

his personal experiences. Listening to his discourses and beholding his attitude, mental and physical, I often felt that the same environment and training shaped men as if they issued from the same mould. The late Mr. Boyer had followed, at the same seat of learning, in the footsteps of the late Hon. Sydney Fisher. Later on they met in political association, and were drawn together by natural inclination. All their views and tastes ran in the same groove. One could not hear the one without thinking of the other. They were both adherents of the same doctrines and ideals in the administration of public affairs and ever unbending in their attitude. They were, to my mind, the very type of the English gentry who constitute in the main the British House of Commons.

Hon. Robert Beith was one of the best representatives of the progressive farmers of this country. He did much to improve the Canadian breed of horses, and is deserving of the gratitude of all for his services in that field. He had a good heart, a sober judgment and a willingness to serve.

Hon. Mr. Milne was but a few years with us. He brought to this Chamber a mature mind and wide experience in industrial affairs. He was a prosperous manufacturer and public-spirited citizen of the city of Hamilton. Being a large employer of labour, the problems arising between the labour element and the employer were uppermost in his mind. We often heard him on this all-important question.

To the families of our departed colleagues we express our most sincere sympathies.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I join with my honourable friend opposite in expressing our deep regret at the loss sustained by the Senate during the recess through the death of the several members of this body mentioned by him. During the few months of recess which transpired between the last Session and the present one, the messenger of death was peculiarly active in removing from this Chamber so many of our colleagues, colleagues with whom many of us had been closely associated for a great number of years.

It might naturally be thought that those of us who have been in this Chamber for a long period and have witnessed the departure of so many of our colleagues would become somewhat familiarized with the taking off of those with whom we had been so closely associated. Since I entered this chamber the deaths have numbered at least double the membership. Death, however,

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no matter how much or how soon expected, comes with mingled surprise and uncertainty. Last Session saw present in this Chamber, with one or two exceptions, the late members mentioned by my honourable friend, and while most of them had reached the allotted span of life, and all of them but one had considerably exceeded it, yet almost up to their several deaths, they were actively interested in the proceedings of the Chamber and in the duties of their office. Public life had claimed the services and activities of most of them during a period when Canada was most active in its development.

The late Senator Domville had reached the age of four score years. He had been actively engaged in public life since 1873, a period of nearly fifty years, and had been a member of this Chamber for nearly twenty years.

The late Senator Power had also reached his four score years, and at the time of his death was the senior member of the Senate, having entered it in 1877, as mentioned by my honourable friend. During that long period he followed the course of its business more closely than probably any other member of this body.

Our late colleague Senator Edwards had reached the ripe age of 78 years at the time of his death, and had been an active participant in the public affairs of Canada during the last 30 years. He was peculiarly identified with the development of the city in which we are to-day, the capital of Canada, and left his impress deeply upon the business enterprises of this progressive district. His knowledge, experience, and association with so many of the large business interests of Canada brought to this Chamber a mature judgment on questions of business and finance which had no little weight in our deliberations.

The late Senator Nicholls, although not an old member of the Senate, was one of the most representative business men of Canada. The large and successful enterprise with which he had been associated for most of his life, and of which he was the head, stands forth prominently to-day as a great monument to his enterprise and to the faith which he had in the progress and development of Canadian industry.

The late Senator Crothers was for a number of years a member of the House of Commons and for some time a valued member of the late Government. He was appointed to the Senate during the recess, but death called him shortly afterwards and he there-