

He obtained from the French Government the gift of the Vimy Plateau, where, beside the trenches they defended for years against the Germans, a splendid monument has been erected to the memory of Canadians who fell in the Great War. Not far from there lies the body of the senator's only son, who was killed in action in the last months of the War.

The senator leaves behind a beloved wife, the daughter of Sir Louis Jetté, one-time member of Parliament, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals in the province of Quebec, and Lieutenant Governor of that province. During the senator's term as Speaker of the House of Commons, Madame Lemieux graciously played the role of hostess to the parliamentary representatives.

I know of few Canadians who have taken so important a part in the affairs of Canada as the late Senator Lemieux. He performed admirably all the functions he was called upon to perform.

I know less of the honourable Colonel Arthurs, because he was with us for but a short time. My right honourable friend who faces me (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) had a much more intimate association with him and can speak of him with greater knowledge than I possess. Seven times Colonel Arthurs was returned to Parliament. He had the confidence of his community from 1908 to 1930. During the Great War he served at the front, having previously raised and commanded a regiment which he took to England. After the War his special interest, so far as I could follow his career from this end of the building, was the welfare of the returned soldiers. He served on all committees of the Commons which dealt with that subject, and gave all his attention to the betterment of conditions among returned men. Though he was with us, as I have said, but a short time, he won our friendship and esteem.

Senator Bénéard was born in the Richelieu Valley, in Iberville County, in the province of Quebec. He had hardly passed his twentieth year when he heard and answered the call of the West. Settling in Manitoba, he became interested in financial ventures which must have brought him affluence, inasmuch as we find him the owner of 5,000 acres of farm land under constant cultivation, a large dairy farm stocked with 200 pure-bred cows, and a ranch with about 1,000 head of cattle. He served in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba from 1907 to 1917, when he was summoned to the Senate. Being so much absorbed in his large interests in the West, he was not able to give as much time as he

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would have liked to the work of this Chamber. He was a genial companion and broad-minded citizen. His life is a proof to the young men of Eastern Canada that courage and perseverance bring success.

To the families of our departed colleagues we offer our whole-hearted sympathy.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable senators, I am not sure that since I have been a member of this House we have opened a session whose first days were not saddened by the absence of tried and true and intimate associates who had passed away during the recess. This time there are three. To them tribute has just been paid by the honourable leader of the Government.

I shall refer first to him whom I knew first, as a political associate and personal friend in old days in Manitoba, Senator Aimé Bénéard. In the third of my elections he was one of my constituents, but in earlier years when I was but an unknown student, he, though of the same age as myself, was already prominent in the political and business life of his province. Of French Canadian extraction, he had not the particular characteristics which are so pre-eminent in that race. His mind was of a practical turn; his ambitions were business ambitions. His scope of operations in his own field of activity was undoubtedly in his day the largest in the province of Manitoba, and among the largest in the entire Prairie West. He never did things in a small way. He had big ideas; his mind looked ahead to large achievements. His heart was in his farms and in his stock. He suffered the vicissitudes which all have had to undergo in that somewhat afflicted country, but nothing daunted his spirit, nothing weakened his determination, and never was he more hopeful or more active than in the last years of his life.

I never knew a man farther removed from racialism in its unfavourable sense than was Senator Aimé Bénéard. He was beloved by both races; proud of his own, but generous to all.

Senator Arthurs entered the House of Commons in 1908, the same year that I had the honour of entering that House. His endowment of perseverance was doubtless greater than mine, greater than that of most men, for he remained there from that time until he was elevated to this House in 1934. He was one of those solid, substantial fellows with no high opinion of their own excellences. His greatest joy was to do the every-day work of life to the best of his ability, to be of help to those