

The late Matthew MacLean

I was not too well acquainted with Mr. MacLean but I did observe him during the years I have been here. I have noted that he was always a gentleman and that he tried to treat others as I am sure he would have wanted to be treated. He was quiet and unassuming certainly, but I imagine that in his own way he was an effective representative of the people.

We want to join with all those who have paid tribute to him today; and we extend our sympathy to his widow and the members of his family who have been bereaved.

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Resources and Development): Mr. Speaker, it will surely be gratifying to Matt MacLean's many friends in Nova Scotia to know of the genuine and sincere expressions of high regard from all parties in the house.

Matt MacLean was born and raised, and he spent his life, in Nova Scotia. His latter years were given over in a kindly, helpful way to the people of Sydney Mines and his constituency of Cape Breton North and Victoria.

It was a great shock to those of us from Nova Scotia, who of course know Matt MacLean so well, to learn of his sudden passing. We shall indeed be pleased to convey to his wife and daughter Janet these sincere expressions of regret which we have heard today.

Mr. J. H. Dickey (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Defence Production): Mr. Speaker, ever since I came into this house in December, 1947, up until just a year ago, I had the privilege of sharing an office in this building with the late member for Cape Breton North and Victoria. I do not want to add anything to what has already been said except to say that I have, for that reason, a special cause to mourn his passing; and I wish to join with the expressions of condolence which have been expressed to his wife and immediate family.

Matt MacLean was not only a kindly man. He was jovial, considerate, generous, and an excellent roommate.

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, you know that when we look back at this seat one of the first men of this house was our friend. He would remind us if we were late. He would tell us too that he was a Presbyterian but a Christian first. I was often in his room and he would ask for certain explanations. He was one of the first to help us organize our bowling league.

We will miss him much but his folks will miss him more. We express to them our heartfelt sympathies.

[Mr. Low.]

Mr. Speaker: At the suggestion of the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Gardiner) and on behalf of all members of the house I shall send a message of sympathy to Mrs. MacLean and her daughter.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT**STATEMENT REGARDING PROSECUTION OF FINE PAPER COMPANIES**

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, in releasing in November last the report of the combines commissioner relating to the fine paper industry, I stated that the matter would be referred to counsel for opinion and I would make a statement later as to prosecution. The matter was referred to Mr. Norman L. Mathews, Q. C., of Toronto who has advised that in his opinion the evidence justifies prosecution of some or all of the manufacturers and some or all of the merchants mentioned in the report. The exact parties will be determined as the evidence is further examined in detail in the course of preparation for trial. Mr. Mathews has been instructed to proceed with prosecutions.

PRIVATE BILLS**FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS**

Bill No. 317, for the relief of Joyce Elizabeth Purves Jones.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 318, for the relief of Marjorie Eurette Adams Mattinson.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 319, for the relief of Myrtle Norma Epps Stewart.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 320, for the relief of Joseph Alexandre Hyppolit McLish.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 321, for the relief of Taschereau Pierre Charles Joseph Rodier.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 322, for the relief of Berniece Gertrude Doran.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 323, for the relief of Florence Mildred Fine Crelinsten.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 324, for the relief of Gerard Richer.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 325, for the relief of Thomas John Rivet.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 326, for the relief of Dorina Perelroizen Wallerstein, otherwise known as Dorina Perlaizen Wallerstein.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 327, for the relief of Gabriele Laure Josephine Girard Steinbach.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 328, for the relief of Reine Cesarine Berthe Laborgne Deyglun.—Mr. Winkler.