

To Madame Godbout and to the members of his family, I wish to express once more my sincere condolences.

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**Hon. James A. MacKinnon:** Honourable senators, after the very able tributes that have been paid to our departed colleagues, I feel there is little I can add; however, I do wish to say a word or two about my late colleague from Alberta, the Honourable George Ross.

I knew George Ross since before Alberta became a province. He was very highly regarded not only in the city of Calgary, where he spent most of his time, but throughout the province. He was a man of high principles and outstanding ability, but I think the quality for which he will be remembered longest was his kindness.

George Ross was a leader in legal and educational circles in Alberta, and enjoyed a wide range of friends. It was my special privilege to recommend his name to the then Prime Minister for appointment to a seat in this chamber, and I take pride in the excellent record he has left as a representative of the province of Alberta.

George Ross married into the McDougall family, one of the truly pioneer families of Alberta, and one which left its mark in many ways and in many places in that province. For example, the McDougall United Church, the largest of its denomination in the city of Edmonton, bears the family name.

I know that all honourable senators who have already expressed their sympathy to the bereaved members of Senator Ross' family, will renew the expression of it at this time.

**Hon. F. Elsie Inman:** Honourable senators, I too would like to add a word of tribute to the memory of those senators who have passed away since we last met in this chamber. The Senate has lost much by the passing of these gentlemen. We all feel sad as we look at the vacant chairs. I should like especially to mention the former occupant of the seat in front of me, the late Senator Hackett.

I came into this chamber the same morning on which Senator Hackett was sworn in. Throughout my acquaintance with him I found him to be broadminded and generous in word, thought and deed, ever willing to help and advise to the best of his ability. In saying this I pay my respects to a brilliant mind and a great gentleman.

As a Prince Edward Islander I feel, as do all other Islanders, a great pride in Senator Ross and what he accomplished in his day.

To the families of these gentlemen, and to the other families who have been bereaved by the death of other senators, I express my very deepest sympathy.

(Translation):

**Hon. Paul Henri Bouffard:** Honourable senators, it is unfortunate, as we meet for this special session, that we should have to note the demise of several distinguished colleagues. May I be allowed, as a representative of the province of Quebec, to mention especially the loss of our eminent colleague Senator Adélarde Godbout.

His intellectual gifts and high moral standards influenced the political life of Quebec; his culture, his logical mind, his great eloquence, his adaptability and his modesty, his respect for freedom, his philosophy of life all contributed to his playing a leading part in Quebec's political life and helped him to achieve a brilliant career in a difficult period. It was during the depression and during the Second World War that he was in power.

A recital of the many progressive measures which were voted in the Quebec Legislature under his Government would take up too much time; I will mention only compulsory school attendance, free school manuals, free primary education and the right of women to vote in provincial elections. He also served agriculture which was so dear to him; indeed he has been called "the apostle of agriculture."

In one of its editorials, a Quebec newspaper paid him a truthful tribute in the following terms:

Premier Godbout's contribution to Canada in wartime represented not only the only policy which could possibly save the internal peace of Quebec and its future, but the only policy worthy of the French Canadians' loyalty to their country.

Canada has lost in him a great citizen and craftsman of national unity; Quebec, a real builder of society; and all of us, a loyal and devoted friend.

The name and achievements of this man will place on the record a lesson of kindness, of courage and of constant devotion to duty which makes for strong nations.

I would like to offer to his worthy and courageous widow and to his children my deepest sympathy.

A word now of Senator Hackett, whom I had occasion to know when he was President of the Canadian Bar Association and I was Batonnier of the province of Quebec. I learned to appreciate his qualities in those days when we worked together. He was free of prejudice and could make friends in all Canadian groups, irrespective of race or religion. He was always among the first to share my joy or my sorrow.