

got to know him intimately. I need not repeat the incidents of his career. They have been ably dealt with here to-night.

Senator Little was a strong party man, but he never allowed himself to be carried away by partisan feelings nor to harbour political animosity. For a good many years, as honourable members know, he acted as whip on this side of the House, and I do not think anyone will question my statement that he had as many friends on the other side of the House as on this.

From his early youth, along with other members of his family, Senator Little took a great interest in all kinds of public affairs. He began, as was natural, in his native town, and held several high offices, including the chairmanship of one public utility for many years.

Senator Little was generous to a fault. During the last war he and the members of his family made large contributions of time, and in other ways forwarded the war effort. Since then he and his brothers have done a great deal to assist Western University, in the city of London, an institution in which he retained an interest until the last.

Although Senator Little was a man of strong feelings, I do not think I ever heard him say an unkind word of his opponents or of any one else. He was always more than generous with his time. From the beginning of his career in the Senate I, as his room-mate, never knew him to fail to place himself at the disposal of people who came to him wanting to be introduced to this department or that, to ministers of the Crown or to others for purposes of business. No matter who these people might be, he always took them under his wing and gave them every assistance possible.

Senator Little was a very useful member in committees, and I do not think any member of the Senate worked harder than he did. As the honourable leader has said, he was known to everybody as Sid Little. That, I think, is a criterion of what people thought of the man. It was with great grief that I found him gone at the opening of this House.

Hon. EUGENE PAQUET (Translation): Honourable senators, my first words will be to pay tribute to the memory of our late colleagues, the Honourable Senators Creelman MacArthur, Edgar S. Little, Jules-Edouard Prévost and Pierre-Edouard Blondin.

I wish to express to their memory our gratitude for the services which they rendered to our institutions. The road to victory may be a little brighter, but there is still a long way to go and this will require all our energies. No matter how long and difficult the road may be, we have resolved, with the British people,

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to reach our goal. For this purpose we have pledged all our intellectual, industrial and human resources.

The death of Senator Pierre-Edouard Blondin, notary, who passed away at the age of 68, puts an end to the career of a prominent countryman who held several official posts in Canadian politics.

He entered the federal field in 1908. He joined the Borden cabinet in 1914 as Minister of Internal Revenue; he was appointed Secretary of State in 1915 and Postmaster General in 1917. Holding the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he organized the 258th Battalion for overseas service. He was summoned to the Senate in 1918. He was Postmaster General in the Meighen Government in 1920, and from 1930 to 1936 he was Speaker of the Senate.

In his own province Senator Blondin was a well-known and universally esteemed speaker. I had the opportunity to acquaint myself with his character and sterling qualities. His life was well filled, and he will go down in history as one of the most distinguished citizens of Canada. He was deeply attached to the ancestral traditions of his beloved race, of which he was very proud. So I wish to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Blondin, whom I knew for at least thirty-five years.

For eight long years, Senator Blondin, a courteous, energetic and forceful speaker, suffered from a cruel illness, which finally vanquished the valiant combatant.

Death laughs at plans and hopes and carries away its victims at the most unexpected moments. We recall the friendly clasp of the hand now stilled in death. These distinguished and worthy colleagues should be an inspiration to us.

Hon. W. A. BUCHANAN: Honourable senators, I feel that I should be false to my friendship with Senator Little if I did not pay tribute to his memory. I agree entirely with what the honourable senator from Brockville (Hon. Mr. Hardy) has said about him, but there is one aspect of his life which I think is well worth mentioning at this time. We sometimes think that men who are prominent in business and whose ambitions are largely devoted to the welfare of their own business, are neglectful of public affairs. The Little family has set an example to the rest of the country. The senator's father, at one time mayor of London, was one of those who promoted and participated in the building of the University of Western Ontario. Our esteemed and loved colleague followed in his father's footsteps as mayor of the same city, and a brother is to-day a member of the Board of Governors of Western University.