

as an independent Liberal but as a straight Liberal against the official nominee of the Liberal party, and against the federal and provincial Liberal organizations, it was because I was fighting a just cause. Mr. Lapointe and Mr. King realized that two months afterwards when both of them introduced me to Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons.

Times change, of course, but I told Mr. Lapointe after my election of December 1, 1924, that I would continue to be a Liberal, as I was before and during the election. I must confess that all the time I was a Member of Parliament, and after I had the honour of becoming a member of this chamber, I practised what I may call "co-operative liberalism," which means that I have given my party, the Liberal party, the benefit of the doubt when I was not absolutely sure that the party was right.

Many colleagues I knew are gone. In the 31 years I sat in the House of Commons I knew about 1,500 members of Parliament, and now there are so many new faces there. The old-timers had mostly gone, and I had to come to the Senate to find them. It was a pleasure, and it reminds me of very happy moments of my parliamentary career.

Now, honourable colleagues, I must convey my thanks to my wife, in the first place, because if I have survived so much turmoil and so many difficulties it is because of the good care she took of me, and the happy life we have had at home.

I must convey also my warmest thanks to the former electors of Temiscouata County, whom I consider as my friends. I never had an organization with a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. Nothing like that was established in Temiscouata County, when I represented it in the commons. Friendship was the password. In the first place there were my grandfather's and my father's friends. Then, there were my friends, and finally, the sons of my friends. Three generations of Liberals have supported me. At my first election I had the support of many Conservatives who continued to vote for me and I would not call them otherwise than good Liberals.

In concluding I must tell you a good story. My opponent, the official nominee of the Liberal party in 1924, had been a provincial member for many years. The question was: "Should there be a Conservative candidate?" A very good friend of mine went to see Mr. Arthur Meighen, who was the Leader of the Conservative party, and suggested to him that it would be much better not to put up a Conservative because general elections were coming soon, and I would then be the easiest man to defeat. If this strategy were followed, then the Conservative candidate would stand a good chance of being elected to represent

Temiscouata County. Contrary to his suggestion to Mr. Meighen, I was re-elected for 31 years.

As Members of Parliament the main way to keep our friends is to give our constituents every opportunity to meet us and to tell us everything that they have to say about politics, and for us to be honest with them and to work hard. I have tried my best to do so, and I am sure that hard work is a wonderful recipe for survival in politics.

Honourable colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, I have been touched by the most generous words which have been spoken this evening.

I must take this opportunity to congratulate my good friend and former leader, honourable Senator Macdonald (Brantford), who is a fine gentleman, and as chancellor he will add prestige to Waterloo Lutheran University. The choice was an excellent one. He is a man of wide culture and I am sure that the university could not have done better than to select him as its chancellor.

There is another colleague whom you eulogized the other day. I was not in the chamber when the two new chancellors were congratulated. It is a great tribute also to Senator Paterson to have been chosen as the first chancellor of Lakehead University. His speech was most modest. He said that he did not have the privilege of a college education. But he has been a life preserver for Carleton University, and now he will be a life preserver for Lakehead University. He will help the youth of this country by supporting that seat of learning.

Honourable senators, you are too generous. I am overcome with emotion. Thanks a million.

(Translation):

Hon. Mariana B. Jodoin: Honourable senators, may I thank the Honourable W. Ross Macdonald, for the good wishes he has just extended to me on my birthday. I may be getting older but my heart remains forever young.

Some time ago, I had the opportunity to appear on television. I was asked then how senators welcomed female members to the Senate. Here is what I answered. Since I came to the Senate eleven years ago, senators have always treated my female colleagues and myself with much respect and kindness. I added: They are men of great ability, and