

in the chamber tonight and to pay tribute to his friend of many years' standing, the late Senator Buchanan. In his absence from the city, the senator from Ottawa has asked me, with your leave, to pay tribute on his behalf. It reads as follows:

In joining with all members of the Senate in paying tribute to the memory of our late colleague, Senator Buchanan, I should like to refer particularly to his outstanding place as an editor and newspaper man.

In recording these words I have at hand a souvenir of an historic group of editors and publishers who for several years were colleagues together in this chamber. In 1934 they met at dinner in Ottawa to celebrate the 75th birthday of the late Right Honourable George P. Graham. The names of the twelve different publications with which the attending guests at that dinner were individually associated were printed on the cover page of a specially prepared menu card. I think that it is fitting now to place these names on the pages of *Hansard*. They were: The Brockville *Recorder and Times*, owned by the Right Honourable Senator George P. Graham; *The Gazette* of Montreal, headed by the Honourable Senator Smeaton White; the *Nelson Daily News*, owned by the Honourable Senator R. F. Green; *Le Soleil*, associated with the Honourable Senator George Parent; the *Lethbridge Herald*, owned and edited by the Honourable Senator W. A. Buchanan; the *Sydney Post-Record*, owned and edited by the Honourable Senator J. S. McLennan of Sydney, Nova Scotia; *La Feuille d'Erable*, edited by the Honourable Senator Gustave Lacasse of Windsor, Ontario; *L'Avenir du Nord*, edited by the Honourable Senator J. E. Prevost of Quebec; the *Halifax Herald*, published by the Honourable Senator William H. Dennis; the *London Morning Advertiser*, edited by the Honourable Senator John Lewis; the *Sentinel*, edited by the Honourable Senator Horatio Hocken of Toronto, and the *British Columbian*, published by the Honourable Senator J. D. Taylor of New Westminster.

The passing of Senator Buchanan removed the last of this distinguished group from our midst. I may say that I am indebted to Mr. Reynolds, the custodian of the Senate Barber Shop, for placing this interesting souvenir in my hands. He was an old friend of Senator Buchanan, who gave this menu card to him as a keepsake with the words that never again in their lifetime would either of them likely see twelve members of the Senate identified actively at the same time with the press of Canada.

From this reference may be realized the sincere pride with which our late colleague regarded the profession of his choice. Indeed, a real appreciation of Senator Buchanan is inseparable from his identity as an editor and newspaperman. I knew him for over forty years, and he stands out clearly as a great example of responsibility for the written and printed word as reflected in the press of this country.

His own paper in Lethbridge became an institution of dependability throughout Southern Alberta. He always sought to supply his readers with accurate reports of the news of the day rather than to impose upon them his own editorial opinion. He could do that effectively when the occasion for it arose; but my memory of him identifies him as a man with an objective interest in daily events and in their collective importance over longer periods. The same characteristic applied to his utterances in this house. They were for the most part lucid and accurate reportorial statements about some subject which was of interest to him and the people he knew. He had no axe to grind other than that of service to his own community, and to Canada as a whole. In short, he had an abiding faith in the capacity of public opinion to judge affairs aright when enlightened by full information.

The soundness of his own judgment sprang from this ability to evaluate the opinions and views of others. Unbiased and uninfluenced by any personal ambition or desire for power, Senator Buchanan was a good friend and a wise counsellor. Personally, I shall always be in his debt for much good advice and wise counsel; and in company with so many others in this chamber I feel that the Parliament of Canada has lost one of its greatest members. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Buchanan and her two sons Donald and Hugh, who are left to carry on a great work.

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REPORT TABLED

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable Senators, I have the honour to present to the Senate the report of the Librarians of Parliament for the year 1954.

The report was tabled.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.