

an inapt illustration. He had a wonderful power of throwing before the eye a gleaming picture of his presentation, so that young and old of all classes, however ill they might have been versed in the subject beforehand, knew just what he was driving home. He was a master of the platform, perhaps the greatest stumper this Dominion has produced.

In his later years the role of gladiator was thrown aside and his whole life was devoted to service in a sphere which had captured his imagination, indeed seized his whole being. He devoted the evening of his life to trying to advance the cause of one of this world's great necessities, a cause which was impressed upon his mind indelibly by the tragic events of the War. His interest in the League of Nations was such that to promote its mission there was no service too arduous, no toil too hard. In those years he forgot what domestic enemies and political opponents were; he was the great Canadian, fighting for what he believed to be a high and noble ideal, one that in his judgment mankind had to achieve if the world was to be saved.

I speak with some emotion of Sir George Foster, and I know that in recording the affection that I feel for his memory I do little more than reflect the feeling on the part of all honourable members of this House. To his widow, I am sure, goes out the sympathy of all honourable senators. We trust that those left to mourn in the families of the four departed will ever rest assured that they have the very tenderest good wishes of the surviving colleagues of those who have gone.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members of the Senate, it is with some diffidence that I rise to follow my right honourable friend in speaking of the matter which is now before us. With such felicity of thought and language has he discharged his task, that I might refrain from adding anything. However, as I have sat for a number of years with the senators whose names have been mentioned, I feel it my duty to join with the right honourable gentleman in declaring that the departure of our late colleagues is a great loss to the Senate. I will not repeat what has been said of their careers. They endeared themselves to their colleagues by their geniality, their humanity and their devotion to their work in this Chamber.

We recognize what Canada owes to the Maritime Provinces when we bend over the departed. Senators Farrell, Crowe, Curry and Foster all were born in the Maritime Provinces. Three of them left those provinces and enriched other communities by their presence, their work and their talents. Senator Crowe

went to Vancouver, helped to build that city, and developed with it. He was recognized by all as a leader, and was esteemed and beloved by all. Senator Curry extended his activity to the city of Montreal, where he was interested in many financial and industrial undertakings. His advice was sought by many, and, as the right honourable gentleman (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) has said, he played an important part in the development of industry in this country.

As to Sir George Foster, he is now part of Canadian history. It is difficult to picture his career within the compass of a few phrases. It stands to be portrayed at greater length. He was a scholar, a man of culture, an orator. Having been a university professor, he had acquired a training that prepared him for his public work in the country and in Parliament. He had as clear a mind as could be met with anywhere, and during the fifty years of his public life no one in Canada stood higher in oratorical ability. Sir Wilfrid Laurier more than once told me he had the greatest admiration for the talents of our late colleague, who, he said, had no peer as an orator in the House of Commons during the time he sat there. Not only for his record in this Chamber and in the House of Commons were we proud of him, but also for his accomplishments abroad, and especially at Geneva. I had the advantage of hearing him there in 1929, and I know that his speeches rank among the best that were delivered by the most brilliant statesmen from all the countries represented at the session of the League of Nations that year. I am sure that Canada's prestige throughout the world was enhanced by the reputation he made then, and at other meetings of the League, in 1920 and 1926.

I join with my right honourable friend in expressing the sympathies of this Chamber to the families of our departed friends.

Hon. PASCAL POIRIER: Honourable senators, the death of our four departed colleagues is a serious loss to the Senate and to the whole country. I wish to refer particularly to Sir George Eulas Foster. Since I first entered this Chamber—and that is a long time ago—I have witnessed the departure of very many members. Among them none was more prominent than Sir George Eulas Foster. He occupied a peculiar, a unique, position in the parliamentary annals of Canada. Ever to the front, in the thick of action, equally formidable in attack and defence, he never rose to the supreme command; yet in him was the kind of material out of which prime ministers are built.