

elected in 1911; and at the 1911 session he was elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. In 1914 he became a Privy Councillor, taking the portfolio then known as Inland Revenue. The next year he was appointed Secretary of State; and, in 1917, Postmaster-General. Two or three months after that appointment he asked to be relieved of his ministerial duties in order that he might go back to Quebec to raise a regiment; and when he had succeeded in this objective he took his regiment overseas. He returned to Canada in 1918, and in that year was summoned to the Senate. When the Meighen Government assumed office, he once again became Postmaster-General. As honourable members well know, he served as Speaker of the Senate from 1930 to 1935. He will be long remembered here for the courtesy and dignity which he unfailingly displayed in that office.

Senator Little passed away on December 21. He was born in London, Ontario, of English-Canadian parentage, and received his education at the London Collegiate Institute and the University of Toronto. He engaged in commercial and agricultural pursuits. In the general election of 1925 he was a Liberal candidate for the city of London; and in 1928 he was summoned to the Senate. The late Senator had a personality that made friends of all with whom he came in contact. This probably is illustrated by the fact that although he was officially known as Senator Little, to his friends he was Sidney or Sid. Little. We on this side of the Chamber will remember him for the proficiency and patience he exhibited as Whip of our party. He was at all times most attentive to the work of the Senate and of the committees on which he was elected to act.

Finally, I wish to refer to the passing of Senator Creelman MacArthur, of Prince Edward Island, who died on December 29. He was born in 1874, of Scotch parentage. He engaged in a number of mercantile enterprises, and served for many years as a director of the Central Trust Company of Canada, Vice-President of the M. F. Shurman Company, Limited, and President of Brace McKay & Company Limited. Our late colleague took an active part in municipal and provincial politics. He was elected to the Legislature of Prince Edward Island in 1919, and re-elected in 1923. Two years later he was summoned to the Senate. Senator MacArthur had strong views on matters pertaining to his province, and when occasion arose he did not hesitate to express them.

I have but briefly sketched some of the activities of our departed friends; and I would conclude by expressing on behalf of my fellow-

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members and myself our deep and sincere sympathy to the bereaved widows and families.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, since Parliament adjourned a few months ago, the Senate of Canada has sustained a severe loss through the demise of four of our outstanding colleagues: Senators, Blondin, Prevost, Little and MacArthur. Their passing is greatly to be regretted.

Senator Blondin, early in life, took a keen interest in public affairs not only in his native province of Quebec, but in the Dominion as well. During his long public career he was prominent and effective in both Houses of Parliament. He exhibited at all times a broad tolerance and a keen desire to promote throughout the Dominion a spirit of good will, irrespective of race or creed, and did much to make this Canada of ours a united nation.

Senator Blondin naturally was always proud of his native province, but at the same time he firmly believed that Canada should always maintain her attachment to the Crown and her prominent position as the senior Dominion, within the Commonwealth of Nations, for he realized that such connection has given us in the past and assures us for the future complete freedom.

Because of his oratorical gifts and charming personality the late Senator Blondin was frequently sought after as a public speaker.

Everyone on this side of the Chamber joins with the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. King) and those associated with him in expressing our deepest sympathy to Madame Blondin and her family in their great bereavement.

I was not as well acquainted with the late Senator Prévost as I was with Senator Blondin, but I had a great admiration for him and was impressed with his retiring manner and wide culture. Senator Prévost was born and spent most of his life in his home city of St. Jérôme, which nestles amidst the beautiful Laurentian hills. The late senator, a gifted writer, edited and published a well-known and widely read French Canadian publication.

During our late colleague's lifetime he did much to promote and further the interests of not only his native province, but of the Dominion as well. His scholarly writings always reflected his sterling character, and his tolerance and good will towards his fellow Canadians.

All on this side of the Chamber desire to be associated with the honourable leader in conveying to his family our deepest sympathy.

I am sure that I am expressing the deep sorrow of every honourable senator when I say we were greatly shocked to learn that our much esteemed colleague the late Senator Little had passed away so suddenly, and at the