

THE SENATE

Tuesday, April 4, 1989

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

[Translation]

GENTLEMAN USHER OF THE BLACK ROD

APPOINTMENT OF RENÉ GUTKNECHT, ESQUIRE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that I have received a certified copy of Order in Council P.C. 1989-366, dated March 6, 1989, appointing René Gutknecht Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, effective March 20, 1989.

[English]

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I should like to take this opportunity to welcome Lieutenant-General Gutknecht to our chamber. He has had a long and illustrious career of service to his country, and we are indeed pleased to see him join us. I was impressed with his activities yesterday; he looked very much the model of a Senatorial Black Rod.

We are very pleased, sir, and hope you have a long and happy career with us here.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, on behalf of our side I wish to join Senator Doody in what he has said and to tell our new Black Rod that, as Senator Doody mentioned, we were impressed by—in fact, I would say very proud of—his performance yesterday. It was appropriate that he came to us at a time when Parliament was opening and had a chance to “bite the bullet” on his first day. He did so very well indeed that no one would have known that he had not been at the job for at least a decade.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

THE LATE HONOURABLE DONALD CAMERON

TRIBUTES

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, I believe it is appropriate to put on the record of this chamber the sorrow that all honourable senators felt on learning of the death on February 14 of our former colleague, Senator Donald Cameron.

When Senator Cameron retired in October 1987, we then had the opportunity to pay tribute to his brilliant career in teaching and politics. Thus, there is no need to repeat here what we said at that time.

I only want to say again that the turning point in the teaching career of Senator Cameron is certainly the Banff School of Fine Arts and that here in the Senate, he made a very special contribution in the areas of teaching, obviously, of transportation and also of western Canada's economy. He was a champion of the solution to western Canada's economic problems.

I would extend to his daughter the condolences of the group sitting on the Speaker's right; we no doubt share exactly the same feelings of all those seated in this Chamber.

[English]

Hon. Earl A. Hastings: Honourable senators, on behalf of his colleagues on this side of the house I should like to join the Honourable Senator Flynn in paying tribute to the memory of Senator Donald Cameron, who died at Calgary on February 14 last. As Senator Flynn has indicated, we paid tribute to Senator Cameron's service to Alberta, to Canada and to this Senate on the occasion of his retirement in 1987. I think I can do no better today than to place on the record of this house the views of Mr. Bill Gold of the *Calgary Herald*, who on the occasion of our colleague's death wrote the following:

When Donald Cameron is buried in Banff this afternoon Alberta will be saying goodbye to one of its most creative people and a major figure in provincial history.

He was nearly 88 years old when he died a few days ago, but Cameron was one of the most truly modern men ever to toil in our midst, and we profited mightily from his presence and the work he did.

To a great extent, the Banff Centre is Donald Cameron. Younger people who thought of him mainly as an aging senator until his retirement a few months ago were wrong.

They weren't around during the 30-odd years when he almost single-handedly created the centre and ran the place. Those efforts set the stage for the eclectic institution of today, and an international reputation in fields as diverse as television programming, fine arts production, and the techniques of advanced business/government management.

His legacy is enormous.

Honourable senators, there has been placed in the Banff School of Fine Arts a suitable memorial to Donald Cameron, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL. D.

His motto, “Make no small plans: they hold not magic to stir men's blood”, shaped his own pioneer work in developing the Banff Centre into a national and interna-