

that position and was trusted by the late John M. Gill. A peculiar incident concerning Mr. Gill and Senator Webster was this: Mr. Gill left the dairying business to go into the manufacturing business; Senator Webster went from the manufacturing business to take Mr. Gill's place in the dairying business. I knew Senator Webster day by day as a neighbour, a friend, an all-round man.

The honourable leader of our friends to the left of the Speaker (Hon. Mr. Willoughby) has referred to Senator Webster's love of horses. Did you ever know a man who was fond of animals and was not a pretty good man? Look out for the man who does not like some kind of animal life besides his own. John Webster was devoted to horses. In my younger days I occasionally dabbled in the buying of horses myself, and there were two men I always tried to talk to after I had made a purchase: one was the late Mr. Comstock, and the other was John Webster. And I assure you that Senator Webster knew as much of many other things as he knew of horses.

I esteemed him as a neighbour and fellow citizen of the town of Brockville, and I may say that no man who has passed away has carried with him on his going a greater and deeper respect than our late colleague.

Hon. G. D. ROBERTSON: Honourable gentlemen, as desk-mate for several years of our late leader, Senator Ross, I crave the opportunity of saying a word in passing. We all know that Senator Ross was greatly beloved by Sir James Lougheed, his predecessor. Shortly after Senator Ross came into the House Sir James recognized and appreciated his particular ability as an interpreter of constitutional questions; so when Sir James laid down his work it was fitting and natural that Senator Ross should take it up.

Although Senator Ross and I did not walk in exactly the same paths of life, his associations being somewhat different from mine, and his mind working in different channels, we found many things in common; and often we discussed problems in which we were interested in the most friendly way. As a result of that association I feel that I learned many things, and was enabled to understand many things that otherwise I should not have understood. I have also hoped and believed that Senator Ross gained conceptions of many things connected with the activities of our national life that he had not realized before. I therefore agree with a previous speaker that it is a splendid thing that the members

of this House are drawn from various walks in life, for by being thrown together we have the opportunity of giving an ear to the views of those who have a knowledge of problems with which we are not familiar.

On the 24th of July last I returned from Newfoundland to Halifax, and one morning I called to see Senator Ross and found him recovering from an illness. He had not been able to leave the house for some weeks, but for a few days previous had been up and walking about the house, and was looking very well, and confidently anticipated that he was on the road to permanent recovery. It was a very great shock to me, therefore, to see shortly afterwards a notice of his death. I was not aware that he had left Halifax until that notice appeared. We are all grieved at the loss of a leader who has been of great service to his country both in and out of this House.

I heartily concur in all that has been said with reference to Senator Webster, and need not dilate upon what the right honourable gentleman from Eganville (Right Hon. Mr. Graham) has so fittingly said.

Hon. F. L. SCHAFFNER: Honourable gentlemen, I esteem it a privilege and an honour to be permitted to say a few words on this occasion, especially in regard to my friend the late Senator Webster. I thoroughly agree with all that has been said of the late Senator Ross, but it was not my privilege to know him as well as I knew Senator Webster.

The right honourable gentleman from Eganville (Right Hon. Mr. Graham) has said that he and Senator Webster were neighbours. I think we will all agree that neighbours, those who are familiar with the growth and development of men, can speak of those men with the greatest assurance. It was my privilege for some years to be intimately acquainted not only with Senator Webster, but with his family, and I must say—and I think every member will agree with me—that if there ever was a loyal, honest, sincere friend or man of business, John Webster was that man. He was very familiar with the intricacies of his business. He carried his honesty and sincerity into his business life as he carried it into the work he was called upon to do here. I should not feel that I had done my duty if I failed to express my appreciation, my love, of the late Senator Webster, and I shall always deem it an honour to have been his friend.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.