

because the Senate does not lend itself to acrimonious political debate as does the other House. The Senate of Canada performs a very important work, and I am only sorry that more legislation has not been originated in this Chamber. I will go so far as to say that the committee work of this House is much more efficient and effective than that of the other House, the reason being, as our late leader would say if he were present with us to-night, that we are not thinking in a partisan way, but have in mind only one thing, namely, the improvement of the legislation before us.

I am sure there will be many other speakers to-night; so I shall close my remarks by simply joining with the acting leader of the Government in this Chamber in expressing the heartfelt sympathy and sorrow of all who sit on this side of the House.

In the death of Senator Rhodes another distinguished Nova Scotian has passed away. The province of Nova Scotia has given to Canada not only since Confederation, but before, many notable and illustrious men like Sir John Thompson, Hon. Joseph Howe and Hon. W. S. Fielding—to mention but a few. The name of Senator Rhodes is justly entitled to appear on that list.

I was in the House of Commons when Mr. Rhodes was appointed to the exalted post of Speaker, and I may say that he presided over that House with great dignity and efficiency. He was a master of the rules and his decisions were always fair. I cannot remember any of his rulings ever having been challenged by a single member of that House. On the contrary, I believe the acting leader of the Senate (Hon. Mr. King) was quite correct when he stated to-night that the late Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested to Sir Robert Borden the wisdom and advisability of appointing Mr. Rhodes as permanent Speaker of the House of Commons.

Senator Rhodes entered public life at the early age of 31. He could, of course, have followed the profession of law, but his interest in public affairs and his desire to do all that he possibly could, not only for his native province, but for Canada as a whole, induced him to enter public life. I need not recount his political achievements, but may I concur in what the acting leader has said as to the difficulties of the time when the late Senator Rhodes was appointed Minister of Finance in 1930. England at that time had gone off the gold standard and the currencies of all the European countries were rapidly falling. Not only did our own financial affairs have to be adjusted almost daily to meet new situations, but our tariffs also required attention. About that time the Bank of Canada was formed.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE.

I believe that those trying years in which Senator Rhodes performed the duties of Minister of Finance certainly impaired his health, and I will go even further and say that I think they shortened his life by at least ten years. In these modern times a man of 66 is not considered old.

I hope that the example set by Senator Rhodes in entering public life at so young an age will make an appeal to the young men of Canada, especially to the young lawyers. If ever there is a time when youth is required in Parliament, it is now. I trust that our young men will read about the life of Senator Rhodes, be inspired by it and try to do likewise. On behalf of those on this side of the House, I join with the acting leader in extending our most sincere sympathy to the son and daughter and other members of the family of Senator Rhodes in their great bereavement.

Right Hon. GEORGE GRAHAM: Honourable senators, I have sat here by the side of our late leader, Senator Dandurand, for a good many years and listened to remarks addressed to him by honourable members opposite. They always gave us something to think about. As I have looked across at honourable members on the other side of the House I have always known that they, like those who sat around me, were my friends. I hope that as long as I am a member of the Senate I shall be surrounded by friends, for nothing sustains a man's life stream like friendship. There is nothing better than to be associated with those who will say a good word for you, whether they are with you or against you.

My sitting with Senator Dandurand was always a tonic to me. Every time I met him he had something fine to say. Honourable senators behind me, as well as those facing me, believe that Dandurand was right in his soul. One day shortly after I joined him over here he called me to his office. That was nothing new to me, for I had been called into offices often over a good many years. He simply told me a thing or two. I said to him, "That sounds reasonable, but do you expect all of us to be reasonable?" He said, "No." Our close association lasted until the time of his death. I never knew a man easier to get along with than Senator Dandurand. You could live with him on a level keel all the time.

The acting leader (Hon. Mr. King) wants me to make a speech. I have given up making speeches, mostly because I do not like the job. Besides, other chaps always get up and make them ahead of me. In any event, there is no need for me to say much about Senator Dandurand's life work. It was almost bound-