

I regret to say, has been returned to Canada badly wounded.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Dying.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: My honourable friend here informs me that he is dying from the wounds that he received at the front, while doing his duty to his country. The other members of the family are also engaged in doing their share, both in France and in this country, in the terrible struggle which we are now carrying on.

I join with my honourable friend in expressing our regret at the loss of so many of our friends from the Senate, and our condolence with their families and friends.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, when I look at the names of our departed colleagues, I am struck with the fact that they constitute a group which is typical of this chamber as a whole. They are from all parts of Canada, west, east and centre; all the races of our population and the various activities of the men who make up the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada. It is often stated in the press that the Senate is not a very active body and seems to be composed of men who have reached the age when they take life easily. Yet when I look at this list of men I find that up to their last days they had been active in the various walks of life, and had only become inactive when sickness prevented them from crossing the threshold of this Chamber. They have all been men of prominence in their respective localities. Five of them received the endorsement of their people as worthy to represent them in the House of Commons, and from there they came direct to this Chamber.

I can but second the remarks of the two leaders in this House; but I would like to add a word about one of those seven members, one with whom I have been closely associated, the late Senator Mackay; and what I shall say of him I am quite sure I could say equally of the other six of our colleagues who have passed away. I have known Senator Mackay in Montreal for forty years, and have been able to estimate him in his private as well as his public life. He was a public-spirited man, wise in council, and most generous to all charitable institutions and not only those which knocked at his door, but many others; and his name in most cases did not appear to tell the public what he was doing. I have sat with him on some boards, and have always felt that his advice was prec-

ious, and I have heard encomiums on all sides as to his life, both private and public. I join in expressing sincere sympathy with the families of our late colleagues.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER (translation): Honourable gentlemen, as one of the old members of this honourable Chamber, I may be permitted to add a word to the eulogies which have been expressed towards those of our colleagues who, during the past year, have passed away. I of course concur in what has been said by the honourable gentlemen who have preceded me. In rising to follow them I do so to speak more particularly of my friend the Hon. John Costigan. The honourable leader of the Opposition has told us that for fifty years he had without interruption represented the same constituency. This, honourable gentlemen, is a record. One does not represent the same constituency for fifty years without possessing great and solid qualities both as a public man and as a private citizen, especially, I may say, when the nationality of the member is different from that of the electors. The Hon. Mr. Costigan was an Irishman; those who elected him were Acadians, compatriots of myself. I consider the facts stated to be a compliment both to the elected and the electors. The fidelity which united them to each other was not broken by the change of political allegiance on the part of Mr. Costigan. Mr. Costigan was essentially an honest man. This only can explain the fidelity of his electors and their unalterable confidence in him.

But there was another thing. Mr. Costigan, while the intrepid chief of the Irishmen of the Dominion, was just to other nationalities. He had within him an innate sense of justice. He exemplified the real qualities of a leader of a national party in the Dominion, vindicating the cause of those whom he specially represented, while at the same time conceding generously the rights of others. It is to Sir John Macdonald, of regretted memory, and the Hon. John Costigan, whose loss we mourn to-day, that the Acadian minority owes the honour of having a representative in this Chamber, however small his claims and personal qualifications for that position may be. The affectionate tribute which I render to his memory is an act of gratitude both for my compatriots and for myself. Let us hope that Canada will produce other national party leaders with views as large, as philanthropic and as liberal as those which have characterized my deceased and much regretted friend.

Hon. N. A. BELCOURT: May I be permitted to join the hon. leader of the Gov-