

Sir Frank Smith was well known throughout all Canada, and especially throughout the province of Ontario. There is no business man who stood higher in public esteem than Sir Frank Smith. Everybody had the greatest respect for him, recognized his business ability, and, above all, recognized his very great integrity. No one that I have met ever spoke in other terms than that Sir Frank Smith was a man of the very highest character. I regret very much his ceasing to be a member of this House. I remember when he came here for the purpose of supporting a measure which the government had brought forward, and in which his friends Messrs. MacKenzie & Mann were interested. He was very ill at that time, and I believe from that illness he never recovered. He has lived on for a long period of time. There is but one opinion in all the province of Ontario, which he represented as a senator, and that is, that he was not only a man of very great business ability, but, as a citizen, he was a man of the very highest integrity. Senator McKindsey, I did not know as well. Mr. McKindsey seemed to me to be a very estimable man. My hon. friend speaks about his political bias, and his devotion to the principles of his party. Well, that remark applies to all of us. In fact, if we were to say a man was the less to be regarded because of his devotion to his party convictions, I suppose we would all be lowered in the scale of this House, but I have never heard any other than a most favourable opinion of Mr. McKindsey. Mr. MacInnes was a man who stood high in business circles for many years. In the latter part of his life, after he became a senator, I believe he had, to a large extent, abandoned his business pursuits, but I met him always in a most cordial friendship, and I had formed of him a very high opinion. I knew that he was not of my political faith, but that is no reason why I should esteem him any the less as a man, and I am sure as a gentleman we shall all sincerely regret that he is no longer with us.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It was my good fortune to know the late Sir Frank Smith for very many years. I think some thirty years ago, when a vacancy occurred in the Senate, it so happened I had an opportunity

of expressing an opinion as to the gentleman who should be selected to fill the position, and I had then very great pleasure in communicating with the then head of the government, although at the time I had no claim upon him, asking that Frank Smith be appointed to fill the vacancy. I have had no reason to regret it. Although Sir Frank Smith and I did not run in political lines at all times, still he was a man for whom I had a great admiration. He was a very warm personal friend. To those to whom he was attached he was warmly attached. He was a man of greater breadth of mind than most people knew. At a very important time in the history of this country, at a time when the great enterprise in which the government were so deeply interested might be wrecked, with great force of character, courage and knowledge of the future Sir Frank Smith grasped the situation. The views that he endeavoured to press on his colleagues were at first very reluctantly received. Finally they admitted that his judgment was sound, and subsequent events proved the correctness of that opinion. My hon. friend opposite will recollect the circumstances to which I refer.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Quite correct.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—As has been already observed, his financial ability was far above the average. His success was, of course, the best evidence of that. His financial skill was such that he was sought after by every financial institution with which he was connected to take a place on the board, as hon. gentleman very well know, and, therefore, without any hesitation, one can say his death is really a loss to Canada and to the Senate. The late senator from Hamilton I did not know until he became a member of this House. He was a charming man, with the qualities and disposition that one is forced to like—genial, kind, considerate, never aggressive in any sense, always polite if you differed from him, a man who won his way in the opinions of members of the Senate. Mr. MacInnes was really all that has been represented, a man who was highly thought of by all those with whom he came in contact. Our friend, whose death has been reported to-day from Halton, I did not know as well. The inter-