

Chapais, and, among others, several of the late senator's relatives, in particular Abbé Henri Raymond Casgrain.

This was a generation of exceptional culture, which had not yet been distracted from learning by the various and incessant preoccupations of the present day. Constant reading during the formative period provided our colleague with a wealth of information which made his conversation both interesting and profitable. Owing to an exceptional memory he had preserved from his long and widespread activities a wealth of incidents and anecdotes, which he narrated with unmatched originality. The life in his native city of Quebec, which he so dearly loved, he recollected faithfully as far back as 1865 or 1870. The habits, customs and mentality of that time were depicted vividly, and, in fact, lived over again, as he had retained a great many traits of that period. No doubt, many of us at this very moment recall some of his inimitable anecdotes and stories.

But if his companionship was delightful and his popularity bountiful, his industry was no less remarkable. For a long period in his life he worked strenuously. For a great many years he stood at the head of his profession, and for more than a quarter of a century presided uninterruptedly over the association of land-surveyors in his province.

He was an ardent Liberal, a close friend of Sir Wilfred Laurier, and up to the very last election was extremely active in the service of his party.

I need not add that in this House he played an active part. Without doubt he had the magical gift of being able to say, without giving offence, many things which none of his colleagues would have ventured to suggest. His gracious presence and jovial expression disarmed opponents, and, undismayed by interruptions, he generally got his own way.

Now he is gone, and this House will sincerely regret the loss of his lovable, genial personality. His absence will also be felt outside of Parliament, throughout a wide circle where he had a host of friends and few, if any, enemies.

Of our colleague the late Senator Brown, an able, industrious and highly successful lawyer, I should like to make mine the fitting words of praise which have fallen from the lips of the two leaders of the House. His untiring industry, his talent and high character brought him to the very summit of his

profession and to the councils of many of our leading industrial and financial institutions. He will be missed widely and sincerely.

I feelingly join in the condolences extended to the widows and families of our late colleagues.

Hon. LORNE C. WEBSTER: Honourable senators, it is a matter of deep regret that since the last session of Parliament this House has lost by death two of its outstanding members. I refer to the Honourable Albert Joseph Brown, K.C., LL.D., senator for Wellington, who died in November last, and the Honourable Joseph Philippe Baby Casgrain, senator for De Lanaudiere, whose death occurred this month. I met both Senator Casgrain and Senator Brown in the city of Quebec, and it has been my proud privilege to know both these honourable gentlemen intimately since my 'teens. In later years I followed their exceptional careers as members of this House with great interest.

Life is fortified by such friendships as these two men of great mind and understanding were able to give, and did give, and I enjoyed their close association over a long period of years. In their generous understanding I am sure we could all confide. Their opinions, I am equally certain, were valued for their sincerity.

The late Senator Casgrain, who lived to the age of eighty-three years, was called to the Senate in early manhood. At the time of his death he was one of the oldest members of this House in point of service. His long and honourable career as a parliamentarian, an engineer, an industrialist and a citizen was, as it were, an open book, and one which could be read by his fellow-Canadians with genuine pride. Senator Casgrain's efforts in every walk of life were constantly directed to the betterment of his fellows and to the progress of the Dominion, which he was convinced was assured of a high destiny as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. He served his country and his party faithfully; he was a loyal friend, a great Canadian, and a strong upholder of the British Empire. He was exceptionally well informed, and an authority on most questions.

The Honourable Albert Joseph Brown, at the time of his death, had been a member of this Chamber for six years. In that time we had the opportunity of appreciating his fine attributes—his legal mind, which was one of the finest of his day, his genial and generous disposition, his high-mindedness, his great public spirit and patriotism, and his genuine concern at all times for the public welfare. He lived a full and useful life. He was a director

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