

difficulties and about all that women in particular owe her and have owed her long before women's lib.

Madame Casgrain's father and later her husband were members of Parliament for Charlevoix, a riding I consider one of the most beautiful in the country. She has been privileged ever since her childhood. As many others, she could have had a very easy life, a life of leisure, but I think that was against her nature. Being at the same time a capable and a warm-hearted woman, she preferred to devote her time to social and political causes, to women and charitable organizations, to the unfortunate and disinherited.

I will remember her as she guided her children and grandchildren through the Parliament Buildings the other day and stopped on the House of Commons side in front of the picture of her husband, the Honourable Pierre Casgrain, who was Speaker of the House of Commons and Secretary of State. I imagine she must have been most eloquent on that day.

We wish her the very best, and with those words, I bid her farewell.

[English]

**Hon. Keith Davey:** Honourable senators, I rise to participate because as far as my time here is concerned the tributes this morning have established something of a record in terms not only of their sincerity but most certainly of their number.

One thing has impressed me. In her career here Senator Casgrain has championed and continued to express points of view which I think are all too seldom heard in this place.

[Translation]

**Hon. Thérèse Casgrain:** Honourable senators, I should like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the good words that all of you had for me. When I was asked to become a senator, I knew that the time spent in this Upper House would be very short. I accepted because I told myself that this was a new and a more official way to serve my country and my province.

Number 9 has been for me both lucky and unlucky since, indeed, I have been sitting in the Senate for nine months; however, I was defeated nine times when attempting to get elected to the House of Commons.

But this is a productive way to finish my public life, here in the Senate. I thank you wholeheartedly and I want to assure you that I shall keep on working, even though I will no longer have the good fortune of being here with all of you.

[English]

I thank you all for the very kind words you have expressed to me. I am really very "emotioned". I do not know if that is correct English, but I am "emotioned" in French or in English anyway. I would like to say thank you for your very courteous manner of receiving me and having accepted my remarks, which were perhaps sometimes a little strong. I wish to assure you that you can always count on me to stand up and be counted. We are living in times that are not easy, especially down our way. I think it would be awful if I had to go home and

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knit, because I would be sure to drop too many stitches. Thank you again, honourable senators.

I want to tell you that my stay here has been wonderful. Recently I had the opportunity to have one of my daughters-in-law and my grandchildren visit me. She took a photograph of me standing next to the painting of my husband, who was at one time Speaker of the House of Commons and also a Cabinet Minister. I am really moved by all these facts, because they show that my family is strongly linked with the history and welfare of the Canadian people.

I want to thank you. Merci beaucoup. I am going away with a heavy heart but a big chip on my shoulder.

## POVERTY COMMITTEE

### ARTICLE BY FORMER STAFF MEMBERS—QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

**Hon. David A. Croll:** Honourable senators, I rise on a question of privilege affecting the Senate.

I have had an opportunity to compare in detail the texts of the draft report prepared for the exclusive use of the Special Senate Committee on Poverty as it stood at the time of the staff resignations, and the publication recently issued under the authorship of those who resigned.

I can now state categorically that much of the draft report as it stood at the time of the departures is reproduced verbatim in the publication. The draft report referred to is a document strictly confidential to the committee, but was freely used in the commercial production of the publication.

Those former staff members must have taken committee documents with them and used them for their own purposes without any leave or licence from the committee, in breach of faith, contract, and privileges essential to the proper functioning of Parliament.

In my view their actions are tantamount to thievery. The matter is being pursued.

## LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

### JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGES IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the names of Messrs. L'Heureux and Beaudoin have been substituted for those of Messrs. Mongrain and Dumont on the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Library of Parliament.

## DOCUMENTS TABLED

**Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald** tabled:

Report of Canadian Arsenals Limited, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to sections 85(3) and 87(3) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter 116, R.S.C., 1952.