

His was the great honour of being Number One on the roll of the Senate. For his wife and family I bespeak the sympathy of this house, knowing as I do that the husband and father made a real contribution to the greatness of Canada.

I find it harder to speak today about Senator White than of any other of our departed colleagues. There was in Gerald White a quality which I cannot define, but which I have always wished I possessed. I liked him; I did not know why. I thought that perhaps I was the only one who felt something like love for him, but I have discovered that others had the same feeling. His was a personality which made people not only love him but trust him. I venture to assert that there is not a member of this house who sat with him on committees but knows that when Gerald took a stand, he took it because he thought it was the right stand in the interests of Canada.

To his wife and daughter I express on behalf of all our sincere sympathy. For me, his place will not readily be filled. His record as a member of the House of Commons was outstanding, as was his record on the field of battle in the first World War; his contribution to the mining development of this country was exceptional; but I believe his greatest service was rendered in the Senate of Canada. The Senate is a better chamber because of his presence in it.

Senator Macdonald of Prince Edward Island was known to us on this side as "Cardigan Jack". There were so many senators of the same name that it was natural to look for some way of distinguishing them so the late Senator from Prince Edward Island became known to us as "Cardigan Jack". He served with distinction in the Legislature of Prince Edward Island and in the House of Commons. He was a member without portfolio of the Bennett government, and afterwards for many years he was a very useful and helpful member of the various Senate committees on which he served. In the last year or two, the physical frailty which so frequently accompanies advancing years affected a little the regularity of his attendance. But we must remember such men as they were for their years of service in our chamber. May I express to his wife and family the sympathy of this house. His boys had a distinguished record in the second World War, and, as an associate of the late Senator Macdonald, I want them to know how much I admired and appreciated him and the service he rendered to Canada here and elsewhere.

I did not know Senator John Anthony McDonald until I came to this house, nor did I know him intimately until I became leader of the opposition. Next to his admiration of Scottish characteristics and traditions I would

emphasize his interest in labour. He believed, whether rightly or not, that he was in a unique position to render service to Canada by helping labour. In what degree he succeeded I am not in a position to say, but I know that he never came to me unless it was to advocate a position which he thought we as senators should adopt with regard to labour problems. Members of his family, also, had a very distinguished war record: his patriotism and loyalty survived in his children.

Donald Sutherland, from Oxford, was the first member of the Conservative party since confederation to be elected to either the Legislature of Ontario or to the House of Commons. His qualities must have appealed to the Scottish people of his community. I can well understand why. During the last few years ill health prevented him from taking a very active part in the work of this house, but those who knew him shared the love and respect felt for him by his former constituents. At least two members of his family had very distinguished records in the last war; and those of us who have met them know what splendid people they are. To Mrs. Sutherland, whom many of us knew personally, and to the boys and girls of the family, I would pass on our wish that they may live long to cherish the memory of their distinguished father.

Senator Beaubien was a French gentleman in the best sense of the term. One might picture him as having been lifted out of the pages of the history of France of a hundred years ago, the son of a French gentleman, educated in the schools of that country. He had high ideals, and his hopes and ambitions for the development of our country reflected those ideals. We who were here some years ago, before the arrival of my honourable friend who is now the leader of the government, remember with pleasure the war that was carried on by Senator Dandurand, who sat opposite, and Senator Beaubien, who sat on this side. It was a charming and fascinating performance. Never once was there any hitting below the belt, but any little gibe that either could get in was quite permissible and appropriate; for although, I believe, they were closely related by marriage, the fact was never evident on the floor of this house. It was a delightful experience to watch these two gladiators in debate. Most of the time they spoke English, but at times they would lapse into French most effectively.

I knew Charlie Beaubien as a sound businessman. He was a director of one of the largest loan companies in Canada—it lent more money in Manitoba than all other loan companies together—and he helped to direct its policies. Senator Beaubien will be sorely missed by all of us. Although ill health pre-