family and that we will underscore our sense of appreciation of his fine services.

I was with him on the Saturday before he left for Regina, although I did not know he was going to Regina; I was deeply shocked by his passing. I know we all feel a deep sense of loss not only as members of this committee but in a personal way.

Mr. RAYMOND: Mr. Chairman, may I say one word about my late friend Senator Johnston? I had the opportunity of being very close to him when we were in the maritimes and since. I wish to say—and maybe I am being too sentimental in saying it—that he has been like a father to me and he has been like a father to my wife. That was more especially true when we were in the maritime provinces.

I remember a short time after we came back from the maritimes I brought my two children here to the House of Commons, to meet the Senator. In the name of my children, my wife and myself I wish to express our deep regret. To my wife and myself he was like a father and to my kiddies he was like a grandad. I feel his death very deeply.

Mr. BRYCE: Mr. Chairman, I do not think any more can be said. I regret deeply the passing of Senator Johnston. I was quite closely attached to Senator Johnston, perhaps in a different way from the rest: we roomed together when we were in the maritimes while we were going through the Indian reserves, and I got to know the man much better than I ever would have had we just been meeting one another around the House. We had the same interest in live stock and he made himself famous as a breeder and lover of Ayrshire cattle. We had that in common. I can only endorse what the other members of this committee have said, that we will miss him very much in this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: If it is your pleasure, gentlemen, we will see that an appropriate message is forwarded to Mrs. Johnston and the family, expressing our regrets at the passing of Senator Johnston.

(The committee then continued in camera.)