

on by his predecessor to make a happier Canada by promoting the health of his fellow men.

It was not my good fortune to meet the young man from the maritimes whom the party opposite has lost. However, I extend my sympathies and those of my constituents to the Prime Minister in the loss that Canada has sustained through the passing of all three members since we last met.

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart):** Mr. Speaker, I believe it is an unusual experience when, on the first day of a parliament, we must record the passing of two of its elected members. I had never met Mr. McMillin, but I am sure his loss will be felt by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) and the party with which he was associated. We extend to his widow and family in their loss our deepest sympathy, and we express sympathy, too, with the loss sustained by the Progressive Conservative party.

Most of us knew Mr. Michaud well. He sat about opposite where I now stand, and was at all times one of the bright spirits in the house. Often he livened speeches with appropriate interjections. We shall miss him sorely, because he gained the friendship and respect of all of us, irrespective of where we sat in the chamber. It is sad indeed that a young man should pass under these circumstances. We knew that during the last session he was ill, and that upon his return after an illness he looked far from well. It is tragic indeed that a young man with a promising career before him should pass at a time when he could have rendered great service to his constituents and his country. To the widow and young family he has left behind we extend our deepest sympathy in their loss.

May I express to the government and the members of the Liberal party our regret at the loss of another of their colleagues. I believe the Prime Minister was justified this afternoon in referring to the passing of Senator Ian Mackenzie, who for so long was a member of the House of Commons. However, it has been customary on such occasions to refer only to members of the house, and at this time I propose only to express on behalf of my colleagues and myself our sympathy with his widow in her loss.

I trust there will not be many such occasions during the term of this parliament, which has assembled today for the first time.

**Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to associate myself with the tributes which have been paid this afternoon to the three hon. members who, through decease, have been lost to the public service of Canada.

### *Tributes to Deceased Members*

I did not know Mr. McMillin, but from what has been said I am sure the Progressive Conservative party and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) will miss him sorely. Our sympathies go out to them and to the family of the deceased.

Let me say, concerning my late friend who represented Restigouche-Madawaska, that this good man had my greatest respect and highest regard.

I sat opposite him for four years and learned to appreciate his many fine qualities. It was because of his high sense of public duty, so characteristic of him, that he attended the spring session of parliament and gave of his best. That is a matter for admiration, no matter on which side of the house a man so actuated may sit.

My sympathies go out to the Prime Minister and the Liberal party on the loss of this promising young man. To the family of Mr. Michaud go our deepest sympathies, and the hope that God will soon heal the wounds they have suffered. His memory will always be held in high regard.

Just a word about the late Senator Mackenzie. I think it proper that the Prime Minister should mention his passing, and that we should pay a tribute to one who was a member of this house for so long and whose colourful career has not passed unnoticed by any Canadian who is informed. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and to all who are grieved by this passing.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Fournier (Hull), Claxton, Casselman, Johnston and Weir.

Motion agreed to.

### INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister)** presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Honourable Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, the Honourable D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, the Honourable J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable F. G. Bradley, Secretary of State, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intitled: An Act respecting the House of Commons.