

would not be considered presumptuous. Whatever his elders may have thought of that, the speech reads like a tour de force, even today. His first speech in the Senate on September 18, 1968 and his farewell speech to Parliament on October 30, 1974 are, both of them, well worth reading.

His final speech especially was an eloquent tribute to the parliamentary institutions which had been his home for 40 years.

[Translation]

The honourable Paul Martin personified the spirit of bilingualism and biculturalism upon which our Confederation was founded.

Throughout his public life he showed untiring devotion to Canadian unity.

By birth a Franco-Ontarian, he was always very aware of the aspirations of Quebec and concerned about French-speaking communities in the other provinces.

In 1971, he was with Prime Minister Trudeau at the Victoria Constitutional Conference. Near the end of his life, Mr. Martin had the pleasure of seeing his son, Paul Martin junior, elected to the House of Commons as member of Parliament for a Quebec riding, and to witness the remarkable progress of his son in parliamentary and public life.

We are pleased that his son is keeping up the excellent tradition of public service which his name will always symbolize for us.

**Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, I would like to join in the comments made by my colleagues Senators Frith and Murray about our old friend Paul Martin.

Anyone who has done anything in politics, certainly on the side of the Liberals, but even in the other political parties, could not help but come into contact with Paul Martin eventually.

For myself, I have been active in the Liberal Party for many years in my province, and we could always count on Paul Martin if we needed a speaker or someone to take part in our campaigns. He was always there to help us.

However, it was in this place that I really came to know Paul Martin, as, a short time after my appointment here, when he was Leader of the government in the Senate, I was myself appointed party whip.

At the time, senator Martin did just about everything! He was Leader of the government in the Senate, Deputy Leader of the government in the Senate, and even whip on occasion.

We worked very closely together for some time. That's when I came to appreciate Paul Martin fully for what he was, a dynamic man, a man of ideas, a man for whom Canada was everything. He was a real patriot, always a Canadian first. Today, we have lost in Paul Martin one of the great architects of our society, of our generous society, of our society which feels a duty towards the poor, the sick and the disadvantaged.

It is thanks to men like Paul Martin that we were able to build our Canadian society.

I therefore wish to express my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Martin and to their son Paul. Of course, they have lost someone much closer to them than we have, but we have all lost a friend and a great Canadian.

[English]

**Hon. John Buchanan:** Honourable senators, I should like to say a few words about the late Right Honourable Paul Martin. I have known Mr. Martin personally for the past 14 years. I believe you will find it interesting to learn how I came to meet him and to know him.

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In 1978, I was invited to the Press Club Dinner here in Ottawa with a friend of mine from Cape Breton who had done very well in the business of journalism here in Ottawa and on the hill, Stuart MacLeod. I was sitting next to Mr. Martin at that dinner, having been introduced to him just before the dinner. He told me that in 1971 he was in Halifax, staying at the Nova Scotian Hotel during the Tory leadership campaign, and had watched it on television. He said, "I picked you as the winner."

I said to myself at the time, "It is safe enough for him to say that to me now," because I had won, but that was seven years after the convention. I thanked him very much and said, "Why did you think I'd win?" "Well," he said, "I will tell you. When I entered politics in the 1930s, there was a gentleman came to see me. I had known him before, and he was the secretary of the YMCA. They were planning a dinner for the Windsor-Sarnia area. He, as the secretary of the rather new YMCAs in the area, wanted me to be the guest speaker at a fund-raising dinner. At first I declined, but he had rather persuasive powers, and finally I said, 'Well, maybe I will do it, but I will have to have some time to think about it.'"

"The man said, 'You don't have much time because the dinner is in two weeks. I have to give notice that you are the speaker. Look, I will make a deal with you: If you will be the guest speaker at the YMCA dinner, then I will work for you in the upcoming election.' This was in 1935."

Paul Martin looked at me, and he said, "You know, he was such a superb organizer that I accepted that offer. I said, 'Fine, I will speak at your dinner if you will be one of my chief organizers in the upcoming election.' He was, and I was elected, and he worked for me in two more elections after that. His name was Buchanan, and that is why I thought you'd win." I said, "What was his first name?" Mr. Martin said, "Angus." I said, "That was my Uncle Angus who was the secretary of the YMCA."

That was my first meeting with Paul Martin. From then on, whenever I was in Ottawa, I would call Mr. Martin.

In 1982, I believe it was, when I was in London, he attended a dinner for my wife and me when he was the High Commissioner. During the dinner, he told everyone assembled