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Two of our new colleagues already have had distinguished careers in the great profession of the law. The practice which Senator Cook conducted in St. John's has given him a deep understanding of the commercial and social problems of Newfoundland.

Senator Lang, like his distinguished father, is a member of the Upper Canada Law Society, and his firm and partners are well known in Parliament and are highly regarded in many parts of this country. He is, indeed, richly endowed to enhance that fine tradition here.

Senator Rattenbury comes to us from the dynamic Province of New Brunswick. There he has combined in close association the experience of business and the public life of his own community. Here he will join and fortify the distinguished group of New Brunswick senators who contribute so much to the work of this chamber. I thank Senator Cook and Senator Denis for their fine contributions to this debate. Their speeches are an indication of the effective parts they can play in our work here.

I am sure that honourable senators will allow me the privilege of saying that I am deeply conscious of the honour the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable L. B. Pearson, has paid me in appointing me to be the Leader of the Government in this honourable house. We have had a good number of years of close association in important aspects of the public life of Canada. It is gratifying to be asked to continue that valued association in the cabinet of Canada.

As the Leader of the Opposition has pointed out, the vicissitudes of politics are a mirror of life itself, and this change to which I have alluded has bleak aspects, because in this case the Senate, Parliament and the country are to lose the distinguished services, as leader, of a great Canadian, through the resignation of the Honourable W. Ross Macdonald. His career at the bar of Ontario, his outstanding military record, his long years in Parliament, his speakership in the House of Commons, his leadership in the Senate, both in Government and in Opposition, and his work in other fields of public endeavour—and they have been many—have put Canadians everywhere in his debt. Senator Macdonald's opportunities for public service have been matched only by the excellence and the devotion of his performance. Throughout his career he was encouraged and supported by a great lady whose memory we here shall always revere. Senator Macdonald will always enjoy the affection and esteem of all senators, and the Senate hopes it will long have the benefit of his advice.

If I am permitted another personal reference, I should like to thank him deeply for

the opportunities he gave me to share in the work of the Senate, and for the patience he showed as he trained me for it. It has been one of the rewarding experiences in my membership in this honourable house.

Honourable senators, the satisfaction in the country which greeted the addition of the name of the Honourable George White to the rostrum of the Privy Council of Canada, as the Leader of the Opposition has said, is shared by every member of this house. We remember with gratitude his work as Speaker, and with affection all that he and Mrs. White meant to us in those days. Her Majesty has a fine new adviser and the Senate looks forward to many years of solid counselling from him.

But, of course, we are generously endowed with experience in the leadership of this chamber. In addition to Senator Macdonald we have the senator from Shelburne, the Honourable Wishart Robertson, the senator from Rosetown, the Honourable Walter Aseltine, and the senator from Royal, the Leader of the Opposition. This is a formidable array of successful leaders, and I pay my sincere tribute to what they have meant and will continue to mean to this institution. The Leader of the Opposition always has a most constructive approach to our common problems. This has grown out of a distinguished parliamentary and ministerial career, as well as gallant service in the nation's armed forces. He is a commanding figure in this house. We all feel safer and surer because he is here.

I endorse, of course, as we all do, what he said this afternoon about the importance of stable government, and of stable government responsibly undertaken in this country. His mentioning that perhaps the winds of change are blowing prompts me to say to him that I have not noticed the draught particularly. Perhaps I am living in a very sheltered kind of atmosphere. I will say to him that I thought I used to notice it when I was on the other side, but I could never be sure whether the wish was father to the thought or not.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: It is a little more noticeable over here.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): That is what we found.

I think it appropriate, honourable senators, as I embark upon my new duties, to say a few things about the Senate. The constitution and functions of a second chamber within free assemblies have engaged the attention of political scientists and of practising politicians since the dawn of democracy. Of this John Morley said: