

ernment and the hon. leader of the Opposition, as well as the hon. colleagues who have preceded me, in the eloquent and feeling tributes that have been paid to the memory of our colleagues who during the recess have gone to their eternal reward. It is said that it is a salutary practice to think of the day when we individually must go from this earth to take the long passage to the Great Unknown. The celebrated order of Trappist monks practise that idea daily, and constantly, when they meet one another in their monasteries, they exchange the austere salutation, "Brother, remember we must die." Although in this Senate we do not exchange the salutation, death so frequently gathers members from the Senate—and at no time has it done so in such large numbers as during the last recess—that in this House we are constantly reminded of death, and the thought manifests itself in many ways unconsciously to ourselves in our remarks to one another. Certain it is that a great deal of the animosity, one might say acrimony, which exists in other places, is not manifest in this House.

I heartily and thoroughly agree with what has been said much more eloquently than I could say it with reference to the seven colleagues who are no longer among us. I should like, however, to be allowed to say just one word with reference to one of them, because he belonged to the province which is both my native and my adopted province. He belonged to the Bar of the province of Ontario, and I can remember being engaged with him and against him over thirty years ago before the courts of this province. I refer to the late Hon. Mr. Kerr, who practised at the Bar of Ontario for nearly half a century. He always displayed the strictest professional ethics and a fine dignity in his professional relations. He had a large practice, and during his whole career he afforded an example to the members of the Bar in the province of Ontario which I am sure will be long remembered. In the years during which he occupied the position of Speaker of the Senate, we can all remember the dignified, courteous, affable and able way in which he performed the duties of that high office. To-day, when he has gone to his reward, I think it is due to his memory that these matters be specially recalled.

I cordially join in offering our sympathies to the families of the gentlemen who have left us. To the widow of the late Mr. Kerr I think probably every heart in the Senate will beat a little more strongly in sympathy, because no wife of any of our Speakers had

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by her constant charm of manner so thoroughly won the hearts of the senators and all those who in the social functions were called to meet her. The members of Mr. Kerr's family also have given an example of duty to country and Empire which should be remembered on this occasion. I think that not less than three or four of them are to-day or have been in active service in the war.

—I join cordially in all that has been said, and hope that the families of our deceased colleagues will be inspired by God with courage and resignation under their sad bereavement.

Hon. LOUIS LAVERGNE: I agree with what has been said by other hon. gentlemen in regard to the loss of our late colleagues in the Senate, with all of whom I was very friendly. Amongst those seven senators there was one from the province of Quebec, Senator Fiset, who rendered eminent services as a doctor in the district of Rimouski, and also valuable military service as a member of the militia in Quebec, in which he was a lieutenant colonel. His sons have also been engaged in military affairs. Surgeon-General Fiset, who is now the Deputy Minister of Militia, was in active service in South Africa. I concur very heartily in all that has been said of our deceased friends, especially of Dr. Fiset, who was one of the greatest surgeons we had in Quebec, and was always very kind to any of his colleagues who were ill or who asked for his advice.

Hon. H. J. CLORAN: Before the last flowers are placed on the graves of our lamented colleagues, allow me to cast a few handfuls of sand upon at least two of those graves. One is the grave of the late Hon. John Costigan, popularly known some thirty-five years ago as "Honest John Costigan"—and no man in this honourable House remembers him better than our venerable colleague, a model for all Canadianhood in this great Dominion, Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who will remember the Hon. John Costigan as one of his trusty, loyal, faithful colleagues. Can I pay him a higher compliment in the face of posterity than to have as a living witness of his value as an honest statesman, a true friend, a representative of the people, the right hon. gentleman himself, Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell? What higher tribute can be paid to any man in his grave than the respect and esteem, the love and devotion, of the men whom he has left behind? What the Hon. John