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## Death of Hon. James Sutherland.

**T**HE announcement of the death of "Jim" Sutherland, minister of public works for Canada, fell on the House of Commons as a crushing blow. He was one of the most familiar figures, having first entered the House in 1880 for South Oxford. His kindness to everyone won the hearts of the people, and among his immediate associates he was held in affectionate regard.

When the House opened on Wednesday a page handed the Prime Minister a telegram. Two or three minutes later the Orders of the Day were called. Then Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose to his feet, but was totally unable to speak. He stood, his hand convulsively grasping the side of his desk, laboring under the deepest emotion amid the profound silence and heartfelt sympathy of the whole House. Mr. Sutherland had done as much, probably more, to make Wilfrid Laurier prime minister than any other man in Canada, apart from Laurier himself. He had managed campaign after campaign for the leader who had now to announce his death. The duty

imposed upon the leader of the House was a cruel one, but Sir Wilfrid managed to master his emotion so as to make the announcement, and to move that when the House adjourned the following day (Thursday), it should stand adjourned until Monday as a mark of respect and to allow members to attend the funeral.

Mr. L. Borden, the leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and said that the Premier's emotion was the highest tribute that could be paid to Mr. Sutherland's memory. On his own behalf Mr. Borden paid an appropriate tribute to the dead minister's memory.

Hon. James Sutherland was a native of Wentworth county, Ont., where he was born 56 years ago. He was educated at the grammar school in Woodstock, Ont., and became a merchant of that prosperous and pretty town. His funeral there was almost a public one, scores of members of parliament and prominent public men attending. There has been a very general expression of regret over Mr. Sutherland's untimely demise.

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