

As a citizen he was a man without fear or reproach. He played a big part in the life of this country. He was a leader in many matters pertaining to the welfare of Canada. For instance, he was mayor of his home town, Seaford, for a considerable time and I am told that, through him, the citizens built a local hospital of which he became chairman and which he ran for many years without calling on government or municipality for aid.

He had many years of service in the other house and he played no small part there. I remember one time seeing a friend of mine, a former Cabinet minister, of different political affiliation, talking to Senator Golding. Later I said to the former minister, "I saw you talking to my friend Senator Golding", and he replied, "Yes, John, and he is a fine gentleman, an able man. I was in Parliament with him for many years and we became great friends. He was Chairman of Committees of the Whole on different occasions and he handled that office in a most admirable way; he is a man of great capability and a thorough gentleman."

Although of an easy-going disposition and an even temper, disliking turmoil and roughness, I think Senator Golding could be aroused when the occasion demanded action, and I am sure he was never found wanting when public spirit was needed. He seemed to me to be a man who could show an indomitable will and a strength of purpose. His experience in the art of politics must have been profound. We can remember an occasion in this Senate chamber not so long ago when he ended a debate by giving us a short lecture on ways and means, which finished the discussion.

Although he had long passed the scriptural term of years, he kept his faculties to the last. To the end his memory was as retentive as ever, his voice was undisturbed, and his mind was ever alert. He spent many years in the Senate. In the short time in which I served here I can speak from firsthand knowledge that he was one of the most important senators and, from what I have heard from others, he was always a great asset in the deliberations of the Senate and its various committees. After all, he came to the Senate with long and broad experience in the other house.

How often have I gone to his Senate room to obtain some information on a particular subject, to be enlightened on some point of political view, or on some piece of history, and never was I disappointed. He had great knowledge of political issues of the past, of important historical events, and of outstanding characters who had made an impression on the pages of Canadian history. I was not the only one to profit thereby. I know that many others had gone to him looking for advice and information, and what

he told could be safely accepted, for he was a man without guile or prejudice. It was pleasant being in his company at all times, because he possessed that characteristic which makes all other traits so attractive, kindness of heart, and he had that in abundance.

Senator Golding was deeply religious. I am sure that the Sermon on the Mount appealed to him and that the Ten Commandments ruled his judgment and guided his actions. He had an abiding faith. He was a humble man. He held, to a rare degree, that noblest of all virtues and the one most sparsely practised in this commercial, self-advertising age—he was the apotheosis of humility. He was ever charitable in his estimate of others, and he always paid respect to opinions that might have differed from his own. The success of others never aroused any jealousy or antagonism in him, and envy could find no place in a nature that was so soft, placid and honourable.

It was my lot to have known him but a short time, just for the three years I have served in the Senate, but that was long enough for me to evaluate the sterling character of the man, with his unselfishness, his charity, his beneficence, his probity and his unbounded humility. All of us can feel and say:

He was a man, take him, for all in all  
We shall not look upon his like again.

I did not know the Honourable Mr. Léger, except in a very small way. He was a quiet gentleman, but was very attentive to his Senate duties. There are many who can speak in a fuller way about him than I.

Honourable senators, now that both these gentlemen have departed to the eternal bourne, I offer my deepest sympathy to their families and I express the kindest and most charitable wish that anyone could express about the dead: May the Lord have mercy on their souls and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**Hon. George H. Barbour:** Honourable senators, I would be very remiss in my duties were I not to say a word, because I stand by one of the vacant chairs in this chamber.

It was my good fortune to be appointed to the Senate at the same time as the Honourable Mr. Golding, and he had been my deskmate since then. Our rooms were on the same floor, and to go to my door I had to pass his. The last three or four years had been very trying for Senator Golding. His wife was an invalid for two or three years and passed away some two years ago. During the last two years, due to the absence because of illness of the honourable senator from Algoma (Hon. Mr. Farquhar), Senator Golding was alone in the room which they shared.