

good friend of mine, but he could not support me for various reasons. I remember that, when I was running for the leadership of the Liberal Party back in 1958, he said of me that I would become a good provincial secretary-treasurer of the province in a Liberal government. But things turned out differently, and I was elected Leader of the Opposition, and subsequently—well, the rest is history. Honourable senators, I wish Senator Anderson well in her retirement.

As Senator Atkins has said, Cy Sherwood was elected on September 22, 1952. I was elected on the same date. He was elected on the Conservative side while I was elected in the opposition as a Liberal. He became a minister—a quiet minister, but a very competent one. It was a thrill to watch him in action in the house. He was senior to me and was a cabinet minister, and that commanded my respect. Indeed, Cy Sherwood always commanded respect so far as I am aware.

On June 27, 1960, 30 years ago today, Cy Sherwood went with his government to defeat at the polls. We missed Cy Sherwood as minister, even though he was succeeded by other competent ministers. But Cy was always active, albeit in a quiet way, and was respected not only by me but by the people of New Brunswick generally.

I remember when he became Leader of the Opposition. I remember many things, honourable senators, that transpired in the provincial legislature in the sixties when he was there. I remember one thing in particular during the election campaign of 1963. In those days television was in its infancy. We were almost pioneers in running a political campaign on television. It was direct—we were on air, live. We could not correct mistakes if we made any. Mr. Sherwood, as he then was, was in the studio at about four o'clock in the afternoon and I was replacing him immediately at 4:15. It was only about two days before the election when our paths crossed. I was surprised to see him and he was surprised to see me. We wished each other well. I said, "Cy, I think you are going to win next Monday." He said, "Of course I am going to win." I said, "In King's County," which was a safe constituency for the Conservatives.

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Senator Sherwood, I feel sad today that you are leaving. Your whole life has been based on politics. I hope you will continue to serve not only the Conservative Party but also New Brunswick, as you have done so well in the past.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Maurice Simard: Honourable senators, I would only like to add a few words to congratulate our colleagues leaving us today.

[English]

Senator Robichaud has said he will remain the senior senator from New Brunswick after Senator Sherwood has retired. You are now looking at the junior senator from New Brunswick, because it has been exactly five years to the day since I came to this place. I did not realize five years ago that I was celebrating a Liberal victory that had been won by your party 25 years before. That was my way of saluting the Liberal Party, and I am sure I will find other ways in future years.

[Senator Robichaud.]

[Translation]

I wish to thank Senator Asselin for his guidance, the tremendous example he has set for all of us in the work he performed with dedication all through the years I have known him. I thank him also for his contribution to the international Francophonie. I speak on behalf of all those who are members of this international parliamentary organization, and certainly on behalf of all Canadians and all members of the Federal Parliament and Provincial legislatures who are active within this organization.

Senator Asselin, I congratulate you on your appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec. You have been a mayor, a member of the House of Commons, a cabinet minister and a devoted senator. No doubt that, together with Senator Flynn, you have influenced much more that you could imagine the decision which I made in the 1960's to participate actively in the activities of the Progressive Conservative Party, first at the national level, and later on in New Brunswick.

It is common knowledge in Temiscouata and Madawaska that such men as Maurice Duplessis and former Senator Jean-François Pouliot have deeply influenced my development first as a teenager, then later during my college years, and finally as a professional accountant, not to mention my political thinking.

I suggest we should go back to the 1958 election, an election which brought Senator Asselin and Senator Flynn to the Canadian Parliament. You have achieved your ambition and your dream of giving Quebecers a choice. At that time and up until quite recently, it was not easy to be a conservative either in Quebec or New Brunswick. For giving Quebec men and women an alternative at election time and for having done so with so much dignity and dedication, I congratulate both of you, honourable Senator Flynn and honourable Senator Asselin.

Senator Asselin, I join with our colleagues from both sides of the Senate to pay tribute to you as an outstanding lawyer, resourceful Parliamentarian, great Canadian, and to offer you our best wishes in this new appointment which is the continuation of an already outstanding political career. To you, Senator Flynn, I wish much success in your future endeavours.

[English]

I did not know Senator Anderson before I came to this place. I knew of her family and knew that she was devoted to the Miramichi area. Although I was not active in provincial politics, I was aware that she had been president of the New Brunswick Liberal Women's Association. She has served her party, her province, and her region very well.

Over the last five years I have been able to observe, appreciate and take as an example—although not always successfully—Senator Anderson's work. People say I have a high profile, but I have always been impressed by Senator Anderson's cool, steady and dignified way of looking at bills that have come before the Banking Committee. Senator Anderson, I wish you a long life and a happy retirement.