

He was an able lawyer; his opinions on legal questions that came before the committees were always good. He was active in the days when the late Senator Dandurand was Leader of the Government and the Right Honourable Senator Meighen was Leader of the Opposition; and giants though they both were, he ranked with them. It used to be a great pleasure for us junior senators who are members of the legal profession to see him and other such men in action in committee.

I once said to Senator McGuire: "You seem to have a bit of this world's goods. Did you speculate in stocks?" He answered, "No, no, Haig, I did not; I believe in the good old-fashioned custom of owning some land. True, the land I own has become very valuable, but land always becomes valuable if you buy the right land in the right place."

I admired him for his practical ability, as I did for the kindness he showed toward new senators. I was not on the same side of politics as he was, but I always felt that he helped me greatly. Senator McGuire lived a very fine life and made a splendid contribution to our country. We ought to be proud that we are members of this honourable house of which he was a distinguished member for so many years.

I wish to express to his daughter, his grandchildren and his son-in-law my very deep sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I should like for a moment to associate myself with the remarks that have been made by the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) and by the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) in respect of the late Senator McGuire.

Naturally, I felt particularly close to him because our racial origins were similar. Many years before I came to this chamber he was a friend of mine and I frequently sought and got his very good advice. When I came to the chamber I was rather young, and I must confess that without the advice and the encouragement of the older senators I would indeed have had great difficulty in getting along. I think that will always be true of young appointees to this chamber. Senator McGuire was one of those people to whom I and people like myself could go and be helped and encouraged greatly indeed.

The Leader of the Opposition has referred to Senator McGuire's interest in history and to the fact that he was president of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. I knew of his work in that association, because

I too have had an interest in it. But I also knew of his interest in historical matters generally, and I remember in my early days in the Senate I had a talk with him in which he told me about the great virtues of one of his predecessors in this chamber, and perhaps by devolution a man whose place he took here, namely, Sir Frank Smith. He spoke so warmly and so highly of Sir Frank Smith—of whom, I must admit, I had never known much—that I thought they were political associates. It turned out that, unlike Senator McGuire, Sir Frank was not a Liberal at all; he was a very prominent Conservative, a strong supporter of Sir John A. Macdonald, in one of whose cabinets he was a member. That little story illustrates the breadth of view that Senator McGuire had. He was, however, a very strong Liberal, and I know, from what I have heard from others and what he told me, that he was one of Mr. Mackenzie King's leading supporters in the Toronto area and in Ontario generally.

The last time I saw the late senator was here, at the opening of the present Parliament. I, and I am sure others, were very much impressed with the courage he showed in coming here when his sovereign was to open Parliament, to do—in the language of the Coronation ceremony—"his homage and service" on that occasion.

PROPERTY QUALIFICATIONS OF SENATORS

RETURN TABLED

The Hon. the Acting Speaker tabled a return, submitted by the Clerk of the Senate in accordance with the Rule 105, listing the names of members of the Senate who have renewed their declaration of property qualifications.

PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill 14, to provide for advance payments for prairie grain prior to delivery thereof.

The bill was read the first time.

MOTION FOR SECOND READING— DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: With the consent of the Senate, I move that this bill be now read the second time.