

Some few weeks ago we were shocked to learn of the sudden death of our late colleague, Senator Gillmor. He was with us at the prorogation of the last session and from his appearance and the number of his years we thought he had many years of life before him. Senator Gillmor did not often speak in this Chamber, yet he was a man of great business experience, whose knowledge and judgment were most highly valued in the deliberations and business of the Senate. His was a disposition and temperament peculiarly attractive, and so appealed to all of us that we were glad of his presence and his friendship. His death was sudden and unexpected, and he leaves behind him a family who will greatly mourn his loss. We join with them in the bereavement they have suffered.

Thus we realize what shadows we are, how short our days, and how unsubstantial the things we pursue. We mourn the death of our three colleagues, and we extend our sympathies to their families who thus mourn the loss which they and we alike have suffered.

Hon. HEWITT BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen, I do not know that there is very much that I can add to what has been so well said by the honourable the leader of the Government in reference to our late colleagues. From his experience in another place before he came here, the late Senator Sproule proved himself to be a very valuable member of this House. When he came here he at once took his position, both in the House and in the committees, as a man who thoroughly grasped the work which came before us. He had had experience in the general business of the country in his own locality, and that experience was always of great value in connection with any questions that arose.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell we all knew and admired very much. His life is bound up with the history of this Dominion. In 1867 he was elected to the Parliament of Canada for the first time, and sat continuously as a member of the House of Commons until he was appointed to the Senate. He was always a strong fighter; he was always ready and willing for a scrap, and always enjoyed it; at the same time, he never made enemies of those whom he was opposing, because his fighting was always clean and above board. In his early life he was very active in the volunteer movement, and later in the militia movement. Probably that was one of the reasons why he developed this keenness for a fight. He held positions in the Government of the country for 25

years, and, notwithstanding the amount of work that he did, he was active and energetic to the very last. One incident that struck me as most extraordinary was that a man of his age could make up his mind to travel to the extreme western end of this Dominion, as he did when he was 92. He said that he had never seen that part of the country, and that it was the duty of a public man to know the country for which he was legislating. A journey of that kind for a man of his age was, I think, an extraordinary thing. We on this side of the House most sincerely regret that he has passed from us, and we sympathize most sincerely with his family.

Our friend Senator Gillmor was not very conspicuous in the work of the House, or on the committees, but he was always on hand to do his part. His was a most lovable nature, and all those who knew him were exceedingly fond of him. He was very strong in his ideas on all questions of trade, and was a prominent business man in the Maritime Provinces. We were shocked by his sudden death, as he departed at a comparatively early age for members of this House, certainly very early compared with the age that had been attained by Sir Mackenzie Bowell. We extend to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

Hon. PHILIPPE LANDRY (translation): Honourable gentlemen, the veterans of our political world are passing away. In thinking of the Senators whom death has struck down since the last Session, and who have forever disappeared from this enclosure, we the living of to-day—those of us at least who are privileged by age or long service to approach more nearly to the tombs which have just closed—are called upon, standing beside the open grave, and casting therein a handful of earth, to bid a last farewell to our forerunners, and to transmit to those who follow us the tender memory of the virtues which we admire in those whose loss we mourn.

In the public life of the men whose eulogies we have just heard there have been incidents which cannot be forgotten. Well-ing up in our hearts are sentiments of gratitude the knowledge of which it behooves us to carry forward to the generation which is gradually replacing that to which I belong.

It would be a strange failure on my part to recognize the full duty imposed upon me by the position which I occupy in this Chamber if, in the name of the province of