

I wish to extend to Mrs. Horner and her family my deepest sympathy in this, their hour of grief.

Hon. John Hnatyshyn: Honourable senators, it was a shock to me today to learn of the passing of Senator Horner. Like Senator Aseltine, I tried to reach him on the telephone before I left last Saturday to see if he was coming back, but got no answer.

His passing is a deep sadness and sorrow to me because I have known him since I was a young student. I have always admired his frankness in speaking at all times on all topics. I admired his friendliness. As has been mentioned today, he was extremely proud of being a westerner, but he was also extremely proud of being a Canadian, because I think he liked all parts of Canada as well as he did his beloved west. But, above all, he was especially proud of his family, of which mention has been made. Most of them are university graduates, and all of them are good and respected citizens. That, honourable senators, to me is a great accomplishment.

I shall miss him as a friend and a kindly adviser. On this occasion I should like to join with others in extending my deepest sympathy to his widow and to his sons and daughters.

Hon. F. Elsie Inman: Honourable senators, I should like to pay a tribute to Senator Horner. While we were not of the same colour, politically, I will say that Senator Horner's was one of the first hands extended to me in friendship when I came to the Senate.

I will remember the occasion of a trip to the St. Lawrence Seaway when Senator Horner took me under his wing. I was a novice at that time, and I appreciated very much his kindness and everything he did to help me on that occasion. Through the years I always found him and Mrs. Horner very sincere friends. I shall miss him, and also Mrs. Horner, to whom I extend my sincere sympathy on this sad occasion.

Hon. James Gladstone: Honourable senators, as a friend of the late Senator Horner I should like to present on behalf of the Indians their very sincere sympathy. I knew Senator Horner for a very long time. When I first came to Ottawa in 1947 to present the views of our organization in Alberta to the joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, of which he was a member, he did all he could to establish a better understanding for our people. Several senators who were members of that committee have since passed on, and in this respect I mention Senator Farquhar and Senator Blais.

Since 1947 a lot of water has flowed down our lakes and rivers. As late as yesterday I was looking forward to seeing Senator Horner again. When I returned home from church yesterday I told my wife that I anticipated

the question of the flag would be put before the Senate, and that I knew one good stalwart who I would go to for advice, Senator Horner. He has now passed on and gone to the happy hunting ground. May his soul rest in peace.

I was very proud to be one of Senator Horner's closest friends, and I know that my wife will feel very grieved when she hears this sad news. She was looking forward to meeting Mrs. Horner here in Ottawa next year, because they were good friends.

On behalf of the Indians of Saskatchewan I should like to express our very sincere regrets that Senator Horner has left us, but we know he has gone to a happier place.

Hon. T. A. Crerar: Honourable senators, I would be unhappy with myself if I did not join in the tributes that have been paid this evening to Ralph Horner. He was a pioneer in western Canada. Frequently we discussed the early days of the west and compared our pioneering experiences.

The late Senator Horner went to western Canada in the very early days of this century. I recall his saying to me that when he landed in Winnipeg he had only a few dollars in his pocket. He obtained work with a farmer in the Winnipeg district where he worked, as I recall, for two years. He saved his money. He went on to Saskatchewan and got a homestead in the Blaine Lake area and commenced his farming operations.

He was a good farmer and an intelligent farmer. He hated sham and pretence. He liked the solid qualities in men—qualities which he had outstandingly. What were they? Well, there was courage. He was never afraid of expressing himself. One might not agree with his views—indeed, at times his views might be quite wrong—but at least he had the courage to stand up and speak for them. That is a quality we can always admire.

He had steadfastness. He was a good neighbour. He believed in the principles of the Christian ethic where the injunction is laid upon us to help our fellow men. He believed in that. He had a sense of public service, not only in his community but in a wider field. This was the kind of man Ralph Horner was. It was a great pleasure and joy to me to know him, even if at times we differed rather strongly.

In conclusion I have just this to say that the qualities Ralph Horner had—friendship, courage, steadfastness, the desire to help, where he could, his fellow man—are the qualities to which all through the whole story of civilization humanity has paid tribute. These were the qualities of this man, and I say to this house tonight that we have lost a sterling colleague who, after long service in the house, has gone to his reward. We shall cherish his memory, and our sympathy