

Commons, she showed a deep sense of duty and a profound respect for people. Whenever Mrs. Morin chaired our proceedings, she did so with great dignity, because she had an exceptional understanding of a member's role. She had that rare quality of being able to listen, and she would give everyone a sympathetic ear, sound advice and unqualified encouragement.

Along with all Canadians, we mourn today a great lady who served her country to the end.

[English]

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues I should like to join with the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) in extending our sympathies to the father of Madam Morin and to her children.

Madam Morin was a woman who served her municipality, her province and her country well for a number of years having been elected, as we all know, as a city councillor before being elected twice to this chamber. She was in the best sense of the term a committed politician who believed very seriously in the positions she took in this House.

[Translation]

... she always found pleasure and gratification in serving as a member of this House. She indeed indicated that her happiest days were those she spent in Parliament.

[English]

She was a fine, dedicated woman and an exceptionally committed member of parliament. I repeat, Mr. Speaker, all my colleagues in the House extend to her father and to her children their very deepest sympathy.

[Translation]

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my party, I wish to join with the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Clark), and the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) in extending to Mrs. Morin's children our deepest sympathy on the tragic loss of their mother.

As was so rightly said, Mrs. Morin soon gained the esteem and respect of every member of the House. When she chaired our proceedings, she followed the debate very closely, and she always intervened very tactfully when she saw fit to interrupt a member.

I should like to recall a very important mission she carried out abroad last year, more specifically in Mauritius, as a member of a Canadian delegation to the conference of the International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians. She was asked to chair the proceedings for a whole day on the occasion of the International Women's Year.

It was with great dignity that she presided over the proceedings on that important day, and I was proud as a Canadian to count among our fellow citizens a person able to do honour to Canada internationally.

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Her passing is a great loss for the House of Commons, for Canada and for the province of Quebec, and it is with deep emotion that we pay tribute to such a devoted person. It is a fact that in this House, regardless of political affiliations, in times of trial, when a member of the House dies prematurely, as is the case for Mrs. Morin, we feel greater friendship and respect for each other. We remain human beings, and this is how we must behave and what we must remember every day, that although our discussions are quite lively at times, we still remain human beings.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. With the leave of the House, I should like to add a few personal words to express my feelings on such a sad occasion. It is fitting that Mrs. Morin's children should be in the gallery at present. I therefore wish to call the House's attention to the presence of Mrs. Morin's son and daughter in the gallery.

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[English]

May I add one point. Having had the great assistance and support of Madam Morin in the task of presiding over the meetings of this chamber, I can say without flattery that she demonstrated all the qualities necessary for presiding over the meetings of this chamber. She exhibited such qualities of dedication, discipline and courage as to lead all of us to believe that she would have become the first woman Speaker of the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

His Excellency the Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an order in council appointing the Hon. Allan Joseph MacEachen, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, the Hon. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Hon. Stanley Ronald Basford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and the Hon. Robert Knight Andras, President of the Treasury Board, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter H-9 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970, entitled: an act respecting the House of Commons.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen):

That Charles Turner, Esq., member for the electoral district of London East, be appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.