

McLennan was a very dear friend. He knew what friendship was, what it meant, and how to enjoy it. He was a scholar of distinction, and an author of no mean power, having written a very excellent book on the early history of the Maritime Provinces, with special reference to Port Royal. Everyone who knew him will regret his passing, and I wish to pay my particular respects to him.

I cannot say anything about General Macdonell which has not already been said. He came to Fredericton as a junior lieutenant at a time when there was a military school there commanded by Colonel Maunsel. It was then I met the late senator, and I have known him intimately ever since. I knew him at Valcartier in 1914, and in France and England in 1915 and 1916; and when, after the war, he came back and settled in New Brunswick I was intimate with him. I had a very high regard for General Macdonell. He was a most excellent officer and a gentleman in every sense of the word. In all my association with the General I never knew him to say an unkind thing about any person. Even about his enemies, if he could not say a good word he had the tact to say nothing.

I pay my tribute to all whose names have been mentioned, but I must pay particular tribute to these two very dear friends of mine.

HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER FELICITATIONS ON HIS APPOINTMENT

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Mr. Speaker, whether it is usual or not, I want to express on behalf of all, I feel sure, on this side of the House, and presumably of all on the other side, our satisfaction and pleasure on your elevation to the Speakership of the Senate of Canada.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The Speakership of this House, for some reason into which I have not inquired, but presumably a good reason, is at the disposal of the Government of the day and not of the members of the Senate. But had authority for the selection been reversed and vested in us, I doubt not that there could have been no more popular appointment than that of yourself.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: After my long association with Your Honour, extending over nearly my entire term in the other House and all my term in this House, I am sure you will conduct your duties with fairness, with capacity and with goodwill.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Your Honour, it gives me great pleasure indeed to hear my right honourable friend's commendation of an appointment to which I was a party. I felt that it was not for me to take the lead in felicitating Your Honour, inasmuch as your appointment emanated from the will of the Cabinet of which I am a member. I am happy indeed that my right honourable friend has spoken for us all in congratulating you on your elevation to the Chair.

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY

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

Hon. NORMAN McL. PATERSON rose to move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament.

He said: Your Honour, before I proceed with my remarks in support of this motion, may I, on behalf of the newly-appointed senators, humbly offer congratulations to you upon your appointment? We feel sure Your Honour will grace the Chair with dignity.

Honourable senators, may I be permitted to express to you and to the Government the appreciation of the district known as the "Head of the Lakes" and of myself for the honour it has received in being recognized by the appointment for the first time of a senator from there. I also appreciate the honour not only of being made a member of this Chamber, but of being chosen to move adoption of the gracious Speech from the Throne.

Much that I have had in my mind to say seems, in the light of present-day events, to be so inadequate that I will spare the time of this honourable body and mention only one or two things.

Being engaged in the grain business, I was aware of a serious situation that seemed to me to be a menace or a mounting calamity, namely, the existence of our tremendous supplies of grain. Now these look like a great blessing in disguise, which perhaps may be the deciding influence towards our eventual victory. Last year we had an abundant carry-over of wheat, and a crop amounting to 489,000,000 bushels for all Canada. Taking off home requirements and the quantity that has been exported to date, we find ourselves at present with a surplus of 330,000,000 bushels. In the next four or five months we shall be harvesting a new crop, which, from present