

Senator Cyril B. Sherwood has been prominent in the public life of New Brunswick since 1952, when he was elected to the provincial legislature. As Minister of Agriculture in Premier Flemming's government for eight years, Leader of the Opposition in the legislature and leader of the Progressive Conservative Party for six years, minister without portfolio in Premier Hatfield's government for two years, Cy Sherwood was a member of the New Brunswick legislature for 22 years. He has been a senator for ten years, having been appointed on October 3, 1979, by former Prime Minister Clark.

Senator Sherwood's health has not permitted him in recent years to play as full a role in the Senate as he, and we, would have liked. He underwent heart surgery several years ago. Nevertheless, he has been deputy chairman of our Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and has taken an active interest in that field, as might be expected from one who has been a leader in both New Brunswick and Canadian agriculture for more than half a century.

Senator Sherwood began farming in 1935, and he is proud that a fifth generation Sherwood is carrying on the family tradition of dairy farming in King's County. Senator Sherwood was the first president of the New Brunswick Cream Producers' Marketing Board, past president of the Milk Producers' Association of New Brunswick and of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, and a former director of the Maritime Winter Fair Association, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

I have known Senator Sherwood as a friend for more than 25 years. I can speak from some personal knowledge of his generous contribution to public life in New Brunswick and to the Progressive Conservative Party, in particular. I know also of the esteem in which he is held by New Brunswickers, and deservedly so.

On behalf of the Prime Minister, our colleagues in the government and in this party, I should like to express our thanks and best wishes to Senator Sherwood as he closes this chapter of a long and honourable career in the service of his fellow citizens.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I am glad and, of course, sad to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of our side, although not exclusively, about the pending retirement of our three colleagues, referred to by Senator Murray. I want no inference to be taken from this, but I will be dealing with our colleagues in the reverse order to that taken by Senator Murray. As they say frequently at the end of plays and concerts, "in reverse order of appearance."

As Senator Murray has said, in the last few years Senator Sherwood was required by his doctor's strict orders to be absent frequently from attendance in the Senate. Consequently, many of us may be ignorant of his many accomplishments since, because of his frequent absences, we did not get to know him as well as we would have liked.

In Senator Sherwood's long public career he has been a highly successful farmer, a success recognized by his peers in

the agricultural industry. They, as we know, are a hard sell. He has been president or director of numerous agricultural organizations, including the Dairy Farmers of Canada and the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

Senator Sherwood's public career has reflected his knowledge of agricultural matters. Elected to the legislature of New Brunswick in 1952, he served eight years as Minister of Agriculture in the government of Premier Flemming. He was Leader of the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Party, serving from 1960 to 1966. He then spent two additional years in cabinet office in the government of Premier Hatfield.

Since being summoned to the Senate in 1979, Senator Sherwood has applied his talents to many issues. In his maiden speech he expressed concern over many of the environmental concerns that still bedevil us today, even when that subject was not as fashionable as it is today. In particular, he called for the creation of a Senate environment committee in order that this body could better deal with the complexities of environmental issues.

In his 11 years in this chamber Senator Sherwood has addressed many other issues. Given his background, we can imagine—and it is true—that he made a formidable contribution to agricultural issues when he served as deputy chairman of that committee. Senator Sherwood has also spoken on energy policy, housing, and northern development. I am sure all honourable senators join me in paying tribute to the distinguished career of Cyril Sherwood, and wish for him many years of healthy retirement.

Senator Anderson has been a most faithful attendant to her duties in the Senate. I have been in that beautiful part of New Brunswick from whence she comes, although I did not visit her there. I know from personal experience that there is no finer salmon fishing in the world than in the Miramichi. Salmon fishermen, of course, have a certain amount of intolerable arrogance about that being the only real fishing. While visiting Newfoundland, Mr. Gushue, the president of Memorial University, took me to a trout club not far from St. John's, where we had lunch.

Senator Doody: Murray's Pond.

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Senator Frith: Meech Lake and Murray's Pond. In any event, I said to Mr. Gushue, "Do you get a chance to do much trout fishing?" He replied, "Trout fishing? Sir, I am a salmon fisherman. I never fish for trout." That from the president of the local Trout Club. The Miramichi, as any who have been there will know, is a beautiful area of New Brunswick, and not just for salmon fishing.

Senator Anderson was an early advocate for the expanded role of women in society. She is the daughter of a distinguished New Brunswick cabinet minister, and she succeeded her father as the president of the lumber company he had established.

Senator Anderson played a significant role in the development of our party. She was president of the New Brunswick Liberal Women's Association from 1972 to 1976, and I am