

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, I wish that I could condense in just a few words the intensity of my regret at the loss of my friend Senator Lambert. He was a journalist, and as such he and I both had long newspaper experience.

Perhaps I did not know Senator Lambert so intimately as did Senator O'Leary (Carleton) since I did not have the advantage of living in the same city. However, I knew him for perhaps half a century. Certainly, when he was connected with the *Toronto Globe* I knew him as a newspaper man, and for the 20 years that I have been in this chamber I had been closely associated with him and had the advantage of conversations with him and of the broad knowledge with which he was endowed.

Senator Lambert was a Canadian, an intense Canadian. He was a Liberal in the best sense of that word.

He was vigorous in thought, and perhaps that was his chief characteristic. He was my neighbour, for quite a number of years before his death, in the Hall of Fame which runs alongside the Senate chamber, and night after night he would drop in and discuss the questions of the day with the fullness of knowledge and vigorous thought that made his visits always so welcome to me.

Senator O'Leary (Carleton) said that in some respects he and Senator Lambert were as wide apart as the poles. Norman Lambert and I seemed to be able to agree on almost everything, whether politics, economics, or law. He was not a lawyer, but he was well posted in law, as he was in the history of his country, of the literature of Canada and elsewhere, as well as the classics, and so on.

I regret beyond all measure of expression Norman Lambert's departure, which was all too soon, because he possessed great mental vigour. Had he been spared he would have continued to contribute notable service in this chamber.

One of the outstanding attributes I should like to mention about Norman Lambert was his devotion to his own family. His solicitude for his wife, now his widow, always appealed to me. He would forsake almost anything on her behalf.

I wish to express my deepest sympathy for his widow and family.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, it was not my privilege to be well acquainted with Senator Wood, but like yourselves I did come to know him from time to time when he attended here. Unfortunately

during the past few years he was unable to be here frequently. We all had a high regard for him.

I was better acquainted with Senator Comeau. He was indeed a great Canadian; he had served his country well, and he was a fine gentleman. It was always a delight to talk to him, for not only was he interesting but he recounted various things which you might have forgotten. I could put it briefly by saying that it was an education just to have a conversation with him.

I join with those who have already spoken in expressing my deepest sympathy to Senator Wood's family and Senator Comeau's family.

At this time I wish to associate myself wholly with what Senator Hugessen described as the eloquent tribute paid to the late honourable Senator Lambert by Senator O'Leary (Carleton). I am sure we all agree that it was a beautiful tribute, and I can add nothing to what he said respecting Norman Lambert's life and interests generally. However, I wish briefly to refer to my friendship, and perhaps to your friendship, with him. His passing is indeed a great loss to the Senate, but it is an irreparable personal loss to many of us who were privileged to be his close friends.

I had known Norman Lambert since his college days at the University of Toronto. He took a great interest in its literary society, and was one of its foremost debaters. The skill which he exhibited in debate there he developed in an even more decisive and effective manner in the Senate, where thoroughness and accuracy marked the many contributions which he made to the debates both in this chamber and in committee.

When I came to the Senate as leader, he was one of the first members, if not the first, to welcome me here and to assure me of his personal support, but not necessarily of support for all legislation which I would bring before the Senate. Indeed, from time to time he did not hesitate to take exception to bills, either here or in committee, if he felt they were not in the best interests of the country. However, he was always steadfast in his friendship and loyalty to me when I was Leader of the Government and later when I was Leader of the Opposition.

Honourable senators, one of the things we value and cherish most highly in this house is the opportunity of forming lasting and deep friendships. Senator Lambert was one of my dear and close friends. For me, and for others