

*Tributes to Deceased Members*

medallist in classics. Strange as it may appear in a chamber such as this, he retained in his later days a lively affection for the classics. He was a distinguished member of the bar, being a gold medallist when he was called, and a considerable authority on all matters pertaining to commercial transactions.

In his very early days he attracted the attention of leading business men in the city of Toronto, and from that time onward his career was one of increasing success. He was a man of exceedingly sound judgment; I think perhaps he had as sound judgment on matters concerning business affairs as any man with whom I have had contact. He had a wide outlook; he had travelled; and he had strong convictions. He believed in party government, and in his early youth he made sacrifices for his party that perhaps very few people know and probably would not understand if they did. He was devoted to the party of which he was a member, and in failing health continued to pursue his ministerial duties when under normal circumstances he should have retired. He realized the difficulties of administration of the department over which he presided, and, notwithstanding the fact that it was sometimes thought the administration of his department lacked sympathy with the public, there was no business man who had a keener appreciation of the difficulties other business men had to meet in connection with that same administration. In council his judgment was invaluable. His wide knowledge and his great capacity enabled him to assist very greatly in arriving at conclusions having to do with business transactions.

We on this side of the house mourn not only a beloved and distinguished colleague, but one who for a long period of years had been closely identified with the fortunes of the party which I have the honour to lead. If ever any man served the state without regard to his own personal health or comfort or happiness, that man was Edmond Baird Ryckman. He passed away, as hon. members know, a few short weeks after he had surrendered his portfolio. We parted with him with regret; we mourn his passing beyond words of mine to express. I am sure hon. members, whatever may be their political associations, who were privileged to know him and who were familiar with his wide knowledge of literature and of everything which in conversation and in social contacts endears

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one man to another, will join with me in asking you, Mr. Speaker, to extend to his family and to the family of the hon. member who sat opposite, our deepest sympathy in their great sorrow.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I desire to express to the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) my thanks, and those of the official opposition, for the sympathy he has extended to us in the loss of our late colleague, Mr. T. M. Cayley, the former member for South Oxford, and for the tribute he has paid Mr. Cayley's memory.

I desire to express to him, and to members of the Conservative party, more particularly to the members of the government, the sympathy of the official opposition, and the expression of my personal sympathy, in the loss they have sustained in the death of Mr. Ryckman, who, until quite recently, was a member of the present administration, and who was also a member of a previous Conservative administration.

The late member for South Oxford and the late member for Toronto East were both in ill health during the last session, and while we naturally hoped that their health in some measure might be restored, it cannot be said that in the case of either the end was wholly unexpected when it came.

Mr. Cayley was considerably the younger of the two, being only in his fifty-fifth year at the time of his death. He had, too, been in public life and a member of the House of Commons for a much shorter time, having entered in 1926 as the member for South Oxford, for which constituency he was again returned in 1930. His public career, though brief, was full of promise.

He was a native son of Oxford county, and his election as member for South Oxford was due in the main to recognition on the part of the electorate of the extent to which his life had been bound up in furthering the interests of the district, which was the home of himself and his parents. In all community movements, whether these related to politics, religion, or education; to furthering the interests of agriculture, or business, or the needs and activities of ex-service men, or fraternal organizations, he was foremost, over the greater part of his life.

Though a member of the House of Commons during two parliaments only, Mr. Cayley, as the Prime Minister has just said, made for himself a real place in its deliberations. He was a clear thinker and a good