

tendance with us until the end of the last session. Then came Senator Frost, who with his friendly greeting had almost regularly filled his seat from day to day. Then was gathered in Senator Costigan, who for over fifty years had been one of the most active figures in the public life of Canada. For a year or more Senator Kerr, urbane, energetic and emphatic, had been prostrated by a painful illness which finally brought the strong man low. Then came Senator Mackay of Montreal, who for years had gone in and out amongst us in his quiet, unostentatious way, finally to leave vacant the chair which he had occupied for some fifteen years. Then came the news of Senator Fiset's death, a man always eager and intense, and who seemed to give promise of many years of life. And yesterday over the wire came the news of the death of Senator Davis, one of the most active men in our membership, and one who had looked forward to many years of public activity. To-day the flag flies on these buildings at half mast as his death signal.

But death laughs at our promises and expectations and gathers in its victims when least we expect it. We visualize all those our fellow members as we last saw them and as with one exception they filled last session the seats they had occupied so long. Invariably at such a time we ask ourselves the question, what chair will next be vacated? To-day we call up friendly memories of all of our late colleagues. The touch of the vanished hand of each is easily recalled by us. In view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death we are more impressed than ever with the futility of our rivalries, with the vanity of the shadows we are pursuing, and with the value of cultivating toward our fellowmen those kindly thoughts that never die. We thus place on record the deep regret of our Chamber at the vacant chairs that have thus been left, and would convey to the families of our departed colleagues our deepest sympathy in the loss and bereavement which they have suffered.

Hon. HEWITT BOSTOCK: It is difficult to add very much to what has been so admirably said by the leader of the Government with regard to the departure of our friends since we last met together in this Chamber. They were known to all the members of this Chamber for their long service to their country in many ways in public life. Some of them came to this country in the first instance from the old land and spent their lives, as in the case

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of Senator Mackay, in developing and building up the industries of Canada. Senator Davis was born of Irish parents in the province of Quebec, but had spent most of his life in the development of the western country, and had been a very energetic and capable representative of that part of Canada. Senator Frost was descended from a family from the United States, but had spent most of his life in Canada and had been instrumental in the building up of a large industry in the province from which he came. He was dearly beloved by those who knew him and by all the employees who were associated with him in his work. Senator Derbyshire was a representative man in his part of the country, as a farmer and dairyman interested in the agricultural pursuits of Canada, and also as a worthy and capable public man doing his duty to the country. Senator Kerr was for some years Speaker of the Senate, and we can to-day see the effects of his handling of the affairs of the Senate when he was in that position. He was also a very prominent Mason, and in his professional career he had been associated with the leading members of the Ontario Bar.

Senator Costigan had spent possibly more time in public life than any of the other men to whom I have referred. He was in the Government of Sir John Macdonald; afterwards in the Government of Sir John Thompson, he was a minister with my honourable friend opposite, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and later was a minister under Sir Charles Tupper. He had, I might say, the almost unique record of never having been defeated in an election from the time he commenced to take a position in the public life of this country. Subsequently he was appointed to the Senate, and on the occasion of his seventieth birthday he was presented by the Liberal members and senators with a token of respect by the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the leader of the Liberal party.

Senator Fiset was a prominent man. Not only had he taken a great interest in the affairs of the district which he represented, but he was also very prominent in matters connected with the militia, from which he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He has left behind him sons who have taken an active part in the present war. His eldest son, at present Deputy Minister of Militia, was distinguished for his services in the South African war. Another of his sons,