

His abilities at the Bar stood him in good stead. He had been a sound lawyer, well equipped for practice before the courts, and his abilities developed in such a way that within a short time after his first election he became leader of the Conservative Party in the Legislature, succeeding one who had been Prime Minister of the territory for many years, Sir Frederick Haultain—who, we all rejoice to know, is still well and among us. This position Senator Willoughby resigned in 1917, when he was called to the Senate. His subsequent course of public conduct is better known to honourable members of longer standing in this House than to me. Suffice to say that he so demonstrated his ability as to come in no great length of time, first, to the leadership of his own party—if we may be said to have parties here—and ultimately to the leadership of the House itself.

Senator Willoughby was of a modest, quiet and retiring temperament, and never could be induced or goaded into any display of bitterness or rancour. Indeed, his entrance into the field of debate always had a moderating and softening tendency, no matter what pitch the discussion had reached. His soundness of judgment was highly regarded in Western Canada, and I am sure that his reputation in that respect followed him here as well.

He was a man imbued with the Western spirit, confident to an extraordinary degree of Western development, and I do not think I go beyond the mark when I say that he so pledged his faith in that country that he became perhaps the largest individual landowner in our Dominion. His judgment may be at the moment under a severe challenge, but as we look back we are happy to pay our tribute of admiration to a man who showed the courage of his faith in the province of his adoption as did Senator Willoughby.

During the trying weeks of last session, while the hand of death was plainly upon him, we saw him exhibiting the same quiet courage that had carried him through life, and we were all profoundly moved when at last the enemy proved too strong and he passed beyond our ken.

Senator Willoughby had no family, but to his immediate relatives—his brothers and sisters—I tender on behalf of the House, I know with the approval of all, our meed of sincerest sympathy.

Senator Belcourt, whose demise occurred just seven days after that of Senator Willoughby, entered the arena of Dominion affairs much earlier than his colleague, and for a long time enjoyed even more prominence and influence. I am not as competent as many

others in this House to speak of the part played by Senator Belcourt, but I recall, as a young man, his election in 1896, his re-election in 1900 and 1904, and the fact that he occupied the post of Speaker of the House of Commons—First Commoner of the Dominion—and occupied it acceptably, and indeed admirably, for a period of years. He was called to this House in 1907. So it can be truly said that the late Senator Belcourt was a member of Parliament from 1896 until the day of his death.

Educated in the Province of Quebec, Senator Belcourt was a graduate of St. Joseph's Seminary in Three Rivers. Oddly enough, he was born in the city of Toronto and lived the greater part of his life, indeed all his active years, in the Province of Ontario. The part he played in our public life was certainly a strenuous one; and while in the sphere of contention over racial rights, which unhappily has been too frequent, Senator Belcourt was always prominent, I pay him the tribute of saying that within the arena in which I came into contact with him he was always eminently fair.

Senator Belcourt rendered great service to the Dominion as a whole. His activity in an almost infinite variety of affairs was little short of amazing, and it is not at all to be wondered at that delicate health, which pursued him, finally resulted in his death early in August.

He leaves a family of three boys and three girls, to all of whom, especially to her who was associated with him in all his activities and was apparently his closest helpmeet, we extend our sincerest sympathy. We feel that in such a man they had a father worthy of honour and of our regard.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members of the Senate, I do not know what I can add to the very high tribute paid by my right honourable friend to our departed colleagues.

During the fifteen years that Senator Willoughby was with us we all admired his kindly nature and his broad and highly cultivated mind. He was as familiar with French letters as with English literature and history.

My right honourable friend has spoken of the work done in the West by Senator Willoughby. I remember a conversation with him in which he explained the pioneer work that he and the other early members of the Saskatchewan Bar who came from Ontario did in organizing the courts of Saskatchewan and assisting in the proper functioning of those courts in accordance with British precedents and traditions. He worked constantly