

Senator Sinclair entered politics in his native province in 1908; he was elected to the House of Commons in 1917, and in 1930 was summoned to the Senate. He stood high in the councils of his party, and will be greatly missed in political circles. However, the late Senator never allowed his political differences to mar his friendship with anyone with whom he came in contact. His wide circle of friends extended far beyond the confines of his community and the boundaries of his province. His long career in parliament made him known in all parts of the Dominion.

He was endowed with keen judgment, and his advice was often sought. No one stood higher in the estimation of the members of this chamber than did Senator John E. Sinclair; but while all here mourn the loss of an esteemed colleague, I personally have lost a true and loyal friend.

I extend my sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and family in their loss of a beloved husband and father and a loyal servant of the people of Canada.

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I wish to pay a brief tribute of respect to my dear friend Senator John Sinclair, who passed away since we last met.

Senator Sinclair was one of the first senators I met when I came to Ottawa some sixteen years ago. He was keenly interested in agriculture, and so was I. We became close friends, and I thought a great deal of his sound judgment and good common sense. Later we sat together on the Divorce Committee. Senator Sinclair sat to my right, and I always considered him my right-hand man. I always found his judgment to be of the very best. I was particularly pleased with him because he never voted against the Chairman.

Though I knew Senator Sinclair was not feeling well, his passing, following so closely the death of his room-mate the late Senator Copp, shocked me very much.

I extend to the wife, the family and the relatives of our late colleague my deepest and most sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Second Session of the Twenty-First Parliament of Canada.

Hon. William Henry Golding moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:—

To His Excellency Field Marshal The Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Knight of the

Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, one of His Majesty's Aides-de-Camp General, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Canada.

May it Please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

He said:

Honourable senators, in proposing this resolution I should like at the outset to express my thanks to the leader of the government for the honour which I feel has been conferred upon me in being asked to perform this historic function. Down through the years, in both houses of parliament, it has always been considered an honour and a privilege to be chosen to discharge this very pleasant duty. But one cannot undertake a task like this without some apprehension, and some feeling of inferiority, perhaps, when one thinks of the many able and competent parliamentarians who, during the past eighty years and more, have performed a similar function. One can only try to follow their example and endeavour to discharge one's duties and responsibilities to the best of one's ability.

I feel also, in having been chosen to perform this duty, that an honour has been conferred upon my section of Western Ontario, particularly the counties of Huron and Perth, parts of which I had the honour to represent for many years in another place. Having been born in Perth county, where I spent many years on a farm, and later having settled in the town of Seaforth, Huron county, I am by birth a native of Perth county and by adoption a resident of Huron county, and I know them very well indeed.

They are both exceptionally fine counties. The people there are frugal and industrious, and have always made a real contribution to the welfare of their community and of the nation. As honourable senators probably know, these counties are largely agricultural, containing choice, fertile land and, therefore, exceptionally fine farms which produce splendid crops and are stocked with the choicest breeds of animals produced on our Canadian farms. Over the years, and particularly during the war periods, this area has produced tremendous quantities of high quality food-stuffs. It also contains many fine industries which are making a worthwhile contribution to the Canadian economy. Speaking generally, our people are good citizens in every