

*Tributes to Mr. Trudeau*

may or may not have agreed with his performance or his comments, but it should be said that he knew how to fight for his convictions and for his ideal with honesty, frankness and determination. Especially with dignity. And so, Mr. Speaker, his departure marks not the end of a page in the history of Canadian politics but indeed of a whole chapter. In concluding, on behalf of all my colleagues I would like to wish him many more years of active life.

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice):** Mr. Speaker, having had the honour of being sworn to the Privy Council on April 4, 1967, the same day as the hon. member for Mount Royal (Mr. Trudeau), the leader of my party, on behalf of my colleagues I would like to thank him for everything he did for Canada. I had the opportunity during my career to work twelve years with the Leader of the Opposition. I had the opportunity to work with him when he was Prime Minister. I travelled throughout Canada during many years and also to the four corners of the world and I have always been very proud of being a colleague of Mr. Trudeau, a citizen of Quebec, and enjoying the privilege of working with a man who has always been for all Canadians, especially French Canadians, a source of pride and satisfaction.

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Thunder Bay-Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, as one of the older hands elected from the province of Ontario, I just want to add, on behalf of Ontario members of the Liberal party and the many thousands of people behind them, our appreciation for the leadership and excitement that the Leader of the Opposition has given us through his 12 years of performance for this country in a very significant office.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

● (1415)

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I suppose it is typical of me, as a member of this House, to ask you not to see the clock for another 30 seconds and bend the rules once more.

I appreciate the consent of the House in allowing me to stand and say that I am deeply moved by the expressions of support for the motion moved by the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) and seconded by the House Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Knowles), to which the Creditistes leader (Mr. Roy) and my colleagues—beginning, of course, with the deputy leader of the opposition—all spoke. It is an irony of our profession—we are all aware of it, all of us who sit on the floor of the House, I suppose including yourself, Mr. Speaker—that people only really begin to admit our qualities when we are on the way out.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Trudeau:** It is a kind of convention with which we are all acquainted, and when we hurl insults at each other, we know that in reality we have a fair amount—perhaps a great deal—of admiration for people who, like ourselves, have decid-

[Mr. Roy (Beauce).]

ed to ask Canadians in their constituencies to support them in a task which is sometimes thankless and, certainly, nearly always exhausting. We know that underneath the partisanship we must show there is a basic, underlying admiration for each other, if only because we have agreed to serve our country in the same way, in the same forum. Perhaps there is here a lesson for those who take all our insults seriously.

I read in a magazine a few weeks ago that the profession of politics is held in very, very low esteem by the people of our country—away below sportsmen, actors and everybody else. I suppose the explanation perhaps is that in a sense we are paid to belittle each other, and the people who watch us may believe that we are doing it in a way which decreases the value of service to this profession. I wish to use this occasion to say that that is apparently not the case. The sincere and warm wishes which my friends and my opponents have given me today indicate that there is great respect among ourselves for the basic cause that we are all serving—that of Canada.

[Translation]

I should also like to give special thanks to my colleagues of my province who have always supported me, and repeat what I said this morning to my caucus and the country, that I shall always be ready to answer the call to arms in the fight to make Canada a strong and united country.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall I record that the motion has been carried unanimously?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion unanimously agreed to.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF THE HON. DUNCAN McINTYRE,  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF NEW ZEALAND

**Mr. Speaker:** Before beginning the oral question period, may I call attention to the presence in our gallery of a distinguished visitor in the person of the Minister of Agriculture of New Zealand, the Hon. Duncan McIntyre, and Mrs. McIntyre, who are here on an official visit.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!