

anything to the encomiums that have been spoken upon our late leader, Sir James Lougheed. To myself his death was a personal loss, but that is as nothing compared with the loss that the country has sustained. It was my privilege to know Sir James as far back as forty-five or forty-seven years ago, when he first started to study law.

I rise particularly for the purpose of referring to the late member from Manitoba, the late Senator Bradbury. His demise I feel, is a great loss to the Senate. He had associated himself with many matters of great public importance, and in none of them was there any question about his devotedness to the public interest. I will mention only one or two cases. For the part he took in the Fisheries Regulations that are to-day in force with respect to Lake Winnipeg and other lakes in Manitoba, the men engaged in the fishing industry owe him a great debt of gratitude. He was their representative. It was my privilege to know him when he first entered the political arena as a member for the constituency of Selkirk. We in this Chamber know that it is largely—I might say almost entirely—due to him that Canada to-day retains those great coal fields known as the Hoppe leases. He was always ready to answer the call of public duty, and when the war broke out he did not hesitate to offer his services and throw himself at once into the fight. He raised the 108th Battalion, which met with such great success on the battlefields in Europe.

His many personal qualities endeared him to the members of the Senate, and though in later years, probably owing to ill-health, he was not able to take as active a part as formerly in the debates of this Chamber, I am sure he has left his mark. We shall regret for many years to come his untimely demise.

Hon. W. B. WILLOUGHBY: Honourable gentlemen, it has been suggested that as a Westerner I too might say a word with reference to the very untimely death of our honoured leader on this side. To make a personal reference—I am told that at the time of his death he had the heart and the arteries of a comparatively young man. He was a man who led a very clean, healthy physical life. He was rugged, active, and fond of exercise, and enjoyed everything in nature, and we in this House might have readily anticipated for him ten, fifteen or twenty years more in his span of life.

The honourable Leader of the House (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has related to us many personal details. I may supplement them by three or four. Sir James Lougheed was born,

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as we all know at Brampton, in the county of Peel—a county those representative in this House, the beloved and highly respected member who sits upon my left, is now seriously ill; I refer to the Hon. Senator Blain. Sir James came from a good county, to which other distinguished men owe their origin.

I did not become personally acquainted with Senator Lougheed until I went to the West in 1897. Shortly after I went to live at Moose Jaw there was formed a law society for what are now the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Those provinces were not separated judicially or legislatively until 1905, at the time of the Autonomy Bill. As I happened to be one of the first benchers, and Sir James Lougheed was another, we became very early associated in matters relating to the legal profession, and our personal and professional contact was not infrequent. I can assure you that the gentlemen of the Bar and others who met Sir James in court found him to be a very wise counsellor and very successful advocate. Not only was he full of legal knowledge, but he had great quickness of parts, and had he devoted himself exclusively to the law he would certainly have been eminent as a counsel at the Bar.

His life was intimately associated with the Western Provinces in particular. You in the East and the centre of Canada knew him in his public capacity as a Senator; we in the West knew him also as a builder. No man in the West, I care not who it is, has done more in the building up of the industries of the Prairie Provinces than our late esteemed leader. He was a man of strong practical sense. By his early training, to which reference has been made, he became peculiarly competent in matters of building and construction. He was engaged in that work on his own behalf from the very beginning in Calgary.

With the honourable Senator from Regina (Hon. Mr. Laird), I went to the funeral of Sir James. We could not be delegated at that time, but, being apparently the only two Senators from the Prairie Provinces who were available, we took it upon ourselves in our humble way to represent the Senate. You will be pleased and will not be surprised to hear that all Calgary turned out to do him honour at his funeral. Among those who attended were to be found many old-timers from various parts of Alberta. On the train on my way home from Calgary to Medicine Hat I happened to meet one of them, who told me an interesting fact, which I had never heard, with reference to the Senator. They came to Medicine Hat about the same