

F. Tolmie, Victoria, B.C., who died on October 13, 1937; Mr. Joseph A. Verville, Lotbiniere, who died on November 20, 1937; the Right Hon. Sir George Perley, who represented Argenteuil, and whose death occurred on January 4 of this year; Mr. William M. Ryan, St. John-Albert, who died on the same day; and Doctor William S. Hall, Edmonton East, who died the day before yesterday.

Of this number, Messrs. Cameron, Verville and Ryan were supporters of the government. All three were members of the legal profession. Mr. Verville entered this house in 1925 and was here in all subsequent sessions. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Ryan came into the house only at the beginning of the present parliament. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Verville were each in their fifty-first year, Mr. Cameron was in his sixty-eighth.

Mr. Verville was born at Ste. Gertrude, Quebec, in 1887. He received his education at Nicolet college and at Laval university; from which he graduated as a notary. At one time he was mayor of St. Flavien, where he was residing at the time of his death. Although not a farmer himself, Mr. Verville represented a rural constituency. He took a keen interest in agricultural problems as well as in other matters of concern to his constituency and the province. He was a man of a retiring disposition. He did not take much part in the debates of this house, but he held strong convictions, and did not hesitate to express his views when he felt it was in the interests of his constituency that he should do so. His career has been ended prematurely, but he has left a record of service to his constituency which will be remembered not only by those whom he immediately served but by the people of his province generally.

Mr. Ryan was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, and was educated at St. Joseph's University and at King College Law School. He was created a King's Counsel in 1934. Before practising his profession as a barrister, Mr. Ryan had had considerable experience in journalism, both in his own province at Saint John, and at Regina. The experience gained in law and in journalism stood him in good stead when he came to this parliament. He had previously, on two occasions, unsuccessfully contested Saint John, but at the last election was returned by a large majority. Hon. members will recall that while here for only two sessions, Mr. Ryan took an active part in the discussions in this house, and also served faithfully on a number of committees. He gave evidence of outstanding ability. I feel that his death, occurring at the age of fifty years, closed a promising political career.

Mr. Cameron was born at Sydney River, Nova Scotia, in 1870 and received his training at Dalhousie university. If I am not mistaken he was at Dalhousie in the same years as my right hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bennett). Mr. Cameron before entering this parliament had already had a fairly long and active career in politics. He had taken quite an exceptional part in the affairs of his native province. He also had had an exceptionally fine career as a member of the legal profession. It was to be expected therefore that, even in the short time he was here, he would render real service to this parliament.

Mr. Cameron's public life may be said to have commenced with his interest in municipal affairs. In 1900 he was elected a member of the Cape Breton Council. He subsequently in 1916 and the years immediately following represented Cape Breton county in the provincial legislature. In 1922 he was made a member of the legislative council, and became the leader of his party in that house. When the legislative council was abolished Mr. Cameron sought re-election to the legislature and was returned by acclamation at a by-election as the member for Victoria. While a member of the legislative council Mr. Cameron had also been a minister without portfolio in the government of the late Hon. George Murray. After his return to the legislature as member for Victoria he became provincial secretary in the government of the Hon. Ernest Armstrong, which position he held until 1925. He was returned again to the legislature in 1928. As already mentioned, he was elected to this house at the last general election.

I am sure hon. members recall the effective manner in which Mr. Cameron discussed public questions. In his contributions to the debates the evidence he gave of wide reading, knowledge and experience and his calm judgment, avoidance of extremes of language in asserting his position, all helped to make his words bring conviction, and to leave a real impression upon the house. His death is a distinct loss to this parliament.

Mr. Cameron, Mr. Verville and Mr. Ryan were all outstanding Liberals. They were strong and firm in their convictions, faithful to their party and its principles, and very loyal to my colleagues and myself. They had friends in all parts of the house, but their loss will be felt particularly by those on this side, and by none more than my colleagues and myself, to whose administration they gave such loyal and whole-hearted support.

As I said a moment ago, it is not, however, from this side of the house alone that familiar