

active service overseas, he was appointed secretary to Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, who was chairman of the Statute Revision Commission from 1924 to 1927. That type of work also prepared him for the post he has now attained in the Senate. I am sure we all agree that his work as secretary of that commission was a splendid training for him. Upon the completion of his work with Sir Charles Fitzpatrick he joined the Department of Justice, where he remained from 1927 to 1942, and where his duties served as further preparation for those he is now required to fulfil. In 1942 he was appointed Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate, and held that position up to the time of his present appointment. I do not need to amplify here the splendid manner in which he has carried out his duties and how helpful he has been to us all with our problems. I am sure I express the feelings of all present when I say that we are very, very happy indeed to have him as Clerk of this house.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: He replaces a man who was a very capable Clerk of the Senate, Mr. L. Clare Moyer, D.S.O., Q.C., B.A. Mr. Moyer retired from the position on account of illness, and I know we were all very sorry indeed when we learned that his health would not permit him to continue as Clerk. Mr. Moyer came to this house well prepared for the task which he was called upon to assume. He graduated from the University of Toronto with top honours in political science and worked on several newspapers, starting as a reporter. I think there is no better training for a man who has to deal with people, and who is going to serve in public life, than newspaper work; it gives him a great store of knowledge and information which is of great help later on. After serving in the newspaper field for some time, Mr. Moyer decided to practise law, and he was called to the bar of Ontario and the bar of Saskatchewan. He is one of the comparatively few people in Canada who are members of the bars of two provinces.

In World War I Mr. Moyer joined the forces, and served in France, Belgium and Germany. For his gallantry on the field he was twice mentioned in dispatches, and in 1918 was awarded the D.S.O. After demobilization, and having practised law for some time, he was appointed Law Officer for the Attorney General's Department of Saskatchewan, in which office he served from 1921 to 1922. He then came to Ottawa. He did such good work in acting as secretary to the Dominion-Provincial Conference of 1927 that at the completion of the conference the Prime Minister of the day, the Right Honourable

William Lyon Mackenzie King, appointed him as his secretary. Mr. Moyer acted as the Prime Minister's secretary for some considerable time. He was appointed as Clerk of the Senate in 1938. He has rendered splendid service indeed, and I think we would all be very happy to make him an honorary officer of this house. Such a step was taken in 1939 when Mr. Blount retired as Clerk of the Senate. On motion of the Honourable Senator Dandurand, seconded by the Right Honourable Senator Meighen, Mr. Blount was appointed an honorary officer of this house. I feel that we would all be very pleased to have that custom followed in the present instance, and with leave of the Senate I move, seconded by the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig):

That in view of the long and faithful services of Mr. L. Clare Moyer, D.S.O., Q.C., B.A., the former Clerk of the Senate, he be continued an honorary officer of this house and allowed the entree of the Senate and a seat at the Table on occasions of ceremony.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable senators, in joining the honourable Leader of the Government in felicitations on the appointment of Mr. MacNeill as Clerk of the Senate, the only regret I feel is in his loss as Law Clerk. I do not know how we shall be able to get a new Law Clerk with the ability, experience and finesse of Mr. MacNeill.

Hon. Mr. Euler: And the good looks!

Hon. Mr. Haig: The only redeeming feature for me lies in this fact: whenever I debated a bill and Mr. MacNeill's interpretation of the law respecting it was against me, I was licked, and I knew it.

Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Haig: In his new position, Mr. MacNeill brings with him the good will of the legal profession. No lawyer of my acquaintance in Canada—and I know a good many of them, through attending various bar associations meetings—is more highly esteemed than Mr. MacNeill. Any of my friends who have come from my part of the country to appear before a committee of the Senate, and who have become acquainted with the ability of Mr. MacNeill, have said to me, "Well, Haig, at least you have a good lawyer in the Senate, even if the senators don't amount to much." I hope Mr. MacNeill will be spared for many years to sit as Clerk at the Table, for I know that he will bring honour, not only to the Senate and its members but to the people of Canada, and will demonstrate what a Canadian can contribute to the public life of our country.