

comparatively early age of 58 years. Senator Little, as the honourable leader has pointed out, was born and brought up in the city of London. He came from a distinguished family, and occupied the highest position that the citizens of London could offer him, that of mayor. He was active at all times in charitable and educational work in his native city, and did his utmost for the benefit of its people.

Senator Little occupied the important position of chief Liberal whip in this Chamber, and his relations with the whip on this side were always most cordial. All of us on this side of the Chamber desire to be associated with the honourable leader opposite in expressing our deepest sympathy to our late colleague's family.

The passing of the late Senator MacArthur was quite unexpected, I am sure, by honourable senators, as he had not yet reached the allotted span of life, threescore and ten.

The late senator devoted many years to important affairs, as a member of the House of Commons and of this Chamber. He was very successful in business, and did much for his native province, Prince Edward Island. Unlike many men engaged in business, after he had made a success in this sphere he gave a great deal of his time to furthering and promoting the interests of not only his native province, but of Canada as a whole.

All the members on this side of the Chamber desire to be associated with the honourable leader and the members on the other side in expressing our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Hon. P. R. DuTREMBLAY (Translation): I should like to join in the tributes of sympathy so aptly voiced by those who have spoken before me in connection with the death of our four colleagues, Honourable Senators Little, MacArthur, Blondin and Prévost. Each of them played a prominent part in his own sphere; each one, in his respective environment, was useful to his country, his province, and his town. The death of those distinguished colleagues is a great loss to the Senate as well as to Canada.

I should like to refer especially to Senator Blondin and Senator Prévost, whom I knew better, since they were senators from my own province. I became acquainted with Senator Blondin in my college days, in 1892 or 1893—he was a few years older than I—and even then he gave indications that he would rise to a high position. Later, I met him in politics. He was his party's candidate in the constituency of Champlain, where I was born. We did not hold the same political views; indeed, on matters that were important at the time he had political opinions diametrically opposed

to mine, but I must say that I believe the honourable Mr. Blondin was sincere and felt that the policies he advocated were in the best interests of his fellow citizens. He became a minister and later, Mr. Speaker, he occupied the honourable and prominent position which you now hold; and we all know that he fulfilled his duties with much credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all honourable senators. France made him a Commander of the Legion of Honour. I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to tender my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

As regards the honourable Jules-Edouard Prévost, my deskmate, I must say that he was a great newspaperman, an outstanding educator, a good member of Parliament and a good senator. In his younger days he was the editor of a newspaper at St. Jérôme. His editorials on matters connected with Canadian politics in general were read and followed with much attention by the leaders of that period, and quoted by the great newspapers of this country. For nearly fifty years he played a prominent part in the province of Quebec. He waged a brilliant fight on behalf of public education in that province; and, with many others, he advocated compulsory education. Fortunately for him, a few months before his death he had at the public education board the privilege of moving a proposal recommending compulsory education in Quebec. He was a most prominent educator, a friend of teachers, of the modest young women who teach in rural schools, and in that connection I am sure that the citizens of his province will ever treasure a most grateful memory of Mr. Prévost. Our departed colleague, who, as I have said, was a great educator and a prominent newspaperman, was also a good and devoted member of Parliament, and during many years he upheld here the interests of his constituents. In this Chamber, honourable members, you were able to appreciate him as a senator; and we may, in tendering our most sincere sympathy to his family, tell his children and his near relatives that through his demise Canada loses a great citizen, and the Senate a faithful and watchful legislator. It is a great loss for Canada.

Hon. A. C. HARDY: Honourable senators, it is very seldom that I rise to speak on occasions of this kind, but at this time I wish to pay tribute in a few words to my very dear friend, Senator Little, who from the time he was appointed to the Senate was my roommate, and whom, with his family, I had known for over forty years. As is natural, in my very close association with Senator Little I