

very happy to be able to attend the Coronation. He and Mrs. Davis had looked forward to it with a great deal of interest and a great deal of anticipation, interest and anticipation that were fully realized in the result. I think he died a happy man, in part because of that. We deplore his loss, and to his widow and to his family we extend our most sincere condolences.

Hon. Norman P. Lambert: Honourable senators, I would like to associate myself and the province of Ontario with all that has been said so well from both sides of the house regarding our two late colleagues. With both of them I enjoyed the privilege of friendship over a considerable number of years. Such occasions as this tend to emphasize more and more the interprovincial character of this chamber. The loss of two members such as they have been, one from Manitoba and the other from Nova Scotia, seems to me to emphasize the fact that we here in this chamber are united in one common devotion to the idea of the unity of Canada.

There are differences which arise, of course from time to time. I always thought that sometimes our friend Senator MacLennan looked with some doubt on Ontario and other "alien" western parts of this country, but there certainly were no geographical limitations to his influence in this house.

I would like to refer particularly to the late Senator John Caswell Davis, because I knew him pretty intimately. I had lived in Winnipeg for several years and I knew him before he came here. When he came here in 1949 he had looked forward for a long time to a seat in this chamber, and I never knew any member of the Senate who cherished more the honour that was conferred upon him than he did.

One of the sad features of his death is that he did not have a longer period in which to express his desire for public service, which was such a genuine and sincere characteristic of his life. He had served well in all three arenas of Canadian citizenship—locally in St. Boniface and Winnipeg, and, as my honourable friend from Churchill (Hon. Mr. Crerar) has pointed out, he rendered active and valuable services to educational, religious, medical and artistic organizations in both provincial and federal affairs. As has also been mentioned, he won the respect and affection of the leader and the rank and file of the party to which he belonged. Apart from those public causes, he had a versatility of mind which was just beginning, I think, to be appreciated more widely in this chamber and elsewhere. He made a success of his profession as an engineer and was identified with many

important projects in Western Canada. In art as well as in science he was a competent and able practitioner. He not only painted good pictures himself, but his knowledge of the great artists and galleries of the world was much more extensive than his friends realized.

Before our late colleague left Canada last summer to go abroad with his wife, he told me that as soon as the Coronation ceremonies were over he intended to go to Swansea, Wales, to see a famous mural painting by Frank Brangwyn, who also painted the beautiful decorative panel marking the entrance into the Manitoba legislature. Senator Davis not only visited that famous painting, but he also saw, I am sure, the inside of most of the old cathedrals and art galleries in England.

Incidentally, perhaps I may be permitted to say now that Senator Davis had a strong aversion to the unframed and rather outdated examples of Canadian art which mark the walls of this chamber. With that aversion I must say I agree most heartily.

Reference has been made to the services rendered by the late senator as chairman of the Special Committee on Salacious and Indecent Literature. Like his predecessor in that post, the late Senator Doone, he had a very deep interest in the subject under inquiry, and had he lived would undoubtedly have contributed further to the improvement of the quality and standard of current magazines and books in Canada.

To the wife and children of the late senator Davis, I would convey expressions of deepest sympathy.

In recording my appreciation of the late Senator MacLennan, I am quite aware that at times he looked with some doubt upon those of us who came from more westerly parts of Canada. After he entered this chamber, some thirteen years ago, my relations with the late senator developed into a warm friendship. No member of the Senate took a wider and a more genuine interest in everything that went on here than did our late friend; no member took a more kindly, yet penetrating, interest in everyone of his colleagues than he did. He had a remarkable faculty for penetrating the pretences and vanities of human nature, and he had a great command of humorous satire to apply to such frailties. His friendship was most stimulating and refreshing.

While our late friend was somewhat small of stature, nature had endowed him with a tongue and a wit which made him an opponent to be respected in any company. Although he would have been the last man to seek the description "giant-killer", he might very appropriately have adopted that role.