

Speaker of this Senate, Hon. George Parent, represented the division of Kennebec, which is in the Eastern Townships, and I desire to express the regret of the citizens of the Eastern Townships at his passing.

The Hon. George Parent was a French-speaking Canadian, whose father was at one time Prime Minister of the province of Quebec. George Parent was a worthy son of a worthy father. He was a successful business man. At one time he owned the second largest French-language newspaper in North America. He was a director of the power company of his own city—the Quebec Power Company—and also of the Southern Canada Power Company, whose transmission lines cover the Eastern Townships. But in my humble opinion George Parent rendered his greatest service to the community in the role he played as a French Canadian in Canadian politics. He was not a narrow-minded nationalist nor an isolationist. He was proud of his nationality, but was a champion of racial equality and always considered it his duty as a French Canadian to respect the other fellow's viewpoint. His broad-mindedness was his outstanding contribution to the Eastern Townships. There never was a time when broad-minded men such as George Parent were more badly needed; and in these times it is exceptionally hard to replace them. On behalf of the citizens of the Eastern Townships and myself and my family I join with honourable members who have preceded me in tendering our sympathy to Mrs. Parent and her family.

Hon. A. C. HARDY: Honourable senators, nothing I could say here to-night would add to the stature or memory of George P. Graham, who has so recently passed from amongst us, and I shall not try to add to the very kind and well-deserved words that have been spoken about his career in Parliament. But I feel I should be very remiss if I did not pay tribute to him as a late fellow-citizen of the town of Brockville, where he lived for some fifty years. He was not only our outstanding citizen, but he was the best loved and most widely known of all who have lived in Brockville within the memory of the present residents of the town. I knew him over a long period, beginning as far back as some eight or nine years before he entered Parliament. In 1898 he was first elected to the Ontario Legislature, where he was one of my father's colleagues, and I well remember meeting him there that year.

George Graham was a man of the most generous instincts. I do not think he ever

failed to contribute towards any of the civic objectives we set for ourselves in the city of Brockville. We can hardly realize that one who was so eminent a fellow-citizen for so many years has left us.

Hon. L. M. GOVIN: Honourable senators, I wish to add only a few words to the tributes which have been so ably paid to our two departed colleagues. Of our late Speaker, the Hon. George Parent, it has already been said that he was successful not only in the practice of the legal profession, but also as a business man. As Speaker of this Chamber he was dignified, impartial and most courteous. His hospitality was charming. May I say here that we are all convinced our newly appointed Speaker will be a worthy successor of our late colleague from Quebec.

Our late Speaker was a most cordial friend, who was always trying to be of service to us. Last session, after I had referred to the necessity of developing our relations with Latin America—in which subject he took a deep personal interest—he was always kind enough to inform me whenever he learned of any significant fact concerning South America. That kindness on his part was a great encouragement to me, and I feel it a duty to express gratitude to-night.

As to our late colleague from Brockville, the Right Hon. George P. Graham, I will say only a few words. He made a deep impression upon me when I had the honour of entering the Senate. For me he was a living representative of the great epoch of Sir Wilfrid Laurier; so I felt a deep emotion when I shook hands with this survivor of the Laurier regime. I also took very much to heart any remarks he might make to me after I had participated in a debate. The doctrines of Laurier have always remained our political creed, and it gave me deep satisfaction to see that our illustrious friend from Brockville looked to the younger generation to continue the great tradition to which he himself had contributed so much. We shall never forget our late colleague's very remarkable qualities as a statesman and orator, a great Canadian and one of the ablest and most distinguished of our public men.

Hon. F. B. BLACK: Honourable senators, as one who has been a member of the Senate for a number of years and knew the late George Graham before he came to this Chamber, though not so intimately as from that time on, I desire to add just a word or two in tribute to his memory. First, however, may I congratulate the Speaker who now occupies the Chair which has been vacated by our late esteemed colleague, Senator Parent.