

all miss him. I always found him one of the most courteous and friendly members of this Chamber, and it was a real pleasure to meet him, in or out of the Senate.

The Honourable Senator Fauteux had been with us but a few years. When he was appointed he gave promise of a very brilliant career in this Chamber. He had a high reputation as a barrister in his own province, and became the head of the Montreal Bar, or, to use the French term, the *Bâtonnier*. It goes without saying that he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all members of his profession. He was inclined towards political activities and, through his eloquent voice, gave his party all the help he could. As a matter of fact, he was one of the Conservative party's brilliant speakers in the province of Quebec, and no one was surprised when the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen selected him as Solicitor-General for the Dominion. In this House he was not heard very often, because, as we were surprised to learn last session, he was in very delicate health. That fact was not evident from his appearance, but all those who knew him felt it was the reason why he did not rise oftener to give us his advice on questions that were being debated here.

To the families of our departed colleagues I offer the heartfelt sympathy of all members of this Chamber. I am quite sure my honourable friend who is leading the other side to-day (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) will associate himself with these condolences.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I did not have the privilege of being acquainted with Senator Laird until I became a member of this Chamber, some nine years ago. At that time he was in his full vigour. I was attracted by the clearness of mind which, so long as he retained his health, he brought to bear on all the subjects that one would discuss with him or that came up for consideration in the Senate. My honourable friend the leader of the House (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has, in his customary eloquent and sympathetic manner, traced Senator Laird's active life. It was not only an active life, but also a most useful one. The West particularly and Canada as a whole are poorer because of the passing of Senator Laird.

Senator Fauteux I knew for more than twenty years. He was a gentleman of great qualities and of a kind disposition, and was very modest and reticent. When you got to know him as a friend you found he was one of the most jovial and likeable persons that anyone could meet in public or private life. He was possessed of unusual talents as an orator, and I doubt very much if he had any

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superior in the province of Quebec. To me it was always a matter of regret that we did not hear from him oftener in the Senate. As my honourable friend opposite has already stated, Senator Fauteux had a distinguished career as a barrister, and became *Bâtonnier* of the Montreal Bar. He offered his services to the public freely, and no doubt that is one reason why in later years his health was not as robust as it should have been, and why he passed away at a rather early age.

I know I am expressing the views of everyone on this side of the Senate when I say we associate ourselves with the honourable leader and members on the other side in conveying our most sincere sympathy to the families of the late Senators Laird and Fauteux.

Hon. ARTHUR SAUVÉ (Translation): Honourable senators, there are few places where life follows its course on such a striking tempo as it does in this House. There are few if any sessions during which the death-knell is not sounded for some one of our colleagues, fallen a victim to the Grim Reaper, who strikes right and left, with no consideration for age or for human tasks to be performed. I should have nothing to add to the tribute so eloquently paid by the leaders of this House to the memory of those who were the last to be called by death, were not the ties of friendship that have bound me for fifty years to the late lamented senator from Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Fauteux) enjoining me to render him a last tribute in this House.

André Fauteux was a man endowed with a natural distinction, which was heightened by a sound intellectual culture, and marked by an eloquence full of charm, elegance and spiritual elevation, which bespoke a mind nurtured with beautiful things and noble ideas. André Fauteux was quite fond of politics as a means of upholding principles and ideas; consequently, under our democratic system he frequently had to suffer in this regard. He was not a politician; he confessed to a lack of psychological precision. To serve his country through his party, he ignored danger or peril; he could fight to the last ditch and accept unhesitatingly the most threatening risk, the heaviest sacrifice and the bitterest political struggle.

However, the nobleness of his feelings, the sincerity of his heart and the dignity of his conduct ensured him the admiration of his fiercest opponents.

As he came to Ottawa too late to become sufficiently accustomed to the federal atmosphere, his colleagues had but too seldom the opportunity of appreciating his talents, but all could admire in him a perfect gentleman.