

Perth, a short distance from Ottawa. He received his education at the University of Manitoba, from which he graduated as a doctor. He practised his chosen profession in St. Boniface and vicinity, where, I am told, he had a host of patients whose needs were his first consideration. It was not unusual for him to drive for miles in the depth of winter to attend the sick or the injured. Day after day, night after night, in fair weather and in foul weather, in winter and summer, he ministered to the ailing in his community.

Busy as he was with his profession, he found time to take an interest in the community life of his district; and he was elected mayor of St. Boniface in 1916. Subsequently, in 1925, he was elected to the House of Commons; he was re-elected in 1926, in 1930, in 1935 and in 1940. In 1945 he was summoned to the Senate, where he continued to take an active interest in the business of Parliament, which I know from my experience he had never neglected in the House of Commons, notwithstanding his busy life in his own community. Those of you who sat in this house with him longer than I did know of the part he played here, of the part which he took in the debates in this house and also in committees. As the honourable leader has said, he continued to be a very faithful member of the Divorce Committee, where he had a reputation for patience, thoroughness and fairness.

To sum up, I would say that the late Senator Howden was not only a skilled physician and surgeon but also a parliamentarian who contributed much to the work of Parliament, and I would emphasize that at all times he was courteous, kindly, understanding and essentially friendly. For these qualities above all he will be remembered with esteem and affection.

Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien: Honourable senators, I would add just a word or two to what the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) and the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) have said concerning our colleague who has passed away.

I knew Senator Howden, or Dr. Howden as we commonly called him, for at least 40-odd years. He was a man who really worked in order to attain his standing in the profession of medicine. He worked as a telegraph operator for the Canadian Pacific Railway at a place called Rennie, not very far from Winnipeg; he also worked on a ranch in Alberta, all in order to earn money to put himself through university and to obtain his degree as a medical doctor.

Dr. Howden never refused a call, no matter how far away it was or who called him, nor did he consider whether the patient had any

money or not. I am sure that if a record was kept it will be found that hundreds of patients were treated by Dr. Howden, and treated well—because he was a master in his profession—who probably never had a cent to pay him or at any rate did not pay him.

During the last few years of his life Dr. Howden suffered some misfortunes. His second wife died very suddenly, and he really never got over the passing away of his companion. His son who was in the air force as an instructor, and who had a very promising future before him in that branch of the armed services, was killed in an accident, somewhere in Prince Edward Island, I think. Our late colleague found these misfortunes hard to bear and I am sure they hastened his passing.

I saw him a few times in the hospital, and I was there the day before he died, but unfortunately he was in a coma and did not recognize anyone, not even members of his own family. I attended his funeral, and was an honorary pallbearer. I am sure there were in the church at that time hundreds of people whom the late Dr. Howden had brought into the world, and they all had a very affectionate regard for him.

I wish to join with the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) and the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) in extending to the family of the late senator, his two sons by a first marriage and his son by a second marriage, my deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, I wish I could adequately express on behalf of myself and my colleagues who are members of the Divorce Committee the sadness that has passed over us as a result of the death of our colleague the late Dr. Howden. As has already been said, Senator Howden was a very faithful servant of the people, and contributed greatly to the work of the committee of which I had the honour to be chairman. Dr. Howden was a man of great kindness, broadmindedness and understanding, and great responsibility. He was always present when there was a job to be done. In later years we always reserved a seat for Dr. Howden to the right of the chairman of the committee. He was a valued member of that body. But entirely apart from his services, he was valued by us personally. We loved him dearly.

Dr. Howden was a member of the House of Commons when I entered it in 1940, and he was summoned to the Senate on April 18, 1945, about the same time as I came here. In November of that year he became a member of the Divorce Committee, and from that time until his death he was a faithful