

Senator Joseph Marcellin Wilson will be with us no more, but he still follows our deliberations as reports of them reach him daily. Senator Wilson has played so important a part in our financial and industrial institutions in Canada and in our educational activities that I am sure all my colleagues will join with me in hoping that this springtime may bring him enjoyable sunny days.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, the heavy exigencies of this time would indicate that brief references to the departed would suffice, particularly after the complete and most appropriate recital of their chief achievements and characteristics by the honourable leader of the House. But I do not want it to be thought, because I am brief, that I or my associates on this side do not fully share in the pain of severance and in sympathy with the families of the departed.

As to Senator McLennan, I would only mention his culture, his distinctly gentlemanly characteristics, his wide reading, his devotion to public business to the full extent of his capacity.

Senator Macdonell, a soldier almost by birth, a Britisher by blood and conviction, never failing in his duty as a Canadian or as a subject of this Empire, served on fields of peril in no fewer than half a dozen wars and pursued to the very end of his life the true, direct course of a loyal citizen.

Senator Gillis was, just as the leader of the House tells us, a rugged Westerner, rugged from the days of his young boyhood in Nova Scotia. His personality and his whole outlook reflected that sturdy physique which he possessed through nearly all his life. His service to the West was great indeed, and the love of his friends was without reservation.

Senator Lynch-Staunton was one of the oldest of our number, one of those longest among us. His great distinction was his standing at the Bar. He was one of its senior members and his authority was highly regarded. The Irish in him appeared in every accent and every sentiment. It was not surprising that he returned to the Emerald Isle whenever he felt the need of relaxation and desired to taste again the lore of that home of his ancestry. We delighted in having him among us. We lament that he too has been called, though in the fullness of years.

I was depressed indeed to hear, just as the session opened, of the death of Senator Bourgeois. Not having heard of his illness, I was shocked by the news. Many of us have been warmed and delighted by his kindly manner, expressive of that friendliness with which he was endowed, and we were glad to see him here, accompanied always, until very recently, by his beautiful daughter. It is

regrettable that he should have been called so soon. Senator Bourgeois was a scholar, a man who loved the learning of his profession, and who contributed to the advancement of that learning in his province.

I am at one also with the leader of the House in my admiration of the former Senator J. M. Wilson, and regret that his long-continued ill-health should have convinced him that he should give up his seat in this Chamber. Though speaking with him very little in the sphere of public affairs, where his ill-health has long continued, I did meet with him in other ways, and I wish to record that I never in my life encountered a fairer or more liberal-minded man. Senator Wilson merited his success—and his success was great; he merited the esteem and admiration of us all; he merited the eloquent words of the leader of the House, and in those words, I am sure, all who know Senator Wilson will join.

The sincere sympathy of all honourable members, and our sense of loss, we would express to the survivors, the widows and families of the deceased.

Hon. Sir THOMAS CHAPAIS (Translation): Honourable senators, three days ago I had the sad privilege of conveying to his final resting-place the regretted colleague whose loss we mourn. And to-day I cannot refrain from associating myself with the eloquent utterances which we have just heard in praise of him.

Senator Charles Bourgeois was truly and in every sense of the word a good citizen. He was moreover a remarkably gifted man. His extreme modesty could not conceal his great worth.

Born sixty years ago in the ancient and historic city of Trois-Rivières, of a family in which the purest Canadian traditions had been handed down from generation to generation, he received an education based on the sternest discipline and the noblest aspirations. It was at the time when a great and eloquent bishop distributed to his flock the substantial food of an apostolic eloquence and an inspiring doctrine. In so favourable an atmosphere our regretted colleague acquired the firm principles and high ideals which were so greatly admired in him.

He embraced the legal profession, in the practice of which he was very successful. His study of jurisprudence often enabled him to throw light on obscure points of law. His thinking was as straight as his judgment was sound. With him, knowledge and conscience went hand in hand. Within a few years he acquired a high reputation at the Bar, and the confidence of his fellow-