

was a relentless worker, a conscientious representative who was, to the highest degree, devoted to those who delegated him to Parliament as their spokesman, as well as to his province and to the whole Acadian people.

I could not characterize him better than by quoting a few lines relating to him which were published in the Moncton *Evangeline*, which is the Acadian national paper, on the morrow of his demise, and I quote:

"Senator Léger was a man who did not make much noise, but he actively looked after the interests of his county. When he was a member of Parliament, he dealt with all the problems submitted by his voters.

He was a man of great dignity who had only friends, even among those who were his political opponents.

He had taken an active interest in all the various aspects of the Acadian cause and had been the spokesman in Ottawa of the whole Acadian people not in resounding speeches, but through his discreet and constant efforts."

I wholeheartedly subscribe to the fine tribute paid to him. The large number of people who attended his funeral bear high witness to the great popularity which he enjoyed in his constituency.

We shall keep fond memories of him, and I join with my colleagues in this house in conveying to his family the expression of our deepest sympathy.

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Honourable senators, there is little I can add to what has already been said concerning the regrettable death of our colleague, the Honourable William Golding. However, I take this occasion to say a few words in appreciation of the kindness and the friendship with which he honoured me since I entered the House of Commons a quarter of a century ago. In fact, he was one of the first members of that body to extend to me a warm welcome, a welcome which he said was addressed to the son of one of his former esteemed colleagues and friends. His kindly advice to me in those early days and his friendly guidance on ever so many occasions later were of great assistance to me in learning the highways and byways of law-making in Parliament. His sudden departure was a great shock and a source of deep regret to me, and I join the previous speakers in expressing deepest sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.

**Hon. William R. Brunt:** Honourable senators, I rise at this time to join my colleagues in paying a well-deserved tribute to the memory of a very fine man, namely, William

Henry Golding, who passed away at the Scott Memorial Hospital, at Seaforth, Ontario, at the close of last year.

The late Senator Golding was a life-long resident of Huron County. He was first elected to the House of Commons in a by-election held during the year 1932, and was re-elected at the general elections held in 1935, 1940 and 1945. While a member of the House of Commons he served as the Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, a position which he held on June 25, 1949, when he was summoned to the Senate. While a member of this honourable body he served as a prominent member on the following standing committees: Banking and Commerce, Finance, Public Health and Welfare, and Divorce. I have been told that he took a rather more active part in the debates in the Senate than he did in the debates in the other place, which is understandable. The late Senator Golding was of such a temperament that it was always a pleasure for him to make his worthwhile contribution to the debates held in this chamber. His contribution was always made in a very quiet, but most efficient manner.

I have mentioned the committees on which the late Senator Golding served, and I know from personal knowledge that on each of these committees he made a worthwhile and worthy contribution to their deliberations.

We in this chamber knew him as a solid, honest and highly competent member whose words deserved and received the closest attention and respect from both sides of the aisle. This to me is the most sincere form of recognition that a member can achieve in this chamber, and Bill Golding enjoyed it in full measure.

In his death, Canada has lost a true gentleman, who quietly carried on with his good works in a most efficient and effective way.

The passing of our true friend and beloved colleague leaves a great void in our midst. He will be missed by all of us. I tender my profound and heartfelt sympathy to his two sons and three daughters who survive him, and I join them and his many, many friends in mourning his passing.

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to join others in the tribute that has been paid to my old friend and colleague, Senator Léger, whose passing I deeply regret; but naturally my mind turns to that of the loss this chamber has sustained in the death of Senator Golding, from my own province, a colleague respected in both houses, and more recently a colleague on the committee of which I have the honour to be chairman. I feel that I can speak on behalf of all the members of the Standing Committee