

of many Canadian companies, and his outstanding commercial knowledge and talents were of great value to Canadian enterprises and institutions.

This House, I am sure, will desire to mark the profound sense of loss which Parliament and the Dominion of Canada have sustained through the death of these honourable gentlemen.

To the bereaved families of these two great Canadians we extend our profound sympathy. "To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die."

MR. A. E. BLOUNT

FORMER CLERK OF THE SENATE

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, we all share in the regrets expressed by members of this Chamber at the departure of our late colleagues, the Honourable Senators Brown and Casgrain. I have to take note of the departure of one who has been among us for over twenty years, but whom we hope to see again.

Mr. Austin Ernest Blount, as Clerk of the Senate, served this Chamber and all its members faithfully and well. Having been closely interested in the procedure and work of this Chamber, I have been able to judge of the value of the services which Mr. Blount rendered. Very often, if not every day, I had occasion to turn to him for information, and I never saw a more zealous and devoted official of Parliament. I am quite sure that what I state now can be repeated by all the members of this Chamber who have called upon him for information or advice.

I regret that Mr. Blount has left us. He has done so because of the regulations that govern our personnel. I only hope that occasionally he may still be near at hand. He has told me that if we should ever need his assistance, or if our new Clerk—whose qualifications I recognize, and whom I welcome here as a worthy successor—should ever need his advice, he will be glad to be of service. Under these circumstances I feel that this Chamber should continue what since 1867 has been the custom and tradition of this House when its Clerks have left it under conditions such as those governing the departure of Mr. Blount; and with my right honourable friend as seconder I would move:

That in view of the long and faithful services of Mr. Austin Ernest Blount, C.M.G., former Clerk of the Senate, he be continued an honorary officer of this House and be allowed the entree of the Senate and a seat at the Table on occasions of ceremony.

Hon. Mr. DUFF: Carried.

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Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: There will be occasions when it will be quite easy for the honourable senator from Lunenburg (Hon. Mr. Duff) to head me off, but the present one is too important for that.

When I first came to Ottawa, more than thirty years ago, Mr. A. E. Blount was private secretary to the then Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, R. L. Borden. He continued in that office, succeeding, in 1911, to the onerous position of private secretary to the Prime Minister, in which position he continued until he was appointed Clerk of this Chamber, about twenty-one years ago. I never knew a more efficient private secretary. I never knew a harder worker. Nor did I ever know a man who could locate information more quickly than Mr. Blount could. While he was Clerk of this House I had occasion to differ with him two or three times on matters of rules, and I found in each case that he was right. I do not think I could pay a higher compliment to any official than that.

I believe the honour now being tendered Mr. Blount in the body of this motion was conferred upon a Clerk of this House of former years, Mr. St. Onge Chapleau, a quite distinguished man, the story of whose life is indeed a thrilling one. I feel sure the conferring of the same honour upon Mr. Blount is well deserved and will be appreciated by him, and that there will be times when we shall be glad to have him here, or glad to consult him though he be not here.

I also join with the honourable leader of the Government in a word of welcome to the new Clerk of this House, Mr. Moyer. Him too, I have known for some considerable time. He has gone through that very agonizing machine, the secretaryship to a Prime Minister. He as well has legal knowledge and training, which will serve him in good stead here. I am sure the appointment is wholly satisfactory to all on this side of the House, and I feel confident Mr. Moyer will have a happy and useful life in his present post.

The motion was agreed to.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. DUNCAN McL. MARSHALL rose to move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His