

I said earlier that Senator Asselin and Senator Flynn had influenced my decision to become an organizer and, in a very modest way, a helper in the PC Party of Canada and New Brunswick. However, a few years later I got to know the then minister without portfolio, Senator Sherwood. I was not present in 1963 when he led our party. However, I know he shared Richard Hatfield's vision of making our party a truly provincial party. His efforts were not compensated immediately. Francophones could not make up their minds at the time, and certainly could not see their way to supporting the alternative. However, I believe Senator Sherwood planted the seed for future electoral success for our party. In a very impressive way, he changed the electorate for many years to come and for the betterment of New Brunswick.

[Translation]

Senator Sherwood, through your dedication, your modesty and your knowledge of New Brunswick and both its francophone and anglophone communities, you put your mark on our party, on our province and on our country. I wish you a well deserved retirement. I know that you will want to continue to provide us with your precious advice. I will be eternally grateful to you for the courage you have shown all along your career and even through periods of disappointment, I am sure, and your example will continue to give me and others the eagerness to serve better and to listen more, something that is not always easy for me, but I think you will continue to be for me and for many others an interesting and very worthy model. I wish you a very good retirement, Senator Sherwood.

In closing, I would like to go back to Senator Flynn. He too has represented his province, his party and his country with great dignity, always with an incomparable fairness and surely with a lot of courage and dedication. For my part, I will try to take my inspiration from Senator Flynn and model myself upon him. I know that if over the next few years I were to be accused of adding a sound and rash partisanship in our proceedings, I could always say that Senator Flynn inspired me to do so. This will also be my way to remind our colleagues opposite or their successors of the long and outstanding career Senator Flynn had in this House as well as in the other place.

Senator Flynn, I wish you a good career and a good retirement.

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[English]

**Hon. Hazen Argue:** Honourable senators, I should like to add my words to those of my colleagues who have expressed their admiration for the honourable senators who are about to retire.

It has been said that Senator Flynn has graced Parliament now for some 30 years. During most of that period I have had the privilege to serve with Senator Flynn, first, in the House of Commons and, more recently, in the Senate. I remember Senator Flynn in the House of Commons as the Deputy Speaker. I can appreciate, now perhaps more than I did then, his knowledge of the rules and his general fairness in the application of those rules. But I was in a particular position in

the House of Commons in those days. I led perhaps one of the smallest parliamentary parties we have ever had in that chamber, yet we had a leader in the formal way.

I do not know whether it was at Senator Flynn's recommendation, but the seating plan in those days was much different from what exists today. Instead of relegating the smallest party close to the exit door, we had the privilege—our small band of eight—of sitting close to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. I can remember—and Senator Flynn has reminded me often of it since—that no matter what subject I might be speaking on in the House of Commons, in one way or another I would drag in the topic of wheat. In those days Senator Flynn thought I was often out of order. I want to say to him now that I appreciated the facility I achieved in catching the Speaker's eye and ear. It was a pleasure to work with Jacques Flynn in the House of Commons.

I cannot in any way be as eloquent as those who have already spoken, but Jacques Flynn is a giant of a parliamentarian. He has a great and sharp mind, and his reasoning is usually, if not always, logical. He can cut through a phoney argument or presentation with great speed and facility. Jacques Flynn, a stalwart son of the province of Quebec, has made his mark for that province and for Canada in his contribution to Parliament.

When Confederation becomes strained, one of the main reasons for the strain and the difficulty is a lack of communication—that is, one area of the country does not know what the other parts of the country are thinking, and certainly does not appreciate what they are thinking.

As a westerner I should like to invite Jacques Flynn to come to western Canada to present to the people of that part of Canada his perspective of our nation's past, present, and future. If he would do that, he would find the hospitality of westerners quite warm.

**Senator Flynn:** I have experienced that.

**Senator Argue:** You have been there often before, but we would be happy to see you and to hear from you once again.

I now wish to say to Margaret Anderson that I was privileged to be the chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Senate for some years. Senator Margaret Anderson then, and since, was one of the most faithful members of that committee.

You, Senator Anderson, have served your country and your province well. You were steadfast in attending the various meetings. When we made our study of the beef industry across the country, and particularly our study of Kent County, your contribution was enormous and greatly appreciated.

Senator Sherwood came to the Senate later than Senator Anderson. He brought with him a tremendous knowledge of the agricultural industry. He too was a diligent and faithful member of the Agriculture Committee, and for a time he was deputy chairman. Senator Sherwood was recognized as an authority on agriculture and was appointed to the Canadian Agriculture Hall of Fame.

These two senators, who are retiring, are important voices for of agriculture. Agriculture is in difficulty today in many