

lawyers carried him successively to the posts of *Bâtonnier* of the Bar of the district of Trois-Rivières and *Bâtonnier* of the whole province.

His reputation and prestige naturally led his friends to urge him to enter the political arena. He could not refuse. Undeterred by an initial setback, he was soon elected member for his native city in unfavourable circumstances which gave to his victory the sense of a personal triumph due to his prestige and to the support from all quarters which his devotion to the common good had earned for him.

This brilliant career was finally crowned by our colleague's appointment to the Senate. We have seen him at work in our midst. And we have been able to admire his noble qualities, his perfect courtesy, his firm convictions, his energetic attachment to his principles and the clearness and correctness of his speech.

The well-merited tribute which has just been rendered to the memory of Senator Bourgeois was mainly intended for the professional and political man. But a part of his active life remained untouched by the light which radiated from his public life. And it was perhaps the finest part. Senator Bourgeois possessed and practised that virtue which Bossuet called sovereign—the virtue of charity. He was a social worker. He was a leader in that choice army enrolled under the banner of St. Vincent de Paul. And in his native city the poor blessed his name and will venerate his memory. This imperishable crown will adorn his brow beyond the tomb. And it will prove more durable than the laurels of the judgment-halls and the palms of public life.

Our colleague has entered the kingdom of eternal rest. We tender him our last respects and offer him the tribute of admiration due to his noble life, and the assurance of our undying remembrance.

Hon. EUGENE PAQUET (Translation): Honourable senators, on the 15th of this month a dispatch brought me the news of the almost sudden death of my neighbour and our distinguished colleague, Senator Charles Bourgeois. I associate myself with my colleagues to pay a parting tribute to this highly gifted friend.

Senator Bourgeois had a brilliant career at the Bar. He was one of the most eminent members of the legal profession because of his wide knowledge of the law, his reputation as a lawyer, his thorough honesty and his Christian ideals.

I pay tribute to him as a remarkable model of constancy, of firmness and of inviolable attachment to the most noble principles.

Hon. Sir THOMAS CHAPAIS.

A friend of the higher culture in all its forms, he took a natural interest in our centres of intellectual training and in the students of our universities.

I had the advantage of hearing him lecture at the School of Higher Political Studies of the University of Ottawa. His lectures were always solid and brilliant. His sole pre-occupation was to fulfil as well as possible the task which had been entrusted to him. In the performance of this duty he spared himself neither labour nor pains. Senator Bourgeois's lectures bore in each one of their pages the stamp of his clear and well-ordered mind, of his wide knowledge and his vast experience. He was to have continued them. Unfortunately, his pen has fallen from his hand and his great voice will henceforth be silent.

At his funeral I was able to note the sympathy and affection which the people of Trois-Rivières, both high and low, felt for their distinguished fellow-citizen who had always served the most noble causes. A man of great culture, a sincere Catholic, a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, he shone by his knowledge, his experience and his goodness. Together with you, my honourable colleagues, I pay him a final tribute and I tender to his bereaved children our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

I shall conclude by quoting the words he uttered in this Chamber on the occasion of the death of Senator Fortin, on the 19th of May, 1936:

Our departed colleague was also a firm and true believer. Firmly rooted in him were the religious principles that pass from generation to generation in old Quebec. Those principles he practised in public as well as in private life. Oh! truly, he could smile, and smile to the end, for he was of those who "have fought the good fight" and can await in serene calmness "their just reward."

Hon. F. B. BLACK: Honourable senators, I feel that I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my personal tribute to two of those who have passed from among us. I have great respect for all who have been mentioned in this Chamber to-day, but there are two, the late Senator McLennan, and the late Senator Macdonell, whom I have known for much of my lifetime—one of them virtually from my boyhood days—with whom I have been in very close association, and whose intimate friendship I have enjoyed.

Senator McLennan was born in Montreal, but at an early stage in my life he came to the Maritime Provinces, where he was connected with the Dominion Coal Company. In my boyhood he came to the town of Sackville and engaged in land development there. It was then I first knew him. Senator