

active member of this Chamber, and identified himself with the different branches of its work, both in committee and on the floor of the House. He had been in active political life for over forty years and no doubt rendered able service to his province and the country. We were more than surprised to learn of the death of Senator Bell, who became a member of this Chamber during the last session of parliament. We all thought he had many years of usefulness before him. He seemed to be in the heyday of his physical and mental vigour, and during the short period that he was with us, he interested himself in all the work of this Senate, was a valuable member upon the committees on which he served, and took a very able part in discussions upon the floor of this Chamber. He was a personal friend of my own, and when I heard of his death I was peculiarly impressed with the suddenness of death. We had looked upon Senator Bell as having before him many years of usefulness in this Chamber. He was a man who had been very actively engaged in the public life of Canada. For some forty years he was identified with the political life of his own province, having served the State in its municipal, provincial and central government. He held a portfolio in his native province, and afterwards served many years in the Commons. He came here peculiarly well qualified to discharge the duties of membership of this Chamber, and I feel assured in saying that this Chamber will have suffered a very serious loss through the death of Senator Bell.

The Senate has suffered a great loss through the death of the Right Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright. Since confederation Sir Richard was one of the most prominent figures in the political life of Canada. He was a co-temporary with all the distinguished public men that have impressed themselves upon the history of Canada from the Union down to the present. He was a co-temporary of Sir John Macdonald, Sir Edward Blake, Sir Charles Tupper, and Alexander Mackenzie. Probably few men played a more important part in the history of Canada than the late Sir Richard Cartwright. I need not say that he was a

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man of peculiarly pronounced views. He always expressed himself according to the convictions which he felt. He reflected a very high order of credit on the various high offices which he filled. He received recognition at the hands of the Imperial Government. He was made a Privy Councillor of the Empire, and always occupied a very high position in the service of the State as well as the councils of the party to which he belonged. His personal characteristics and his public abilities were so very well known that it would be entirely superfluous for me to attempt to enlarge upon them, because they are impressed so deeply upon the knowledge of our times. His forensic ability gave lustre to the deliberations of parliament, and upon his appointment to this Chamber as leader of the government, both sides of this House appreciated the honour which was done the Senate in his representing the government upon the floor of the Senate. I doubt if there is an hon. gentleman in this House who cannot bear testimony to the great courtesy and kindly consideration which was always extended to him in his contact with the late Sir Richard Cartwright. His public life ran parallel with the history of this Dominion from the time of confederation down to the present time, and the history of the Union will certainly not be written without giving a very large space to the public life of the former leader of the opposition in this chamber. I attended his funeral at Kingston. The day was a cheerless one. It was a day of sullen clouds and falling rain, and as I saw his last remains laid beneath the sod, close to the last resting place of his great political antagonist, Sir John Macdonald, in the cemetery of Catarqui, I was peculiarly impressed with the pettiness of our human differences and strife and the imperishable worth of peace and good will among men. I feel assured in saying, hon. gentlemen, that the sympathies of this Senate will be conveyed to the families of the deceased senators in the bereavement which they have severally suffered.

Hon. Sir GEO. ROSS (Middlesex)—It is one of the painful duties which seem to attach to the position I occupy I to have to