

degree of anticipation, that I move the adjournment of this debate.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Sullivan, debate adjourned.

THE LATE SENATOR STANLEY S. McKEEN

TRIBUTES

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, since we last met, one of the most popular and most distinguished members of this chamber has died, in the person of Senator Stanley S. McKeen.

Senator McKeen was senator for his native Province of British Columbia. He was of Scottish ancestry, although he served in the First War, both in the Royal Flying Corps and in the Irish Fusiliers. He served also in the Second War, with the Vancouver Regiment; and his services were recognized by being awarded the distinction of becoming an Officer of the Most Honourable Order of the British Empire. When he died in 1966 he was 70 years of age; so, when he served in the Second War he was by no means a young man.

Stan McKeen's life has been a life of service to his country, to his province and to whatever community he happened to live in.

He was a member of the Legislature of British Columbia from 1933 to 1937. Those were difficult years in this country. They were the depression years, and he gave good service in that legislature during those times.

In 1947, some 19 years ago, he was appointed to the Senate. In 1953, as a representative of this chamber, he was a delegate to the United Nations Assembly. I think that all who knew him well will agree that he was devoted and dedicated to the work of Parliament, to the work of this chamber, and that, all in all, he was motivated by a high sense of patriotism.

But Stanley McKeen had another career over and above his career of public service, and that was in the business community, within the private sector of the economy of this country. That career was wide and diverse; it was in the field of shipping and shipbuilding primarily. He was also a director of many public and private enterprises, both business and educational, philanthropic and social.

He was an integral part of the social, political and economic development of an expanding British Columbia, and he helped mightily to shape it in its most dynamic days. If any

evidence is needed regarding the extent of the diversity of his interests and his activities, one need only look at the Canadian Parliamentary Guide. They are listed there, and it is a most impressive list.

Stanley McKeen was one of the most energetic and enthusiastic members the Senate ever had. He added distinction and experience to the work of this chamber. He perhaps was not on his feet as much, particularly in later years, as some of us, but he did a lot in the committees and he was a faithful attendant at their work.

I think most of us will remember him for his personal charm and his great heart and the kindness that overflowed from it. In spite of the busy kind of life he led—and Stanley McKeen was busy from the moment he arose in the morning until he went to bed at night—he always seemed to have time for personal kindnesses to individuals. His colleagues here will remember him with deep affection on that account.

In his later years, ill health and tragedy both struck at him. We all agree that in spite of this he showed an indomitable courage.

I had personal experiences of Senator McKeen's kindness on many occasions. He was in Florida last winter when I was recuperating from an illness, and one of the great problems on his mind at the time was that, because of ill health, he was unable to come back to Canada to pay tribute to his former roommate and deskmate who had died while he was away. I refer to the late Senator Bouffard.

Senator McKeen will long be remembered in this chamber. He will be deeply appreciated in the memory of all of us who knew him. I say without any hesitation that he merited being appointed to the Senate of Canada.

I think all of us who knew him were proud to call him a colleague.

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, as the Leader of the Government has just said, since we last met we have lost one of our outstanding senators. I have often thought how fine it would be if, after a recess or a short vacation, we could come back to this chamber and find all our old friends and colleagues still here. But this we know cannot be, and on this occasion we are mourning the loss of one who I know was dear to all senators in this chamber.

Senator McKeen, as was very eloquently represented to us, was widely and favourably