

colleagues, for your warm appreciation at the announcement which has just been made.

I must say I am well aware of the responsibilities I assume, and when called upon to act in that capacity, I shall endeavour, above all else, to serve this great institution we cherish, that all important branch of Parliament, the Senate.

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Honourable senators, I thank the Leader of the Government and the Leader of the Opposition for their kind words, and also your warm appreciation at the announcement which was made by the leader. Let us hope that I shall justify and merit the confidence which has been placed in me tonight.

May I say that I intend to serve on behalf of the Senate, this institution we cherish. I think that anything I might add to its prestige would justify in part the duties which will be entrusted to me. To all, I say thank you.

PUBLIC SERVICE

JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGES IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that messages had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the name of Mr. Hopkins has been substituted for that of Mr. Caron, and that the name of Mr. Chatwood has been substituted for that of Mr. Hopkins on the list of members appointed to serve on the Special Joint Committee on the Public Service.

THE LATE SENATOR CHARLES L. BISHOP

TRIBUTES

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, before we proceed with the orders of business, I have to announce the death quite recently of our beloved and distinguished colleague, Senator Charles Bishop, whom everyone knew as Charlie Bishop.

It is not my intention, and if it were I am sure I would not succeed, to compete with the eulogistic editorials which appeared in the press throughout Canada at the time of his death.

Charlie Bishop was a distinguished journalist of his time. He was for some 40 years in the Press Gallery, and indeed was its honorary president. He was beloved by his colleagues there for himself, for his humour, for many of his practical jokes upon them, but above all for his capacity and perspicacity as a writer.

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There is of course a memorial in stone to Charlie Bishop at the entrance to the House of Commons reading room. He shared that honour with another of our colleagues, Senator O'Leary from Carleton, and with men like Henri Bourassa and others; but I think the enduring monument to Charlie Bishop is the monument that has been erected in the hearts of his friends and colleagues on Parliament Hill over a period of 40 years.

Charlie Bishop was born in Bear River, Nova Scotia, a place that is washed by the waters of Fundy. There, in the early days of this country, the Order of the Good Companions was established at Port Royal, and Charlie Bishop was a Good Companion. That tradition was part of the blood that ran in his veins.

I remember that during the war, I, as a young man, went with the naval minister to look at various possible places for the establishment of an important new naval training base. We came to a place called Deep Brook. At that time, it was nothing but barren fields running down to the tidal waters of Fundy, inside Digby Gut, with wonderful, deep water, with Digby at the head of the bay. I think that over all the world there is no other place which resembles quite so much the beauty of the Bay of Naples.

The fact that the Honourable Angus Macdonald had been there was reported pretty widely in the newspapers, and when I returned to Ottawa one of the first calls I had was from Charlie Bishop, who was then in the Press Gallery and not in the Senate. He said, "You have been at Bear River: they called it Deep Brook, but for him it was home. He was most interested in the fact that this naval establishment, which meant so much to the training of the young men who served in Canadian ships during the war, was to be located close to where he had been born.

Charlie Bishop, moreover, was a confidant of the great leaders of this country. He knew Laurier and Borden and King and Bennett.

I would not wish to take anything from Nova Scotia's claim to Charlie Bishop, but I think it fair to say that he was indigenous to Ottawa. Senator Choquette will agree with me, if no one else will, that he was indigenous particularly to a very important part of Ottawa called Sandy Hill. It is a part which lies east of the canal and south of Rideau Street. Charlie Bishop lived there and he worked here on the Hill during most of his life. In that area, as indeed in every part of Ottawa, his name was a household word.