

passing of Senator Austin Taylor whom I have known for as long as I can remember. I too miss him very much, as I do the talks we used to have about the things that might be done for the benefit of our province of New Brunswick. Such things were of prime concern to Austin Taylor.

Senator Taylor's claim to the high regard and affection of the people of New Brunswick was shown by the tremendous number of citizens of Westmorland County and other counties of the province, and from other provinces in the dominion, who, as the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Brooks) has said, sorrowfully attended his funeral in Moncton.

We in New Brunswick had not only high regard and affection for Austin Taylor, we were also very proud of him for his understanding of and work and accomplishments on behalf of farmers who make up such a large part of the population of the province. Senator Taylor rendered his services to the Province of New Brunswick, as Minister of Agriculture, at a time when those services were needed, and great advancement was made in agriculture under his direction.

With the other honourable senators who have spoken, I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, his beloved little daughter, his sisters and the other members of his family.

I did not know Senator Robertson as well as I knew Senator Taylor. I had not known him at all before he entered the Senate, but I found him a very friendly and delightful colleague, and I enjoyed all the associations I had with him. I extend to Mrs. Robertson and the other members of Senator Robertson's family my deepest sympathy.

Hon. Arthur M. Pearson: Honourable senators, I should like to join in the sentiments expressed by the honourable senators who have spoken of our two departed colleagues, and I should like to add a little more to what has been said about Senator Taylor.

Senator Taylor was an authority on agriculture. This I found out during my experience on the Special Committee of the Senate on Land Use in Canada. He was a member of that committee from 1958 until the spring of 1963, at which time he became co-chairman; he was also a member of the Steering Committee. Had it not been for Senator Taylor I do not think that committee would have accomplished nearly as much as it did. His experience in agriculture and his forthright manner of speaking were most helpful during the period of time when the committee was examining witnesses. In fact, it was because of his intimate knowledge of the men of agriculture in Canada that the committee was able to call before it wit-

nesses who could contribute the most. The Senate will feel a tremendous loss in the death of a member who was one of the great agriculturalists of Canada.

I knew Senator Robertson for only a short time, but during that brief period I found him a most friendly man. He and I went on a fishing trip last summer. We went north of Kenora by car to Red Lake, and I was amazed at the large number of people who apparently knew he was going there and were ready to welcome him. We went by airplane from Red Lake to the northwest corner of Ontario, where we had a very pleasant time fishing. This was all arranged by Senator Pete Robertson.

On our return we visited his home in Kenora, and there I met his charming wife and lovely family, who provided us with a wonderful dinner. I enjoyed myself tremendously.

I shall miss Senator Robertson as I shall miss Senator Taylor. I became very well acquainted with both of them. I express my sincere sorrow to the widows of both.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, I am afraid I cannot add very much to what has already been said with respect to the general careers of our two departed brethren. However, I would like to say a few words on behalf of myself and the members of the Standing Committee on Divorce because both these senators were useful and honoured members of that committee.

When I asked Senator Taylor shortly after his arrival in the Senate to become a member of the Standing Committee on Divorce, his answer was, "I will serve in any capacity in which I can contribute," and he did contribute very materially. He was faithful in attendance, and spent many hours in the rather thankless task of hearing evidence in divorce cases. He was not a lawyer, but his alert mind, his long experience, his knowledge of people, men and women, and of affairs, and his innate fairness, made for keenness of judgment. So far as the Divorce Committee is concerned, he is positively irreplaceable.

Honourable senators, previous speakers have referred to the impressive funeral ceremony which took place, in which participated his sorrowing fellow citizens, relatives and friends. I would like to put on record some of those lovely words expressed on that occasion by Reverend Dr. Abner J. Langley, who was his pastor and who knew him as perhaps none of us know him. Dr. Langley said:

The sorrow that has descended upon our community, the tributes in the press and over the air, the presence in this church and sanctuary of so many from all walks of life bespeak a more eloquent