

We have heard something of Senator Sharpe's war record. Feeling that it was a duty to serve his King and his country, he offered to raise in his own district a battalion for overseas service, and I think I can say without fear of contradiction that he recruited the 184th Battalion in record time. Although never previously associated with the military life of this country, he made a wonderful record for himself by the way in which he raised that battalion. He took it to England, and it was afterwards sent over to France.

Mention has been made of the fact that Senator Sharpe was identified with the industrial life of this country. I am happy to say that some of his interests turned out very fortunately. My acquaintanceship with Senator Sharpe extended over some thirty-four years, during which period we became intimate friends. In his passing I feel very keenly the loss of a warm friend and an associate of long standing. I wish to extend to Mrs. Sharpe and the family my personal sympathy.

Hon. JOHN T. HAIG: Honourable members, as one of the senators whom we are remembering to-night was from the province of Manitoba, I think I should be derelict in my duty to that province if I did not say a few words.

Since the last sitting of this House we have lost two of our honourable members. As kind references have been made to them by the leader of the Government, the leader of the Opposition, and other members on this side of the House, it would be superfluous for me to attempt to add anything to the historical record.

On this occasion, at such a time as this through which we are passing, it is a wholesome thought for us all to remember that our late colleagues were great representatives of the two races in Canada. I think that to-night, if I were able to pierce the veil of the place where we think men go after they have lived good lives, I should see Joe Rainville and Billy Sharpe sitting together, looking down at us and wondering, "What would those boys say if we were down there?" These two men were of the same temperament, and were friendly with each other. Each was an outstanding representative of his race. Maybe they were not the greatest intellectual giants of our country, nor the greatest orators or parliamentarians in our history; but, pioneers both, builders both, they represented the best in our country.

Senator Rainville, whose lot was cast in the great city of Montreal, made, as the leader of the Government has said, a contri-

bution to the future of our country. It may be also that he contributed to the solution of one of the problems which we shall have to face after the war. He has left a record on the pages of parliamentary history of which any man born in the province of Quebec and speaking the French language might well be proud.

I pay my special respects to Senator Sharpe because he was a great representative of the Anglo-Saxon people of this country. He was a pioneer, a business man, a good fellow. He went to the province of Manitoba as a very young man and entered the implement business in Douglas. He then moved to Manitou, where he established a record as a great farmer and business man. Later he came to Parliament, where he spent thirty-four years, and in both the House of Commons and the Senate he left behind him a very fine record.

Senator Sharpe's family, whom I know personally—his wife, his son and his daughter—have the happy knowledge that their husband and father contributed much to the welfare of Canada. We from Manitoba pay to him our meed of praise: we think that he truly represented in Ottawa the men and women of our province.

As was said by the honourable senator from Vancouver (Hon. Mr. McRae), both of these men were Christian gentlemen. I may say quite candidly to this Chamber that I do not know which man's record would be the greater. Each made an important contribution to our country, and in times to come we shall need more men with their foresight.

To the families of our two departed colleagues are extended, I am sure, the condolences of not only the members of this House, but also a legion of friends outside of Parliament.

Hon. EUGENE PAQUET (Translation): We regret having to bring to the attention of this House the decease of Senators Sharpe and Rainville. The loss of my old and good friend, Senator Rainville, grieves me deeply. I should like to emphasize at this time a trait of his character: his love of education and his constant efforts to bring about a happy solution of our social problems. Senator Rainville passed away suddenly at his home in St. Lambert, at the age of sixty-seven. Lawyer, business man, actively engaged in politics, the late Senator Rainville had many friends in all walks of life. Never have I met anyone who worked more assiduously. His life was a full one, and history will say that he was one of Canada's most distinguished sons. Those of us who were his