

Opposition (Mr. Bracken). Mr. Cardin was of course here when I came, and so I got to know him; and I respected him. He was a kindly gentleman, courteous always, who took an interest in the younger members of the house no matter where they sat, and on occasion I benefited from his advice and am very grateful for it. Mr. Cardin was an outstanding member of this house. One sat here and marvelled at his oratory in both languages—excellent English, as one who is English-speaking can but admire, and equally delightful French even if one could not follow all that he said in that beautiful tongue.

It is therefore not only a duty but a melancholy privilege to join in expressions of sympathy to Mr. Cardin's suffering relatives. He led a full life and in the fulness of time he has departed from us.

Of Mr. Macdonald one speaks also with the deepest respect. Mr. Macdonald was a gentleman in every particular. The last time I saw him was in September in the city of Halifax, when he did me some personal kindnesses. At the United Nations Assembly our delegation heard with sorrow of the passing of these two distinguished members of this assembly, and today once again at the beginning of a session we join with the government in mourning the loss of faithful supporters of the Prime Minister's party and join with the House of Commons in regretting the loss of two distinguished and respected members of this chamber.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, the members of the Social Credit movement desire to associate themselves with the fine and fully deserved words which have been uttered this afternoon by the leaders of the respective parties in recognition of the goodness and the service to the country of two good members of this house.

Inasmuch as Mr. Cardin was here when I came I naturally got to know him a little more than I did Mr. Macdonald, but concerning Mr. Macdonald I remember the human sympathy which in all respects he manifested for those who needed it. I noticed also the quiet efficiency of this man.

Mr. Cardin impressed me most unusually when I came to the house. In fact he was the first member of the legislature who deeply impressed his personality upon me. I was greatly affected by the sincerity which he always seemed to me to evince, the earnestness, the energy and the industry that characterized everything he said and did; and his eloquence already referred to. Another thing that greatly impressed me was

the patriotism with which his whole being seemed to glow. He was an outstanding advocate of understanding and unity between the two great races of this nation; and he recognized and understood, as I believe very few members of the house and exceedingly few members of his race recognized and understood, the greatness of the British Commonwealth and the importance of Canada's association therewith.

He was always effective as a member of the cabinet, and I found it a delight to listen to him as he dealt with various aspects of his estimates and whenever it was his turn to speak. I cannot help recalling in this connection certain words of Browning, which, I think, are appropriate:

One who never turned his back but marched breast forward,

Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
 wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
 Sleep to wake.

Members of my group desire to convey to the bereaved ones of these two gentlemen our deepest sympathy. We also desire to pay final tribute and farewell to these two good men who have left our midst.

Mr. GORDON B. ISNOR (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, as you know there are only two dual constituencies in Canada. One of these is in Halifax, which I had the honour to share with my late colleague, W. C. Macdonald, and because of this close connection I felt that hon. members of this house, as well as our friends in Halifax and throughout Nova Scotia, would expect me to pay a tribute to my late co-worker. The right hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) and others have referred in eloquent language to Mr. Macdonald and the contribution he made to the public life of our nation. I wish only to refer to his loyalty as a colleague.

I had been associated with Mr. Macdonald in a political sense from about 1924, nearly a quarter of a century. He worked and helped to elect me to the Nova Scotia legislature in 1928 and in every election thereafter. We became colleagues in 1940 and jointly contested and won our seats in parliament in the general elections of 1940 and 1945, and, Mr. Speaker, one could not ask for a more loyal colleague, a finer type with whom to cooperate, or a truer friend, than Bill Macdonald. From the day on which we were elected until the time of his passing to the great beyond, not once did we have the slightest sign of a disagreement on any matter pertaining to our work and the problems of our constituency. He was a man with a wonderful understanding and a