

HOUSE HONORS MEMORY OF COL. MATHESON

Prime Minister's Eulogy Over Late Provincial Treasurer

LIBERALS ASK QUESTIONS

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Out of respect to the memory of the late Col. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, the Legislature adjourned after a sitting of only thirty-five minutes yesterday. So early in the session, the order paper was devoid of items. The desk occupied by the deceased Minister was garlanded with a spray of orchids and cala lilies. After the routine proceedings were concluded, Sir James Whitney rose in his place and said: "Mr. Speaker, out of respect to the memory of the late Arthur J. Matheson, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn."

As a tribute of respect, continued the Prime Minister, the House was asked to take this action. For eighteen years Colonel Matheson had represented the south riding of the county of Lanark, and since 1905 had been Treasurer of the Province. His father had been a man of some note, having been, successively, a member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada and a member of the Senate of the Dominion.

So close had been his association with his deceased colleague that Sir James could not trust himself to say much. Col. Matheson was a man of definite and clear-cut ideas, ready to stand by them always and determined to live by them. "The lives of such men in a community where free institutions prevail can hardly be overestimated," declared Sir James, "and they are the salt of the earth."

Col. Matheson was his advisor, his colleague and his friend, ready under all circumstances to assist in carrying out their common objects. "I have long felt my great indebtedness to him in many ways," continued Sir James. "To-day, sir, his loss to me is a great loss; so great that I cannot measure it in words."

Members Eulogize.

In the absence of Mr. Rowell the duty devolved upon Mr. S. Clarke (West Northumberland) of speaking for the Opposition. Regretting Mr. Rowell's absence through illness, Mr. Clarke said that the late Provincial Treasurer was respected by every man, not only on the right, but on the left, of the Speaker. He had sat with Col. Matheson in the House for fourteen years, and was one of the few that could go back that far. "In Opposition he was a gentleman," said Mr. Clarke, "and if Sir James Whitney had searched Ontario from one end to the other he could not have found a man more fitted or a man more just than Col. Matheson. His was a beautiful record."

Before concluding, Mr. Clarke referred to the death of the late Robt. Sutherland, member for East Middlesex. Those who had been associated with him in the House for the short time that he had been a member knew of his sterling character and great worth. He, too, would be missed by his colleagues.

Mr. J. W. Johnson (West Hastings) spoke of his personal relations with Col. Matheson. Mr. G. Howard Ferguson (Grenville) said that the life of Col. Matheson was guided by lofty ideals. He had a high sense of honor and the dignity that attached to any public office. His life contributed a great deal that must