

sad. After fifteen years of earnest service in this House he had been called to the honourable position of Lieutenant-Governor of his adopted province, and had hardly more than assumed the high functions given him than he was suddenly stricken down. His memory will long linger with us for his goodness of heart, and the aid he afforded us by his judgment on all matters brought before the House. I can only express my sense of the great loss which this House has sustained through the death of its late leader.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I most cordially agree with all that has fallen from the lips of the leader of this Chamber in reference to the late Sir John Abbott. It was my privilege to know him intimately, personally, more than thirty years ago, and I can therefore vouch, from my own knowledge and experience, that the Minister, in expressing himself as he has done, in reference to the qualifications of the late Sir John Abbott, has not, in any sense, exaggerated. He was above all a warm personal friend. Though we had been politically separated for many years, it in no way disturbed the social relations existing between us. I think that is the best test of the character of any man—that he is true to the natural instincts of a gentleman. Sir John Abbott would, no doubt, have occupied at a much earlier period in life, an important position in this country, had he so chosen. I was with him at the time when he was offered the position of Solicitor General for the province of Quebec. We sat in Parliament together at that time and were in each other's confidence. Had Sir John Abbott chosen to follow more closely than he did a parliamentary career, I have no hesitation in saying that at a much earlier period, he would have occupied the high position which two years ago he was called upon to fill in this country. I did not know the late Senator Montgomery before he became a member of this Chamber, but I have reason to appreciate all that has been said by the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce in reference to his excellent qualities. Always kind-hearted, always open, candid and frank, he gave his judgment on the committees of this House fairly, and with every desire to do what he thought was right and proper. While a close adherent to his own party in all political matters, he was nevertheless courteous and considerate

towards those who differed from him politically. I may say the same of the late Mr. Boyd. He was a man possessed of high qualities, an able speaker, a most interesting lecturer—one who was socially, I believe, in his own province, highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities. It was a very great source of regret to us all to hear that he had been cut off so suddenly and so soon after the honour of the Lieutenant Governorship had been conferred upon him. I am quite sure had he continued to fill that position for the allotted term, no man would have been more personally popular in the position to which he was called, than would have been the late Hon. Mr. Boyd.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN—Having been for many years on terms of intimate friendship with the late Sir John Abbott, I may be allowed, perhaps, to say a few words on this occasion. I wish to add to the very feeling and appropriate remarks to which we have just listened from the leader of the House, this further remark, that in the late Sir John Abbott we had the example of one who sacrificed his own ease and comfort, and even health itself, to what he considered to be a matter of public duty. I know well that so far as any personal considerations were concerned, no one could have been less desirous of assuming the high position to which he was called, than was Sir John Abbott, and that it was entirely from a sense of public duty, that he consented to make the sacrifice, and assumed the duties and responsibilities which led undoubtedly to the failing health which was so soon to terminate his career. For these reasons the name of Sir John Abbott ought always to be held in honour, and especially in the House of which he was so long the leader. The Senate has indeed been very fortunate in the men who have led its deliberations for many years past. In Sir John Abbott, like his predecessor, Sir Alexander Campbell, we had a leader not only of great ability, but whose tact and courtesy conducted not a little to the satisfactory conduct of the business of the House and to the preservation of good feeling among all the members, and we have reason to congratulate ourselves that these traditions are being perpetuated under the present leadership of the House. On this occasion I think it is only fitting that we should renew the expression of our strong