

government in the Senate, he was its eldest and most experienced member. In years of service, Mr. Cardin was the eldest member of the House of Commons.

Senator Dandurand and Mr. Cardin were both Ministers from this Province. Each was a wise and able counsellor. With the loss from the Ministry of Mr. Lapointe, Senator Dandurand and Mr. Cardin, had Mr. St. Laurent not become a member of the Cabinet when he did, I should have been without a single French speaking colleague in the government from the Province of Quebec. The other French speaking Ministers from Quebec have all entered the Ministry since that time. Imagine, without Mr. St. Laurent, what, in these very critical months, my plight and the plight of the Ministry would have been!

That is the first acknowledgment I wish to make tonight. I am happy to be able to make it in Mr. St. Laurent's presence, and in the presence of his many friends.

Tribute to Hon. P. J. A. Cardin

This seems an appropriate place at which to pause, that I may pay a tribute to the memory of my former colleague, the Honourable Arthur Cardin who has been taken from us within the past few weeks.