

the affairs of veterans, and in 1920 was elected president of the Vancouver Command of Great War Veterans. In the same year he was elected to the provincial house as member for Vancouver. He was re-elected to that house in 1924 and again in 1928, and in the latter year was named provincial secretary.

It was in 1930 that Senator Mackenzie began his eighteen years as the representative of Vancouver in the House of Commons. He resigned from the British Columbia legislature to accept an appointment as Minister of Immigration in Mackenzie King's government, and was elected in the general elections of 1930. On October 23, 1935, he was sworn in as Minister of National Defence in the new Mackenzie King government, and in 1939 he was appointed Minister of Pensions and National Health, a portfolio which he held until 1944, when he was appointed Minister of Veterans Affairs. This position was one to which he was well suited by reason of his many years of keen interest and participation in the cause of veterans. He was created a member of the Imperial Privy Council in 1947, and was appointed to this house on January 19, 1948.

In 1948 Senator Mackenzie returned to his native Scotland to receive an honorary degree from Edinburgh University. It was fitting that he should be honoured by a university to which he had brought great credit, and in the land of his birth, which for him had such a fond attraction.

The passing of Ian Mackenzie removes from this house and the public life of Canada a colourful and interesting figure. He was great in mind, heart, and statute, loyal and warm in his friendships; passionate and fluent of speech. His personality impressed all with whom he came in contact. He typified the land of his birth and was intensely attached to it, yet he enthusiastically embraced and became a part of the land of his adoption.

As I pay my respects there come to my memory stories of his boyhood, of his trudging along lonely roads in the Highlands in the pursuit of an education, a quest that in due course was to be rewarded with the highest academic honours.

I first saw him twenty years ago. He was presiding, as Chieftain, at a Scottish banquet, with the honourable senator from Lunenburg (Hon. Mr. Duff) opposite him as his gillie. He was proposing the toast to Scotland, standing on a chair and table, his eyes flashing, his speech flowing like a torrent, his arm upraised, his hand holding the glass. Then came the climax: there was a dramatic pause, and the glass was thrown to the floor, as was the custom in bygone years in his native land.

In the House of Commons he enjoyed a long and distinguished career. Vigorous in debate, he asked no quarter and gave none; yet friend and foe were curiously attached to him. His warm heart and his generous nature endeared him to all, and he will be sorely missed in the Halls of Parliament, where for so long he was such a familiar figure.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable members, I have listened with very great interest to the tributes just paid by the honourable leader of the government. I speak first of Senator Murdock, whom I cannot help referring to as Jim Murdock. That is the name by which he was known all over Canada and in railroad circles throughout the United States. When I had the pleasure of meeting him for the first time as a member of this house I did not form a very high opinion of him, but later through the years he did me the great honour of inviting me to his home, and ever afterwards I liked Jim Murdock. He could say anything he wished, he could do anything he wished, but I still liked him.

He represented the under-dog, or at least he thought he did, and he could put the views of the under-dog before us in no uncertain terms. That touch in his speeches was good for all of us. We shall miss him, and the house will be poorer by reason of his passing. We none of us have a permanent lease on life, and his time to leave us had come. We honour his name.

It seems to me that if you want to know something about a married man you should find out what kind of a wife he has. Jim Murdock had a wonderful woman as a life companion, and to her especially, on my own behalf and on behalf of those associated with me, I wish to convey our deepest sympathy. To his daughter and his grandson I want to pass on some idea of the respect that we in this house learned to have for Jim Murdock. I did not have the pleasure of knowing his son, but on behalf of my party here I wish to say to all that we will miss Jim Murdock in the years to come.

Honourable senators, now may I say a few words about the late senator from Vancouver Centre (Right Hon. Mr. Mackenzie)? Ian Mackenzie was a magnificent representative of the Highland Scots. He had that intense fervour that we so often find among the Highland people. They are as different from the Lowland Scots as the Irish are from the English. One would never guess they came from the same country. The late senator had all the eloquence and mysticism of his people, and he was able to convey his feelings to an audience.

Senator Mackenzie was with us in this chamber only a short time. He came here