

noon at his post. I have known Mr. Brown for over 20 years. Both of us entered the House together in 1923 — he was on one side and I was on the other — and were elected again in 1924 and 1928, and, as our association lengthened, my respect and admiration for Mr. Brown increased. This afternoon as he lies stricken and unconscious in the General Hospital, I feel that the delegates in this Convention, should join as one in extending to his wife and family our sincere sympathy and adjourn.

Mr. Bradley It is scarce 24 hours since that tragic scene occurred on the floors of this assembly. I too have been associated with Mr. Brown for about the same period as Major Cashin. In fact we are all three, sir, much of the same political vintage as regards years. In addition, Mr. Brown is a representative of the district which adjoins my own, and I feel that so near to that tragic scene, and with the picture in one's mind of Mr. Brown lying unconscious, that it would unquestionably be proper to adjourn until Monday. I second that motion.

Mr. Starkes I support the mover and seconder of this important motion, who have been associated with Mr. Brown for so many years in public life. I feel sure that not only this House, but the whole country regrets the accident that happened yesterday, and I approve heartily of the motion made by Major Cashin.

Mr. Penney Although a stranger to Mr. Brown until I came to this House, after the happening of yesterday, I feel I should support the motion before the Chair. Some of the last few words that Mr. Brown spoke in this House yesterday afternoon, he turned and spoke them to me, a stranger. I would be remiss in my duty if I did not express my hope that Mr. Brown will yet come out of this serious illness and resume his work with this Convention. In the meantime I send my sincere good wishes for his recovery and for the comfort of his wife and children as they sit by his bedside.

Mr. MacDonald I heartily endorse the motion that this Convention should adjourn until Monday in respect to our colleague Mr. Brown. I have known Mr. Brown quite a number of years, even before he entered political life — knew him when he was a labour leader. I have always found him a man true to his convictions, fair and square to deal with at all times, and although we have differed on some occasions, yet Mr. Brown is a

very dear friend of mine, and I have much pleasure in supporting the motion.

Mr. Harrington I feel I should rise to express the feelings of the younger members of the assembly. I have not been associated with Mr. Brown as long as some of the older members who have spoken here; but I have known him for a few years, and have always found him a very forthright gentleman. Whatever his convictions he was never afraid to speak his mind, and he was in the act of doing that yesterday when he was stricken, as Major Cashin said, at his post. I would like to join in sending the sympathetic condolences of this House to his family.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, I had not had many conversations with Mr. Brown, although my acquaintance with him runs back to the fall of 1923, but on the night before last, in the lobby of the Hotel, we had quite a pleasant chat, which I was personally very happy to have. Yesterday he collapsed in speaking to the motion that I moved. I know that he opposed the motion with complete sincerity. I know his feeling was that it was his duty to speak his mind honestly, manfully, and he was doing that on that occasion. I confess I hardly know whether I would prefer he had been supporting or opposing the motion. I know we can all agree that the loss of his presence, even temporarily, will be a severe one. Men like Mr. Brown, of manly independence, unafraid to express their honest convictions, are needed now as they will be in the future. I hope, sir, that Mr. Brown will be back again to play his part in this Convention and in the public life of this country.

Mr. Vincent As delegate from Bonavista North, closely associated with Mr. Brown, and having known him for a period of years, I wish to concur with the previous speakers. Upon entering the public life of this country for the first time as a delegate to the National Convention his was the first message of congratulation that I received. I extend my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Brown and the family, and to the good folk of King's Cove and Bonavista South in general.

Mr. Reddy I heartily agree with the previous speakers. I regret the tragic accident which happened to Mr. Brown, and I hope that his recovery will be a matter of a short time and he will be back to his post. I tender to his family my sincere regrets.