

for thirty-eight years in all our activities. His geniality and fund of anecdote made him the best of companions, and we shall all miss him here. His loss will also be keenly felt in the city of Montreal. We deeply regret his departure.

To Mrs. Brown and family and to Mrs. Casgrain and children I desire to express our most sincere sympathy.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable senators, one is always afraid, as the opening of Parliament approaches, that an occasion such as the present will arise. This time little indeed need be added on this side of the House to the very informative references made by the honourable leader of the Government to the two distinguished members who have passed on.

I did not know Senator Brown very well. As all are aware, the hand of Death was close even when he took his seat here for the first time. He moved in the highest business circles of Montreal. His firm was undoubtedly the largest and probably the busiest of all the law firms of this Dominion. It was largely his own creation. But he was more than a lawyer. He was a business organizer, and in the sphere of business would doubtless have gained even greater reward than he did in the sphere he chose. In the larger business circles of our country he stood high, and I doubt not that his qualifications merited the recognition he received. I have always lamented that he did not become a member of this House at a time when he could have taken an active interest in its work and looked forward to a notable career among us.

When I come to refer to Senator Casgrain my task is not easy. I think this is the ninth session I have been here, and I do not know any member on either side who has ever extended to me such courtesies as I always received from him. Nor was I the only one. Whenever there was trouble, whenever there was need of a word of cheer, whether to me—as rarely occurred—or to others whom I have in mind, Senator Casgrain was the first on hand. His name will be held beloved by more than one member on this side of the House.

As the honourable leader of the Government has said, Senator Casgrain was a remarkable man. I do not know that I ever listened to one who could review details with such thorough memory-command, to such endless extent, or on such a wealth of subjects as could he. Sometimes I questioned just how far he had organized this material to utilize it in the formation of opinion, but that he had it at his command was evident

to everyone. Further, he was a man in every sense of the word. I knew him pretty well. The Casgrain family is scattered throughout our country, some in one province, some in another; some of one political faith, some of the other; but if they are all like our late colleague, the more of them we have in our Dominion the better.

A French Canadian by birth, a subject of Great Britain, he was just as loyal to the one relationship as to the other. Never do I want to see a Canadian citizen more thoroughly loyal than was Senator Casgrain. He knew what it meant to be a British subject, and how to appreciate its worth, and he never sought in any way to evade any of the implications which that splendid title carries with it. When the trial came his family was of course one of those earliest on the scene of action, and one of those that achieved the finest record.

The House can never be quite the same again without him. He was a real character. The courtesy that shone from him was not the finest thing he possessed; he also had his full share of those "wrestling thews that throw the world." He was indeed the type of man one likes to remember.

The family can be assured that there are many here who will long regret his passing.

I join with the honourable leader of the Government in extending also to Mrs. Brown our very tenderest sympathy.

Hon. C. P. BEAUBIEN: Honourable senators, to what has been so fittingly said of our late colleagues I wish to add one word, a word of farewell to lifelong companions and true friends.

As by the swift course of time we are carried close to the fatal hour, the disappearance of those who entered into our daily life and especially shared our friendship becomes more and more painful.

Certainly such is the case for me at this moment, when I miss the sympathetic smile of Senator Casgrain across the House. Indeed, it was difficult to overlook his presence in our midst. His imposing appearance, his always youthful bearing, full of zest, appealed to everyone. The explanation of this might well have been his descent from a very old and distinguished Canadian family of French origin; also, no doubt, the fact that he belonged to a generation especially gifted and brilliant, which produced such statesmen as Laurier and the wonderful leader of this House, such poets as Fréchette, such historians as our esteemed colleague Senator