

Trade and Commerce. It was in that portfolio, honourable senators, that he gave, I believe, his most splendid service to our country. He went on a trade mission to South America. I have spoken to many representatives of South American countries who met Jim MacKinnon when he was on that mission, and I can say he was indeed an ambassador of good will. He built up a splendid feeling between Canada and the South American countries. Later on, as the honourable leader has said, Senator MacKinnon held other portfolios in the Government.

Honourable senators, our late colleague was widely known not only in Canada, but throughout the United States. In fact, he was so well known there that after his death an article about him was given quite a prominent place in the *New York Times*. I would like to read what that newspaper said in its issue of April 19 last. After announcing his passing, the article went on:

He was president of James A. MacKinnon Company Limited, of Edmonton, and a director of International Business Machines Company, Ltd., the Canadian Montana Pipe Line Company, Catelli Food Products Company, Dairy Supplies, Ltd., Vulcan Oils, Sisco Mines, Commonwealth International Corporation and the Leverage Fund of Canada.

Mr. MacKinnon entered the cabinet as a Minister without portfolio in MacKenzie King's Government in 1939, becoming Trade Minister a year later. He became Fisheries Minister in 1948 and Mines Minister later the same year. He retained the latter portfolio when Louis St. Laurent succeeded Mr. King as Prime Minister late in 1948.

He resigned as Mines Minister in March, 1949, and was appointed to the Senate a month later, remaining in the cabinet as a Minister without portfolio for another year.

Senator MacKinnon was indeed a very kindly man and a great gentleman. He spoke evil of no one. When something was done of which he did not approve, he would express his disappointment, but he had no bitterness in his soul. I am sure we will all remember our late colleague as a kindly gentleman, and a great friend to all of us.

**Hon. Jean-François Pouliot:** Honourable senators, our new colleagues will realize that the most precious reward of a political life when a member of Parliament comes to Ottawa is to make friendships that are enduring. Senator MacKinnon used to greet his colleagues by saying "Good day, my friend." I know one of our colleagues who uses the same expression whenever I meet him; and there is another gentleman, in the House of Commons, who follows the same practice and says, when he meets one of his colleagues, "Bonjour, mon ami." Senator MacKinnon, with his big heart, meant that greeting, meant it sincerely; he gave the lie to the well-known dictum that "The friend of all is the friend of none." I knew him quite intimately when he had his office across

from mine, on the fourth floor of the House of Commons. I saw how hard he worked for the people of Canada, and especially for the people of his own province, and how popular he was with all.

I am not to repeat what has been said in the moving tributes paid to the memory of a well-beloved colleague by the new Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) and the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald), but may I quote one of the most gracious obituaries that has ever been published of a deceased public man? It is entitled "Senator MacKinnon's Vistas", and it was published in the *Ottawa Journal* of April 19:

"Big Jim" from Bruce County loved the vistas of his native land. He knew the West when it was raw and, as a cabinet minister, shared in the counsels of the Dominion in anxious times.

He was one of the forever young and when his duties of statecraft and business had eased it was his relaxation to travel about the world, learning about new countries and different people.

His views were as wide as those of the foothills and the lakes and his death is mourned. There remains the memory of a gentle, kindly man whose grace was friendship.

It was particularly moving to listen to the impressive tributes that were expressed by the pastor of his church at Edmonton, who came to Ottawa for the funeral.

To his daughter and his grandchildren I offer my most sincere sympathy.

**Hon. F. W. Gershaw:** Honourable senators, coming from Alberta, as I do, I want to say that the people of Edmonton loved "Jim" MacKinnon. A large number attended his funeral, and many flowers were sent, each petal representing someone's kind thought or some kind deed.

From a humble home he rose high in the service of his country, and he will be mourned by many. He achieved great honour and, as has been said, was prominent in many affairs. His passing shows

The glories of our blood and state  
Are shadows, not substantial things;  
There is no armour against Fate,  
Death lays his icy hand on kings.

I join in the expression of our sincere sympathy to his daughter.

(Translation):

**Hon. Aristide Blais:** Honourable senators, it is a painful duty for any one of us to speak of the sudden demise of a Senate colleague, but when that colleague was also a friend of fifty years' standing who played an important part in one's life, then the loss is irreparable for it is felt throughout this earthly life.

Fifty-seven years ago—it seems as yesterday—a tall and handsome young man of nineteen, from one of the old Scottish families of Port Elgin, Ontario, took the