

speaker, with something more than a touch of humour in what he had to say. Experience gained as a teacher over many years, and special knowledge of insurance and other business matters, already referred to, lent a note of authority to his contributions to the debates in which he participated, a contribution always marked by a never-failing moderation and toleration in the expression of his views. He was one of the most dependable and conscientious of men in the discharge of his duties as a member of parliament, and one of the most loyal to his party and its leader. He was of a very kindly disposition and was well liked, and enjoyed the friendship and very sincere regard of many of his political opponents, as well as of all the members of his own party. We who knew him best will long cherish his memory.

The late Minister of National Revenue, Hon. Mr. Ryckman, was also fortunate in enjoying the friendship of not a few of his political opponents, as well as of all members on his own side of the house.

Quite apart from any differences of political opinion, which are well known, but of which I should not wish to speak at this time, I would say that I think it would be doing an injustice to Mr. Ryckman's memory to attempt to gauge his services to the country or to his party by the years during which he held the office of Minister of National Revenue which for him were years of greatly impaired health. His resignation from the cabinet some weeks ago was due to recognition on his part, as well as that of the Prime Minister, that, because of the very serious condition of his health, he was unable to discharge the duties of his office. He had been, in fact, far from well for a long time past. This was known to the Prime Minister, and I can say for myself and for the members of my party, that it was a fact ever present to our minds. I know it was a painful duty to the Prime Minister to feel obliged to accept Mr. Ryckman's resignation, just as I believe it was a feeling of loyalty which caused him to retain his colleague at his side as long as he did. There is nothing in public life, as there is nothing perhaps in private life, quite so difficult as to hold the scales evenly between our personal loyalties and our official duties.

What I think we can now see more clearly, and what was most admirable, and what we shall wish always to recall, is the tenacity with which the minister sought to discharge the

duties of his office, greatly handicapped as he was, and the gallant fight he made to conquer an unconquerable foe.

While Mr. Ryckman's name will always have its association with parliament, the late minister's achievements were more largely without, than within, its halls. Those who, like myself, remember him in his university and law school days, are pleased to recall, as the Prime Minister has recalled, his early intellectual attainments, evidenced as a gold medallist both in arts and in law, and the success which a gifted nature helped to bring him in his profession and in business. The country is not likely to forget his patriotism, or the sacrifice occasioned his family circle by the great war.

Personally, I am inclined to place foremost, as deserving of highest remembrance, Mr. Ryckman's readiness in years such as those which have followed the great war, to continue to share in the public life of his country. It won for him the distinction of being a minister of the crown in two administrations, but even more worthy of remembrance, it seems to me, is the fact that he shared as well and with great loyalty, as the Prime Minister has said, the fortunes of his party when in opposition, and that for over twelve years he was a member of this House of Commons.

I join most sincerely, as do all hon. members of the opposition, in the expression of deepest sympathy in their bereavement, which you, Mr. Speaker, have been asked by the Prime Minister to convey on behalf of the house to Mrs. Cayley and to Mrs. Ryckman and to the members of their respective families.

Mr. ROBERT GARDINER (Acadia): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Mackenzie King) have paid well deserved tributes to the memory of two former members of this house who have passed to the great beyond since the prorogation of the last session of parliament. May we in this part of the house be permitted, sir, to join in expressing to the families and relatives of those former members and colleagues our deep sympathy in their sorrow.

ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BENNETT: In moving that the house do now adjourn, I suppose it is realized by all who are familiar with our practice that we shall meet to-morrow at three o'clock, and