

he invited to go along with him a distinguished Canadian public man, the Honourable W. L. McDougall. He would tell how on the day after the speech, when the press of the United States was ringing the praises of the oratory of Everett, McDougall wrote back to the *Toronto Globe* saying that in his opinion it was the speech of Lincoln that would become immortal in history.

Norman Lambert was a forthright man. He was a blunt man. He never courted popularity, and he never tried to bribe anybody into liking him by showing them only a part of himself. There was about him a sort of Calvinistic dourness at times, and yet at other times he was a very, very human man. Chesterton once said that his idea of a wholesome man was one who could get into a towering rage if his morning egg were boiled too hard. By that test, Norman Lambert was, indeed, a wholesome man. It was an unforgettable experience to hear and watch him after he had missed a two-foot putt. But, cheerfulness was always breaking through, and you knew that after his first moment of fury it would be followed by gales of laughter about himself.

Some of us in this house during the last session, and after the session ended, saw the shadows closing around him—shadows that finally thickened into night. I was one of those who with members of his family—the family who loved him passionately, and whom he loved—and Senator Norman Paterson, and the Leader of the Government in this house, Senator Connolly, stood at his graveside on a bleak November morning and saw him return to the soil he loved so well. I thought then, and I will always think, that here would be the resting place of a great son of Canada, who loved and served Canada well, and one whose memory all of us in this house will keep until our own time has come.

Hon. A. K. Hugessen: Honourable senators, after the eloquence to which we have just listened from my honourable friend, I do not think there is much I can say about our mutual friend, Senator Norman Lambert. Perhaps I shall miss him more than most members of this chamber because for several years he was my deskmate, and no more pleasant or interesting a deskmate could any man enjoy.

I sat with Senator Lambert in this chamber for nearly thirty years. I was appointed a year before he was. What always struck me about him was one of the things mentioned

by my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. O'Leary, Carleton), and that was his wide culture and his great appreciation of good literature.

Senator Lambert had wide experience in a number of capacities in various parts of the country. He had a good mind, and he applied that mind as such a mind should be applied, namely, in an active spirit of public service. I think it can be said that when Canadian politics can attract to its ranks men of the calibre of Senator Lambert, then there is no fear for the future of this country.

We shall miss him sorely in this house, and I can only add to the eloquent remarks of the leaders on both sides my sincere sympathy to those of his family who survive him.

Hon. G. Percival Burchill: Honourable senators, after the moving tributes that we have heard this afternoon to our departed and lamented colleagues I hesitate to add anything, but I cannot let pass this opportunity of paying my tribute to Senator Norman Lambert, to whom I personally owe very much. He was of great help to me after I was appointed to this house, and I am indebted to him for many kindnesses over the years.

When I first came here we developed a friendship, and that friendship grew as the years passed. In later years we became neighbours because he occupied the office beside mine, and we used to chat with each other almost every day. I learned much from his informed mind, for he had a mine of information. As has been well said this afternoon, he was a wide reader, a stimulating conversationalist and a delightful man to meet.

Honourable senators, I owe a great deal to the late Norman Lambert, and I feel that this chamber as a legislative body will be the poorer because he has left us. To Mrs. Lambert and his family we send our sincere sympathy.

Honourable senators, coming as I do from the Atlantic provinces, I cannot sit down without saying that we have lost a giant in the person in the late Senator Comeau. He was greatly beloved. We in New Brunswick had heard of his fame long before he came to this chamber. I feel that I cannot add to what has already been so ably said about him by previous speakers, except to convey my sympathy to the late Senator Comeau's widow and family.

Unfortunately, Senator Wood's career was a shorter one. He was stricken when he was at the peak of his powers, and the Senate had not the opportunity to know him long enough. To his widow and family, I wish to convey my sympathy.