

a "rouge," unrepentant and past redemption. Then, when for a time in charge of the Conservative forces in my province, I had to meet the worthy blade of my honourable friend, I found, to my dismay, that it was a trying and often costly experience. He was an army by himself, fighting on all fronts and at all times.

But when we were negotiating in the name of our respective parties, on some common ground of accord or compromise, I found him as scrupulously honourable and dependable as he had been, in conflict, fiery and relentless.

Friend, confidant and adviser of Laurier, the Liberal party was wise and most fortunate in having him so long as the strategist and marshal of their main forces: those of Quebec.

In the Senate, for more than twenty years, I have known him mostly as a leader of one side or the other of the House; and I venture to say that it would be difficult to find in the annals of this honourable body a leader who has to a higher degree merited the admiration and possessed the confidence of both parties.

His exceptional physical and mental capacity for work has allowed him to carry on for years, without respite, a task which very few men could undertake. His frankness, his loyalty to the House, have been subjects of astonishment to many of his political foes when entering the Senate.

I shall always remember the resolution of congratulation, so highly complimentary to the honourable gentleman, spontaneously moved on this side of the House by Hon. J. D. Reid, a dyed-in-the-wool Conservative if ever there was one. Hon. Mr. Reid had been at first surprised and subsequently conquered by the sterling qualities of heart and mind of the honourable senator for De Lorimier (Hon. Mr. Dandurand).

In the realm of legislation, the services rendered by him during his long tenure of office are so great that it would be difficult to over-estimate them.

It is a pity that the country at large is not as well aware as are his own colleagues of his untiring devotion to duty, for if it were the mighty voice of the people from ocean to ocean would rise with our own in expression of appreciation and gratitude.

But Canada has still other reasons for pride in and gratitude to the honourable senator. At the League of Nations his ingratiating personality, his sturdy figure, full-blooded complexion and white hair, and his clear and commanding voice, have for years typified Canada. At Geneva everybody knows Senator Dandurand and calls him respectfully "Monsieur le Président," because not only

Canada's prestige but also his own recognized merit have led him to the presidency of the Assembly, the only Canadian who has attained, perhaps the only one who ever will have attained, this honour.

The remarkable portrait of the honourable gentleman which his many friends presented to the League of Nations inaugurated the portrait gallery of its presidents, and will, for very many years, I trust, commemorate the brilliant tenure of office of Canada's first representative in the chair of the presidency.

Despite his many occupations, the honourable senator is always willing to add more to his tasks, especially at the call of philanthropy or public duty. No one in his city has more effectively worked for the co-ordination and expansion of charity, and its many pursuits of mercy. No one has better served the interest of higher education in his province. In fact, in this respect, his efforts have not relaxed, as he is about to crown fittingly his long and fruitful labours. Scan his life and always you will find his industry intensely applied to the development of an idea or the pursuit of a cause, with many brilliant successes and no great failure to record.

If, in my province, I had to choose an outstanding personality typifying my race to best advantage, it would indeed be difficult for me to select anyone more intellectually brilliant, more thoroughly informed, more generous in his natural dispositions, more public-spirited, more firm in his convictions and more courageous in their defence, yet more tolerant and comprehensive of the views and opinions of others. Truly, it can be said that our colleague is a fine specimen of the best Canadian type.

The resolution was adopted.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: My honourable colleagues and friends, I confess that I can hardly find words to express my appreciation of the very kind attitude of this Chamber towards me on this occasion. These last few days I have wondered why newspapers and friends had noticed the fact that I have been forty years in the Senate. I did not see any personal merit in that fact. I lived. Yet, apparently, to be a member of one of the Houses of Parliament for forty years is something to be noticed.

My right honourable friend opposite (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) has wondered how I reached this Chamber without passing through the House of Commons, forty years ago, when I was thirty-six years of age. It is somewhat of a mystery to him. I desire to state that probably the experience which I had gained