

*Tributes to Deceased Members*

istic or typical Canadian people, Mr. Jacobs will be always remembered as an outstanding example of Canadian citizenship. If I may, Mr. Speaker, I should like to express my own sense of personal loss in his passing, and to join with all other hon. members of the house in conveying to the members of his family our sympathy in the bereavement that has come to them.

Mr. PETER BERCOVITCH (Cartier): Mr. Speaker, I feel that I would be recreant to the mandate which was given me unanimously and so graciously by the electors of Cartier division did I not say a word or two on this occasion with regard to my late lamented and well beloved predecessor.

I knew Mr. Jacobs for the greater part of my life; I knew him as a humanitarian, as an able lawyer and as a fine parliamentarian. As a humanitarian, Mr. Jacobs had a passion for social service. He was always anxious to help the under dog; he was always keen to assist the underprivileged, and he always tried to seek out someone whom he could help and to whom he could do some good. I know quite a number of young men in Montreal who owe their education and professional training to the generosity of my late predecessor. I know many families in Montreal who were helped, very unostentatiously, by Mr. Jacobs to get on their feet and earn a livelihood. Mr. Jacobs was a kind-hearted man, as has been said. He was a good man, and nothing pleased him better than to be of service to his fellow-men.

As a lawyer it was my privilege to appear in quite a number of cases opposed to Mr. Jacobs, and I can say that no member of the bar of Montreal was more jealous of the fine traditions of the bar than he. Samuel Jacobs was a fighter who would never take an unfair advantage of an opponent. He had a great respect for authority. He had great respect for the judges who presided over the courts in which he appeared. He always tried to be helpful, and made the task of the judges as easy as possible by the able way in which he prepared his cases, both as to facts and as to law.

It was outside of this house that I knew Mr. Jacobs best in his capacity as a parliamentarian. I know he built up a great reputation in this chamber, and the splendid tributes that have been paid to him to-day by the leaders of the various groups go to show how much he was thought of on all sides represented in parliament. Mr. Jacobs was perhaps the most beloved man in the Cartier division. He was literally worshipped by his electors, and any candidate who contested that seat soon found that he had met

[Mr. Euler.]

a formidable opponent. I doubt very much whether any opponent of Mr. Jacobs ever succeeded in saving his deposit. He was so well thought of by his electors that when they heard of his death I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, there was not one who did not grieve and mourn his loss.

May I thank the right hon. leader of this house (Mr. Mackenzie King) and the leader of the opposition (Mr. Manion), as well as the other hon. gentlemen who have spoken, for the kindly references they made to my race. May I thank them also for the splendid tributes they have just paid to a loyal Canadian, a devout follower of the religion of his forefathers, a man who was one of nature's gentlemen.

### BREN MACHINE GUN CONTRACT

TABLING OF REPORT OF COMMISSIONER  
MR. JUSTICE DAVIS

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I desire to lay on the table copies of the report of Hon. Mr. Justice Henry Hague Davis, a commissioner appointed by order in council P.C. 2251, dated September 7, 1938, to inquire into the Bren machine gun contract dated March 31, 1938, between His Majesty the King, represented by the Hon. the Minister of National Defence of Canada, and John Inglis Company Limited.

I anticipated, Mr. Speaker, that there would be a desire to have this report in printed form as soon as the house met. Therefore immediately upon its receipt I arranged with the clerk to have his requisition made upon the king's printer for the printing of the report. I also arranged for its translation, so that I am now able to lay it upon the table in printed form in both English and French, and to announce that it is available for immediate distribution.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the house adjourned at 4 p.m.

### Monday, January 16, 1939

The house met at three o'clock.

#### INTERPRETATION ACT

AMENDMENT TO MAKE ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING  
OF STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER A STATUTORY  
HOLIDAY

Mr. WILFRID GARIEPY (Three Rivers) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Interpretation Act.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.