

part in the election campaign. I fear that perhaps his activity shortened his life considerably.

Senator Wall was a man of many attributes, and a great student, as has been said by the two honourable leaders of this house. He graduated from the University of Manitoba, which was my alma mater, at the early age of 17 years, and he held degrees from Yale and Harvard universities in the United States.

I gathered from the remarks of the two leaders of this house that Senator Wall was an indefatigable worker. He was an able debater, and spoke on many subjects. He prepared his speeches with the utmost care, and we frequently had the pleasure of listening to him for he spoke on quite a number of subjects.

Senator Wall was particularly active in the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce and in the Standing Committee on Immigration and Labour. As has been stated, he was an outstanding educationalist, and he took a very prominent part in the educational life of his native province of Manitoba. He died a comparatively young man who, had he lived, had a great future ahead of him. I know we are going to miss him very much and that his place will be difficult to fill.

I extend my deepest sympathy and regrets to his widow and sons.

Honourable senators, I was pleased to hear the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) speak about Senator Henri Charles Bois in the native language of the late senator. I was not nearly so well acquainted with Senator Bois as with Senator Brunt and Senator Wall, but we had many things in common. For example, we were both greatly interested in farming; he was interested in the kind of farming done in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and I in the kind of farming done on the prairies in western Canada. He had very extensive training, and had the reputation of being an expert in agricultural matters. On that account he was a most valuable member of this chamber. With not too many farmers in the Senate, he was one of those whose advice was sought in agricultural matters of every kind, and in particular he made a reputation for himself as a member of the Special Committee on Land Use of which the Honourable Senator Pearson lately has been chairman.

As has been stated by the honourable Leader of the House (Hon. Mr. Brooks), Senator Bois was for many years before coming to the Senate most closely associated with agricultural matters in the province of Quebec where he held many important government positions. He was a senator for only five years, a comparatively young man when he passed away. He had the prospect of many useful

years ahead of him. His passing is much regretted, and I extend my deepest sympathy to his widow and children.

Hon. Gunnar S. Thorvaldson: Honourable senators, may I join with other honourable senators in paying a brief tribute to my friend and colleague of many years, the late Senator William R. Brunt. As you are all aware, the death of Senator Brunt was the first to occur among that newer group of senators who began to come into this chamber in the latter part of 1957. Consequently, this occasion is a particularly sad one for those of us who claim to belong to that era and who were, and had been for many years, so closely associated with him, especially in the political field.

Senator Brunt was one of the most active and hard-working men I have ever known. Apart from his duties in the Senate, which were manifold, I was amazed at the variety of his interests, not only in the political sphere generally but also in the legal profession in which he had been engaged all his adult life and in which he had the distinction of being a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada; also in various enterprises, business, athletic, and philanthropic, which occupied his daily life. Indeed, many of these endeavours were closely related to the grass roots of rural Ontario.

He was that rare type of person, born and brought up in the country, mixing in his early life with rural development and then dividing his later life between rural and urban affairs. But above all else, Senator Brunt had an amazing capacity for personal friendships which, once acquired, whether early or late in life, became permanent and never to be forgotten.

There can be no greater testimony of the truth of this observation than the funeral service held in the late senator's home in Hanover, Ontario. It was attended by a tremendous host of friends from every part of Canada, and additional tribute was paid to him by hundreds of residents who lined the streets of Hanover while the funeral procession passed along.

This chamber, and especially this side of it, has suffered a severe loss in Senator Brunt's death. May I join in extending to his widow, son and daughter my sincere regrets and deepest sympathy.

May I also join other honourable senators in an expression of sincere regret in the death of Senator Wall and of Senator Bois, and to express my sympathy to the families of these senators who have gone to their last reward.