

of the Senate Divorce Committee before I did, and he was a member when I assumed the chairmanship. At that time he was not in good health, but nevertheless he was a faithful, highly educated, and most valuable member of that committee.

I am sure that my colleagues who are members of the Divorce Committee will all join with me most heartily in expressing our sympathy to Mrs. Ross and the other members of his family, our regret at his passing, and our grateful tribute to him as a notable public servant.

Hon. William H. Golding: Honourable senators, I am sure we were all shocked since the last session to hear that some of our most valued and worthy members had passed away. On this occasion I want to endorse the fine tributes which have been paid by our leader (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) and others who have spoken. I will not take up the time of the house by repeating those fine tributes, but I wish to take this opportunity of saying a word or two in connection with my late room-mate and colleague Senator Ross. When I came over to the Senate I had an invitation from Senator Farquhar to occupy a third desk in the room which he shared with Senator Ross; that was in 1949, and since then we had all shared that room together. Senator Ross was an interesting character. It was mentioned earlier that he had once been a cowboy. In the many interesting talks we had together he rarely spoke about himself, but he did tell us of the work he did as a sheep shearer and as a railroad man. I am sure he performed those duties efficiently and well. Senator Ross was a quiet man, and he would tell us stories of his experiences in a simple, quiet and impressive way.

The Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) spoke of Mrs. Ross. I want to say that both Senator Farquhar and I are going to miss Mrs. Ross a great deal, for she is a woman of a very fine type. Indeed, she and her husband were a splendid couple, for whom one could not help but have the highest admiration.

Honourable senators, I do not want to labour this point at all. I know that we all feel keenly the loss of our five colleagues, and I join with the leader and others who have already spoken in expressing deep sympathy to the bereaved families and friends.

(Translation):

Hon. Mariana Beauchamp Jodoin: Honourable senators, in the name of my women colleagues and especially in the name of the women of the province of Quebec, may I be allowed to express also the deep sorrow which the death of the honourable Adélard Godbout

has caused us. We had the greatest esteem for him and wish to pay him our most sincere tribute.

His sudden death filled us with grief and we all regret his absence in the Senate.

An honest, sincere and trustworthy man, a distinguished agriculturist, a forceful and convincing speaker, the Honourable Adélard Godbout became Premier of the province of Quebec under very trying circumstances. But he never failed in his duties nor did he shun any of his responsibilities. He loved his province with the deepest devotion and defended it until his death.

An irreproachable father, he understood the important role played by women in the nation's life, and he gave official recognition to this role in granting the right to vote to the women of the province of Quebec.

We, the women of Quebec, express our gratitude to him for this action and wish to pay him the tribute of our admiration and of our prayers.

We also wish to extend to Madame Godbout and to the members of his family our deepest condolences.

(Text):

Hon. J. M. Dessureault: Honourable senators, I should like to join with the honourable senators who have preceded me in the very appropriate and eloquent tributes paid to the members of this chamber who have passed away since the last session. I had great admiration for them all, but coming as I do from Quebec I desire to add a few words to extend my sympathy to Senator Adélard Godbout's family especially. I had known Senator Godbout for a great many years, and always considered him a personal friend. He was on two occasions Premier of the province of Quebec, and his accomplishments during his distinguished career are far too numerous for me to relate, but to sum up it can be truthfully said that he was a great Canadian and a true lover of his province. His passing has removed from the scene of his activities a man of great ability who served faithfully and well, not only his province but the whole of Canada.

(Translation):

As I have already said in English, I had known the Honourable Senator Godbout for a great many years and always regarded him as a personal friend. A gifted speaker with a charming personality, he was loved and respected by all. He was a great Canadian, a perfect gentleman, an excellent Christian and a staunch Catholic. His fellow citizens, especially those of Quebec, have lost in him a good friend, as well as a devoted and faithful servant.