

minds reverting to the virtues and he long service of our colleague, Mr. Chapais. He was a man for whom I had the keenest respect, and, I think, everyone who knew him must have participated in that feeling. He was a thoroughly worthy and upright man, and, I think, one of the best men I ever met. In saying that he was one of the best men, I mean he was one of the most pious men I ever met. I conceived from my first acquaintance with him the strongest regard for him. I knew him first in 1858, I think; I afterwards served with him in the Government for some ten or twelve years, and in that way I became closely acquainted with his character, and to be closely acquainted with his character was, certainly, to respect and love him. I do not think anyone who knew him as intimately as I did could express his feelings in any less strong language. That was my feeling for the late Mr. Chapais. I heard, with great emotion, this morning of his sudden death; it is a warning to me and to others who have served long in public life, entering into it, as I did, about the same time as he did, or a little later, that our days are passing away. From my intimate knowledge of his life and character I am quite sure that each of us may well exclaim, "May I die the death of the righteous, and may my latter end be like his."

HON. MR. SCOTT—I am sure that we all share in the language expressed by the leader of the House, in speaking as he does of the late Mr. Chapais. I had also the pleasure of knowing him very intimately for a great number of years. My acquaintance with him dated from the long session of 1858, in Toronto. He then, being a vigorous and active man, spoke frequently and at length on all subjects in which the province of Quebec was interested. To know him was to feel that he was the possessor of just those qualities that my hon. friend has described—a high appreciation of integrity, a high sense of honor, and all those qualities which mark the true gentleman. His death was a shock to us all, because I think it was only Wednesday last that he was here participating in our proceedings and registering his vote in the Senate. As the leader of the House has said, it might be the de-

sire of any of us to lead the life our late colleague led for very many years. Since he withdrew from the Government we know that in this House every act of his, every word he spoke, sprang from his own conscientious feeling of what was right to be said and done. He acted on the very highest principles that could guide the human mind, and therefore we may well desire, at our latter end, to feel that we are as ready to die as he was. I think no more fitting tribute could be paid to his memory than to say that none of us could wish to be called away, and feel more prepared to meet his God than he was.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—Belonging to the same nationality as the late Mr. Chapais, perhaps it will not be out of place for me to express my high sense of gratitude for the honor paid to his memory by both leaders of this House. In the meantime, as you, hon. gentlemen, have known the lamented Senator as one of those who was most devoted to the nationality to which he belonged, allow me to say a few words in French. I think it is due to him that the eulogy should be pronounced in the language which he spoke during his lifetime. In his long public career he was known throughout the Dominion as a representative French-Canadian. He expressed the views and sentiments of those he represented: he maintained their rights and he protected the interests of the province from which he came. He was recognized in all parts of the country as the champion, *par excellence*, of true conservative principles. That he was influenced in all his acts by a spirit of justice and fair play is manifest from the recognition of those high qualities in his character by the leaders on both sides of the House to-day. The fact that the Senate, out of respect to his memory, adjourned to-day to attend his funeral and that the leaders on both sides have expressed their high appreciation of his sterling qualities must be a matter of gratification to all his old colleagues, and especially to those of his own nationality from the Province of Quebec. Permit me to express my gratitude for these tokens of respect for our departed friend and colleague, and the hearty concurrence manifested in the sentiments which have been express-