

prime of life, were continually active in various aspects of our Canadian life, but their interests were in different fields of endeavour and apart from the Senate they had few interests in common. In many respects they were direct opposites but they had one very noticeable similarity. Each looked to his wife for advice and encouragement. Seldom in our corridors did you see either senator alone. Each was always in the company of his dear wife, whose friendship and greetings to her husband's friends will not soon be forgotten.

In the passing of these two senators Canada loses two of its most public-spirited citizens, Parliament loses two of its most faithful senators, and two families suffer irreparable loss. To Mrs. Wall and to Mrs. Brunt and their families I join with the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Brooks) in extending our deep and abiding sympathy.

May I now refer to our other distinguished colleague, Senator Bois. He encouraged me to speak French, and I feel it would be appreciated if you will bear with me while I pay my tribute to him in his native tongue.

(Translation):

Senator Bois was an expert in all aspects of agriculture. He had an extensive knowledge of the agricultural conditions that prevail throughout Canada, and he was particularly familiar with the problems facing the farmers in Quebec where he was held in great respect as an agronomist.

He was known for his reserve. He did not speak often in the Senate but when he did he showed himself to be a learned man, well informed, a distinguished university graduate. His best contribution to the Senate was his work on the special Land Use Committee, of which he was an active member. He followed its deliberations closely and with great interest, and he made an important speech in the Upper House about the use of lands and forests. Among other things, he said that in his opinion there were too many unproductive lands and he recommended radical reforms to increase production and, at the same time, to secure for the farmers better living conditions.

(Text):

Honourable senators, I join with the Leader of the Government in extending to Madame Bois and her sons, on the passing of this distinguished Canadian, my deep sympathy.

Hon. Walter M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I wish to say a few words with respect to our departed colleagues. I join with the eloquent remarks which have been made by the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Brooks) and by the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald). I agree with all that they have said.

First, I would like to say a few words about my old friend, William R. Brunt. I knew

him much better than the other two senators who departed from this earth and have gone to their reward above. It was on the Sunday morning following the death by accident of Senator Brunt that I received a telephone message from Toronto, from our new senator, the Honourable Mr. Willis, imparting the sad news. I had seen Senator Brunt and talked with him very shortly before in the city of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and his passing, therefore, was a great shock to me. Immediately I made plans to fly to Toronto and from there I proceeded to Hanover to attend the funeral on the Tuesday afternoon. I received notice of his death before I heard of the death of Senator Wall, which I understand took place on the same Saturday evening, July 7.

Although Senator Brunt had been a member of the Senate only since 1957, I had known him personally for over thirty years. I knew him when he was a student-at-law in Toronto. I had met him through his friendship with a charming young lady from Rosetown, whom he married a few years later. My wife and I were guests at the wedding, which took place in 1930. We were very closely associated from that time on.

I have always described Senator Brunt as the busiest man in Canada. At any rate, he was one of the busiest men I had ever met. He belonged to many clubs and societies, he held several directorates, and was a distinguished lawyer and a keen businessman. Senator Brunt was so active that I continually tried to slow him down, but that was an impossibility. He put his whole heart and soul into everything he attempted, including his work in the Senate. He was a great believer in the Senate as an important arm of government in Canada. As honourable senators know, he was my deskmate in the Senate for four years. In 1958 I nominated him as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts. He was a very capable chairman, and still held that position at the time of his death.

Senator Brunt was a comparatively young man when he died and his prospects for the future were great. I for one mourn his tragic death. His place in the Senate will be hard to fill. To his widow, Helen, to his son and daughter and other relatives, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Honourable senators, I would like now to say a few words about the Honourable Senator William Michael Wall, whose death was also a shock to me, though not as great a shock as that of the death of Senator Brunt, for I felt when he left Ottawa after Parliament prorogued that he was not long for this world; at least, he told me so. I was surprised that in his condition he took such an active