

parts of Canada. I hope, when the Prime Minister is considering the names of future senators, we shall be fortunate in having appointed to this chamber new senators who have a knowledge of agriculture, because agriculture in Canada is still of great importance and is in great need of knowledgeable and conscientious spokespersons.

The senators, who are retiring today, will be greatly missed. I wish them well, as others have done. I am sure all of them will continue to make a major and important contribution to the welfare of this country.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Eymard G. Corbin: Honourable senators, I take this opportunity to offer my best wishes to Senator Martial Asselin, with whom I worked for many years within the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians. I could even say practically from the beginnings of that association as a structured entity.

He did a wonderful job. I wish him fulfilment and happiness in his new responsibilities. I am saying this to him with all my heart.

[*English*]

Senator Anderson, I had ten years under my political belt when you came to this place, but I knew very well of your active participation in Liberal circles. I know you were appointed to the Senate on the basis of your personal merits, but in a way you are the jewel of the Anderson family—a family that has distinguished itself in politics, in the military, and in the civil service of New Brunswick and elsewhere.

I know you live on Pleasant Street in Newcastle. That says it all. In fact, I suspect that the street was named after one of your most notable characteristics—your pleasantness.

An Hon. Senator: Hear, hear!

Senator Corbin: I will retain fond and pleasant memories of you and of our association here in the Senate, in the Liberal caucus, and in some of its committees.

[*Translation*]

To Senator Flynn, I would like to express my friendship. Although we sit on different sides in this House, he always was cordial and, in a certain way, friendly to me.

He once told me that although we might lose our temper during our discussions, we can still be good friends once out of the chamber of the Senate. That, Senator Flynn, I always really appreciated from you. I wish you a happy and peaceful retirement.

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[*English*]

Senator Sherwood, I have not had the opportunity of working with you, but I know your reputation. I wish you well in your retirement.

Honourable senators, forgive me for taking these few minutes, but our numbers from New Brunswick are decreasing. We are losing two of our members today, and if certain people, or, indeed, if the people have their way, there will be even less of us in the future. So I intend, as I have done today,

[*Senator Argue.*]

to take every opportunity to speak of my New Brunswick colleagues and of New Brunswick problems, and I will remain a good Canadian while doing so. The best to you all.

Hon. Lorna Marsden: Honourable senators, I would like to extend my best wishes to all those senators who are leaving today, Senator Asselin, Senator Flynn, and Senator Sherwood, and to pay tribute to Senator Margaret Anderson, the member of the group whom I have had the privilege of knowing the longest and the best. As others have said, she has made many important contributions to Canadian life, in the Miramichi, the heritage trust, the historical society, the environmental society, the art club and in many other ways. She has had a distinguished career in business as the president of W.S. Anderson and Company, Ltd.

However, I would like to emphasize something she does not necessarily emphasize, and that is the many contributions she has made to the quality of life of women in this country. She has worked in her church, the United Church of Canada, and was president of the United Church Women; she has worked with the Canadian Girls in Training, an important association for young women; and, as well, she has worked with the Victorian Order of Nurses and many other associations, which have been very important to the community life of women in this country.

I first met Senator Anderson when we both served on the National Women's Liberal Commission of the Liberal Party of Canada, she coming from New Brunswick and I from Ontario. She showed there, as she has shown everywhere, and as I have come to learn from her work on the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee and elsewhere, that she was always well prepared; she was courteous but firm with colleagues, witnesses and others; and her solutions to the problems she faces in both her volunteer life and parliamentary life are based on common sense and wisdom.

I wish Senator Margaret Anderson a very long and happy life in New Brunswick and wherever she goes, because I am sure her qualities will continue to contribute to life in this country.

I also wish to extend my very best wishes to all those senators who are retiring today.

Hon. L. Norbert Thériault: Honourable senators may have noticed at the outset of the sitting today that I tried to get the floor. I had not realized that this was the last day of the sitting and that there would be all these tributes, so I apologize for that intervention. I wanted to do something else.

[*Translation*]

I want to join those who have complimented Senators Asselin and Flynn. I met Senator Asselin through the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians. As for Senator Flynn, I happened to know him historically and politically, because I always watched very closely the political history of the province of Quebec.

My best wishes to both of you.