

The *Globe and Mail* thinks that the Prime Minister could have given a token of his intention to reform the Senate. To quote the words of the editorial, he should have "allocated some of the vacant Senate seats to people who had a real contribution to make", or, to quote that paper again, have named to the Senate "men and women of nationally-recognized ability". As honourable senators are aware, representation in the Senate is divided into five districts. If the appointees are well known and respected in their own senatorial district it is of little consequence, it seems to me, whether they are known or not known all across Canada. How many men and women are nationally known? The names of cabinet ministers and a few other prominent men and women are known through the press, because their names are constantly in the newspapers, but few are personally known across Canada.

Let us look for a minute or so at the profession or business with which I am best acquainted,—the newspaper business. How many editors in this country are known across the dominion, or their abilities nationally recognized? We have in Canada some very able editors, and in this category I include the editor of the *Globe and Mail*. But few of them are known from coast to coast. I have been in the newspaper business for a long time, and have known most of the outstanding editors. I believe I can count on the fingers of one hand those who, in the past fifty or sixty years, have attained general recognition outside their own profession. Even today, how many people in British Columbia could name the editor of the *Halifax Chronicle* or of the *Saint John Telegraph-Journal*; or on the other hand, how many people in the Maritime provinces could today name the editor of the *Vancouver Province* or the *Victoria Times*? Canada is a very large country, and when in discussing appointments to the Senate newspapers talk about people who are nationally known they are confining the choice, quite unnecessarily, to a very narrow field.

In the news columns of the *Globe and Mail* on the same day as the editorial I have quoted appeared, six of the new senators were listed. No one of them is a superman, but they are all men of high standing in their own communities. One of them is certainly nationally known. That one is Senator Sullivan of Toronto. Senator Sullivan was famed across Canada, when he was a young man, as one of Canada's great hockey players. He was goalie for the Toronto Varsity Grads when, in 1928, they won the Olympic championship. If you want to hear what a great hockey player Senator Sullivan was you should talk to Mike Rodden, the sporting editor of the *Kingston Whig-Standard*. He

classes him in what are known to sporting editors as among the "all-time greats". But leaving aside Senator Sullivan's prowess as a hockey player, he is known today from coast to coast as a skilful and successful ear specialist and surgeon. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto; he is chief consultant, in some strange disease of the ear which I cannot pronounce, to the armed forces of Canada, the Defence Research Board, and the civil aviation division of the Department of Transport.

I have singled out Senator Sullivan because I feel he is the complete answer to the complaint that men of nationally-recognized ability were not appointed to the Senate.

I know that this is not the time or the place for me to be facetious. I have no doubt that the disease of the ear—which I did not attempt to pronounce—is a serious one. It is comforting to know that such a noted specialist as Senator Sullivan is giving it his close attention. I have wondered, however, what name the senator would give to that strange disease of the ear which sometimes seems to afflict men of mature years and experience, who know quite well there would be nothing wrong at all with their hearing if people would just stop whispering and speak up, but who are subjected by members of their families to nasty cracks about the wonderful advantages of modern hearing aids.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Oh, oh.

**Hon. Mr. Davies:** In singling out Senator Sullivan, I do not for a minute mean to depreciate in any way the other new senators, who are all men of ability and importance. We have already heard from two of them: the honourable senator from Hastings-Frontenac (Hon. Mr. White) and the honourable senator from Shawinigan (Hon. Mr. Méthot). We have heard them speak in this honourable house, and we know they are going to be valuable additions to our numbers. The honourable senator from Hastings-Frontenac has served for more than a quarter of a century in the House of Commons and his experience there will, I am sure, be of great help to him in this house. The honourable senator from Shawinigan is president of the Commission for the Revision of the Statutes of the Province of Quebec. He is a member of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association, and he was bâtonnier of the Three Rivers Bar Association in 1945.

Then, too, we have another lawyer in the honourable senator from Mille Isles (Hon. Mr. Monette) who graduated from Laval University in law in 1911. He has had a long experience in law, and he was bâtonnier for the Montreal Bar Association in 1947.