

1940, and served until March 1945 during World War II. He was wounded in action in 1943 while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Ortona, Italy, and in 1945 was elected as a representative of the army to the Alberta Legislature.

He was elected Liberal leader in 1947, and held that office for 11 years, faced with a government of pragmatic competence. He resigned and went back to the practice of law, but public affairs held his attention and he was called to the Senate in 1966. He immediately made Canada aware of western viewpoints; he presented them constantly and appealingly, and his advocacy was strong.

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We thought he was a great speaker, but the truth of it is that he was more than that. He was an orator. There was always a melody of syntax in his speeches. When he got on the floor, words cascaded from his lips like a rushing brook, and he used them unsparingly. He was a delight to listen to.

He served on many committees. He was Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. He was a man devoted to public service, and more particularly to the needy and the helpless. He did that by will and tradition.

In recent years he was plagued with illness, and it was obvious to all of us here that the bell was beginning to toll for him.

He was a decent man, who served this country in peace and war; a great friend of the veterans and of the poor; a humanitarian. He did the very best he could. He was a credit to the public service of Canada and to the Senate of this country.

I join my colleagues in extending to his wife and his family the sympathy of this chamber.

Hon. Ernest C. Manning: Honourable senators, I would like to join in the fitting tributes that have been paid to the late Senator Prowse, and also in the condolences that we all wish to express to his wife and family.

I knew Senator Prowse primarily in his capacity as Leader of the Opposition in the Alberta Legislature for the eleven years that he served in that capacity. He was a dynamic man, but he was also a man, as has been rightly said, of deep compassion, a man who was always quick to be a friend of the underdog or anyone whom he felt needed somebody to speak for him.

He made a significant mark in the political life of western Canada, as I am sure we would agree he did on the broader field after he became a member of this house. As a fellow Albertan, and as one who also knew him in a rather different relationship from others during his work in Alberta, I would like to join in paying tribute to his memory and in offering condolences to his family.

Hon. Earl A. Hastings: Honourable senators, I should like to join in this tribute to Senator J. Harper Prowse. I do so in the context of not only the loss of a colleague, not only the loss of a seatmate of eleven years, or of having shared an office with him for five years, but the loss of a close, dear, personal

friend of nearly 30 years in the public and political life of our province, Alberta.

Some of the clearest memories I shall always have of Harper are those of two qualities of character: concern and courage. He had concern for the underdog, as has been stated, the underprivileged, the handicapped, the native, for it was Harper's view that ways and means had to be found to give these people a square deal in the difficult vagaries of life. He always exerted himself with all those capabilities which have been alluded to in order to give them a better quality of life.

Courage: Harper displayed a courage in his younger years that was exemplified in combatant sport. He loved to tell how he became light-heavyweight champion of Military District No. 12, but in all sports he excelled. He showed courage while leading men into battle, himself being wounded twice at Salerno; and courage when, a man 39 years of age, he returned to university during the days when 39-year olds did not return to universities, to attain a law degree by which he could better fulfil his responsibilities in life. He had courage, as the Leader of the Opposition has indicated, to lead men and women to common goals.

Honourable senators, in joining in your expression of sympathy to his wife Irene, his son James, his daughter Dianne, and particularly his mother, Mrs. Margaret Prowse, and the Prowse family, I offer this totally sincere yet inadequate tribute to a distinguished son of Alberta, James Harper Prowse.

Hon. Donald Cameron: Honourable senators, as a former Edmontonian it was my privilege to know Harper Prowse in the days during which he was a student at the University of Alberta. From the earliest times he displayed a tremendous interest in public affairs and a determination to serve his community in whatever capacity he could. Over the years he achieved a certain measure of distinction serving his friends, his neighbours, his province and his country. He frequently came into my office at the university when he was a student, and even in those days he had the determination to make a career in the public service. As a consequence, I followed his career with a great deal of interest and was delighted when he became the leader of the Liberals in Alberta, in which capacity no man served with more dedication.

I was one of those who were very pleased when he was appointed to the Senate, because I felt that, as so often happens in public life, the people of his own province did not reward his worth as well as they might have. He was a dedicated chap; he gave everything he possessed to whatever cause he was espousing. He was a warm friend and colleague. The Senate has lost a distinguished member, and the community of Edmonton a dedicated public servant.

Hon. Harry Hays: Honourable senators, I also would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to J. Harper Prowse. I did not know him until about 1960, at the time I became involved in the political arena. I found Harper to be good company. He never held a grudge; he liked to participate in debates and if the debate became a little hot, why, he enjoyed that, and at the