

Hon. Mr. COPP: We all realize what his life and his work have meant to Canada. We realize the importance of the positions he has held. In his occupation of those positions he has carried on with great distinction both to the offices he has held and to himself. We on this side of the House know what he has meant to Parliament in the past, and what he means to it to-day; and along with others, sir, I offer my congratulations and express the hope that you may long be spared to carry on the work, here and elsewhere, that kind Providence has placed upon your very able shoulders.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: I need not say, my dear friends and colleagues, how moved I am at this appreciation of my career by the members of this Chamber. It was here that I officially entered public life in 1898, and I may say that the greatest pleasure I have had in life has been to find within the walls of this Chamber, friends, and friends only.

I would ask to be allowed to refer to a statement made by the Right Hon. Mr. Meighen when the King Government was returned to power in 1935. At that time we changed sides. I had suggested to Mr. Meighen that I could perhaps lead the Senate from the other side as well as from this side. But tradition willed that I should sit to the right of His Honour the Speaker, and in this Mr. Meighen agreed. I remember that when he rose to speak on the Address he said that he intended to treat the measures I brought forward and myself as I had treated his measures and himself—with as much sympathy and as much of a spirit of co-operation as I had shown during the four or five years he had led the Senate. He testified to the fact that not only in committee, but in the Senate itself, I had joined in helping at times to improve legislation which he brought forward, and he expressed his intention of reciprocating to the full.

This was, I admit, a great satisfaction to me. All commoners who have reached this Chamber—the Right Hon. Mr. Meighen among them—have brought with them their own ideas as to the functions of this Chamber, but when my right honourable friend came to lead the Senate he quickly learned that my prediction was right. Upon meeting me he said, "Here is an opponent worthy of my steel." I answered him: "You are twice in error: first, I am not your opponent, and, second, I am not worthy of your steel. But you will find that the atmosphere of the Senate does not call for very many clashes between the parties." There are in the Senate, as in the country, two trends of thought, Liberal and Conservative,

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but here we are working together to improve legislation, and very seldom is there any evidence of political rancour or contest."

When I came into the Chamber this afternoon I found flowers on my desk, and I have since listened to the remarks that have been made. For the cordiality of my honourable friends who spoke and of those who applauded them, I express my thanks. In the Senate it does not take us long to find out that we are all members of one family. When we shake hands we feel that we belong to the same country—that we are all Canadians.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My honourable friend opposite (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) has disclosed that this tribute, which to my mind would have sufficed, is to take a more extensive form in January. A larger aggregation of friends might be somewhat formidable, but I shall be glad to meet them and to attend any function that may be held at that time. Although during the last two years I have occasionally felt that my health was declining, I want to say as I stand before you to-day that I now feel as well as I did five or even ten years ago; so I hope Providence will preserve me till January.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

On the motion to adjourn:

Right Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I should like to add a few words to what I said yesterday concerning the adjournment we are about to take. I do this, not for my colleagues who are within sound of my voice, but for the country at large and for representatives of public opinion as expressed in the newspapers. Some persons may be surprised that while discussion is continuing in the other House the Senate has seen fit to adjourn until January next. I should like them to realize that what the people throughout the country want just now is more and more information concerning Canada's effort towards winning the war. It happens that all the key men, my colleagues at the head of the various departments carrying the burden of our war effort, sit in the other House. It is there that they furnish all necessary information and enlightenment, and of course it goes without saying that first-hand information from them, given on the floor of the Commons, where they are surrounded by their deputies and assistants,