

figure who served, first as Speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, and later, as Minister of Agriculture.

Following his education at St. Mary's College, Senator Beaubien attended the University of Montreal—then called Laval University—where he studied law. He was admitted to the Bar of Quebec in 1894. In 1899 he married Margaret Power of San Diego, California. Three children were born to them.

Through his acute business sagacity and eminently successful law practice, Senator Beaubien became a director of many large Canadian firms. At one time he was a director of the Dominion Steel and Coal Company, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, the Banque Canadienne Nationale, the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited, the Insurance Company of Canada, the British American Oil Company and the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadienne. At the same time he carried on an extensive law practice and found time to gain prominence in public life.

Our late colleague was summoned to this house on December 3, 1915. In 1927 he was chairman of the convention which elected the Right Honourable R. B. Bennett leader of the Conservative Party. His associations and interests required him to travel extensively in this country and throughout the world. He was president of the Canadian section of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in 1922, 1933, and 1934, and was a delegate to its conferences, in Switzerland in 1919, and later at Vienna, Washington, Paris, Berlin and Bucharest. He successfully negotiated treaties for Canada with the French Government. In 1931 he was Canadian delegate to the League of Nations at Geneva, and represented Canada at the Pan-American Postal Conference at Mexico. In 1934 he was made a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

During recent years Senator Beaubien was not able to attend the sittings of this house regularly, so the senior members would know him best. When I was appointed to the Senate in 1943 he was still favouring his fellow members with his eloquence and charm of manner. Honourable senators who knew him best will appreciate that his passing marks the loss to this chamber of a cultured gentleman.

The Honourable Brewer Waugh Robinson, Summerside, died January 20, 1949. He was born at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, January 9, 1891, the son of George W. Robinson and Lucy Waugh. He received his education at Summerside High School and Commercial College, and on September 24, 1919, married Ethel R. Mills, the daughter of W. A. Mills of Halifax. They had no children.

The late Senator Robinson was a prominent silver fox rancher, a director of the Prince

Edward Island Fur Pool Limited, and president of Robinson's Mill and Bakery Limited. During the first Great War he served overseas for four years, and later became president of the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion. In 1942 he again went overseas, this time with the Canadian Legion War Services. In 1936 he was elected to the Prince Edward Island Legislature, and during that year and the following one served as Mayor of Summerside. He was summoned to the Senate on April 9, 1945.

The late senator was particularly interested in the problems of ex-service men. His comparative youth marked him as one who might be expected to contribute years of useful service to the nation and to the community in which he lived. But such was not to be, for after less than four years membership of this house he is no longer with us. His colleagues in this chamber extend sincere sympathy to those who mourn his untimely passing.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable members, seldom is a member of this house called upon to pay tribute to the memory of so many of our members as have passed away in the short period since the end of the last session. Actually, since October 20 last the call has come to no less than seven of them.

Because I knew these gentlemen so intimately it is difficult for me to speak of them. When one has been here for many years one gets to know his fellow-members and what they are like, and it is very depressing to lose them, especially when they have been as close as or closer than a brother. The honourable leader of the government has well and carefully outlined the lives of those who have gone, and I shall not enlarge upon what he said; but perhaps I may philosophize for a few moments. I hope that when I am no longer in this house, and somebody undertakes to speak about me, he will be able to say of me, as I think I can say without exception of the seven former members whom we now have in memory, that "though that fellow made lots of mistakes, they were all mistakes of the head, not of the heart."

To me the late Senator Donnelly was always "Senator Donnelly". To any question about agriculture, especially ranching and cattle-raising, he could always be depended upon for an informative answer. He also was extremely well-informed about lumbering, and had contributed notably to the development of both these branches of economic life in the province of Ontario. He was a great Canadian, and made a great contribution to the work of this house. His standard of morality was high, and his love of Canada was an inspiration to men who, like myself, followed him in later years to this chamber.