

He finally settled at Blaine Lake on a beautiful farm, where he became a leader of the community. Blaine Lake has one of the largest settlements of Doukhobors in western Canada. They were always able to depend on Senator Horner for good advice. He sold them their horses and backed their notes at the bank, and when they could not pay their notes he paid them himself. He was a real father to the Doukhobors, and I think that they appreciated him very much.

As has been previously stated, Senator Horner had a mind of his own which was full of good ideas. He had many strong opinions, it is true, and he did not hesitate to express them whenever he considered it necessary. He was a lovable character, a sincere and loyal friend, and he made friends very easily. He took a prominent part in the work of this chamber. He was chairman of one of our committees and was regular in attendance at all times. In fact he made his work in the Senate his lifework from the time he was appointed until the time of his death.

Senator Horner owed much of his success in life to his wonderful little wife, Mae. She was loyal and helpful at all times. My wife is going to miss her very much, since they were bosom friends and spent most of their time together when the Senate was in session. They even took painting lessons together, and loved each other very much.

As has been said, Senator Horner had nine children. I know each one of them, and I consider them to be the most clever family I have ever met. One son, William, is an engineer. Hugh is a medical doctor and at the present time a member of Parliament for a riding in the Province of Alberta. Jack is a rancher and also a member of Parliament for a riding in Alberta. Byron is a lawyer, and Norval runs the farm at Blaine Lake. Bennett is also a medical doctor. I might add that he was given the Christian name "Bennett" because he was born during the time that the late Lord Bennett was Prime Minister of Canada, a short time before Senator Horner was appointed to this chamber. He has three lovely daughters, all married and residing in western Canada.

Taking it all in all, Byron Horner was in my opinion a great Canadian, a great pioneer, and a man who loved the soil. He loved Canada dearly, and he is going to be very much missed by all of us.

As has been stated by the honourable Leader of the house, I shall be leaving tomorrow to attend the funeral which takes place on Wednesday afternoon. My wife will meet me in Saskatoon and we will be there together. I shall then have the opportunity to convey to Mrs. Horner and to the members of the family present the deepest sympathy

of every member of this chamber. I shall convey to them our most sincere regrets and wish them Godspeed in the future.

**Hon. A. K. Hugessen:** Honourable senators, I think we all experienced a tremendous shock this evening when on entering this chamber we were informed of the death of our dear old friend, Senator Ralph Byron Horner. As Senator Aseltine has said he and Senator Horner were appointed to the Senate in 1933—they were numbers one and two, in the seniority list, and Senator Farris and I happen to be numbers three and four, having been appointed in 1937. We have sat in this chamber with Senator Horner for 27 years.

I think it is only fitting that one who comes from and represents that part of the Province of Quebec in which Senator Horner was born should join in the tributes being paid to him this evening.

I did not know Senator Horner at all well for the first two or three years of my membership in the Senate. But it so happened, and very luckily for me, that on an occasion of my going to Winnipeg by train, Senator Horner was on the train with me. Thus we had an opportunity of getting to know one another. We had our meals together, and by the end of the journey I think I had a pretty good idea of what our colleague was like.

Senator Horner was a real character, and I think that was what it was that endeared him so much to the Senate. I remember once telling him in the course of a debate between us in this house that no one could ever tell what he was going to say next. That was part of his charm. But while you could not tell what he was going to say next, you always could be sure that what he had to say was based upon long experience and much knowledge of men and affairs.

We shall miss him deeply, honourable senators. I do not know what more I can say of him than that which Hamlet said of his father in those famous words:

He was a man, take him for all in all,  
I shall not look upon his like again.

To his loyal and devoted widow, who was with him constantly all these years during his service in the Senate, and to the members of his family, I join in expressing our deepest sympathy.

**Hon. William A. Boucher:** Honourable senators, it was with very deep regret that I learned of the passing of my very good friend of many years, Byron Horner. He was one of those oldtimers who played a very important part indeed in the development of Northern Saskatchewan.