

well-merited honours continued to be bestowed, he was always ready to befriend the most humble citizen. Canada has lost an honoured son, the Eastern Townships a great friend, the Senate a wise leader, and society a Christian gentleman.

I wish to join with those who have preceded me in expressing to every member of his family my sincere sympathy.

(Translation) I bow to the memory of this great Canadian, the Right Honourable Raoul Dandurand.

Hon. L. M. GOUIN: Honourable senators, I think it also my duty to pay a brief tribute to our honoured leader, whose passing we all deeply regret.

Senator Dandurand was both a great aristocrat and a great democrat. He was also a distinguished statesman, an accomplished diplomat and an agreeable and forceful speaker.

He believed ardently in freedom and justice for all. In particular, he displayed admirable zeal for the sacred cause of education, which he firmly believed to be the foundation of true and sound democracy. The honourable senator from Montarville (Hon. Mr. Beaubien) has referred to the founding of the Collège Stanislas. Our lamented leader used to say that it was the last of all his works, but probably the best.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. GOUIN: The honourable senator from Montarville has been too modest, for from the very beginning he was one of the patrons of the Collège Stanislas. Other members of this House, including myself, have been glad to co-operate with our leader in this great educational undertaking. Our 250 pupils are now receiving the kind of instruction which Senator Dandurand wanted for young Canadians of French origin. To all those boys our leader was really just like a dear old grandfather. In the new building of the Collège Stanislas we shall piously place a replica of the bust which now adorns the entrance hall of this Chamber. When those pupils pass in front of it they will salute their benefactor as we, too, shall salute our friend when we pass before his bronze here, and with the same emotion make this solemn resolve: Leader, rest in peace. We will carry on. Your work shall not die with you. We will continue your work as you wanted it to be carried on, combining what is best of the great cultures we have inherited from our two mother countries.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

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Hon. ARTHUR MARCOTTE (Translation): Mr. Speaker, honourable members, if I am allowed to do so, I should like to add a few words to the eloquent tributes paid to the memory of the honourable senators, particularly to that of the Right Hon. Raoul Dandurand.

From what I can see and have heard, it is quite probable that of all those present here to-day I have enjoyed the longest acquaintance with the right honourable senator. I was under the impression that the honourable senator from Montarville had known him before I did, but I was wrong. My acquaintance with the Right Hon. Senator Dandurand dates from fifty years ago, which shows that I, too, am growing old and that I may join him before long.

In any case, it was in 1891 that I left college to study law in Montreal, and one of the first persons who came to my attention there was a young lawyer named Dandurand, who employed as his clerk one of my former classmates. I myself served in the same capacity with Augé, Leclair and Chaffers.

Those of my generation will recall the outbursts of violence that marked the campaign of 1887 in Quebec. Coming after the Riel affair and in the heyday of the Hon. Mr. Mercier, these contests were bitter in the extreme. And again in 1892 it was the same story. My employer was engaged in the struggle, and lawyer Dandurand was already one of the Liberal party organizers. That is how I met him. Those who admired here his unflinching zest for life, the youthful way in which he carried his years, would have enjoyed seeing him in action at the age of twenty-eight or thirty. I was just starting out in politics at the time, and, besides listening to more experienced men, sometimes addressed political rallies. For the first time in my life I was conscious of having met a great man. However, we were victorious and my employer, Mr. Augé, was elected. Like all law students, I used to carry legal documents from one office to another, as was the custom at the time. On one such trip to his office, Mr. Dandurand said this to me: "My young friend, do not forget to congratulate your employer, but beware—we shall meet again!" Meet again we did in 1897, and the Hon. Senator Guoin knows something of this, for it was his father, Sir Lomer Guoin, who defeated my employer that year.

And there you have a glimpse of the Right Hon. Senator Dandurand's character: his industry, his ceaseless activity, his perseverance and his will to win. "You won this election," he would say, "but we shall meet