

I do not know that I would attempt to say anything about Senator Graham were it not for the fact that he left with me a message which he asked me to convey to this Chamber. As we separated in August last he bade me good-bye in his usual cheery manner; then he said: "Copp, if I do not return next session, will you convey to my friends and colleagues on both sides of the House my sincere thanks for the many kindly deeds they have done me and the many kindly words they have spoken of me?" At that time I realized, and I think he realized too, that his health was not too good, and that he might not return. In conveying that message to you I may say that I am sure it came from his heart.

Sixteen years ago Senator Graham and I came together as office mates in a room upstairs, and during those sixteen years no person could have had a truer or more loyal friend than I had in him. Looked back upon, the period does not seem so long; but the clock ticks relentlessly away and suddenly we realize that we are sixteen years older and that the time may not be so far distant when we shall be following the path taken by our right honourable friend.

Senator Graham served this country in various public capacities for upwards of fifty years, and he served it well. He was one of nature's gentlemen. As we sat in the room upstairs speaking of the stirring times through which he had passed, I never heard him utter an ill word of anybody, and I am sure he never harboured an ill thought. That speaks well for a man who has gone through the turmoil of political life.

It is needless for me to make any extended remarks about Senator Graham. Many things that he has told me in confidence I cannot mention; but as long as I live the memory of my close association with him will be one of the greatest pleasures and greatest assets of my life. I remember reading some years ago an oration delivered by the late Robert Ingersoll at the side of his brother's grave. If I remember correctly what he said in referring to his brother, it was this: "If every person for whom he has done a kind act, or to whom he has spoken a kind word, were here to-day and were to drop but a blossom on his grave, he would sleep to-night beneath a wilderness of flowers." As I stood in the funeral chapel in Brockville a few weeks ago and as I saw the remains of my friend lowered to the tomb, I thought to myself that if ever there was a man to whom those words would aptly and truthfully apply it was that man who was being laid away in his last resting-place.

Hon. Mr. COPP.

Honourable senators, I want to join with all of you in publicly expressing sympathy, as I have already done privately, to Mrs. Graham and her two granddaughters, of whom the late Senator was so proud, and who were equally proud of him. May the generous soul of George Graham rest in peace!

Hon. W. A. BUCHANAN: Honourable senators, may I be permitted to say a few words in tribute to our late colleague from Brockville, not so much in terms relating to his public life as with reference to the occupation in which he was engaged. I am afraid that the country at large was not generally acquainted with the fact that the late George Graham was a newspaperman right up to the time of his death. Those of us who were in the newspaper business throughout the country had a great regard for him. To us he was known in that capacity just as well as he was known as a member of governments and a member of the Senate.

The late Senator Graham began his life in the newspaper business. Like my friend and colleague from Kingston (Hon. Mr. Davies), he started as the publisher of a weekly newspaper, and later became the editor of a daily newspaper in his home city of Brockville. I know from my acquaintance with him in this Chamber that he was writing articles for that paper up to within a few years of his death. In his newspaper career, as in public life, he was always broad-minded and treated his political opponents kindly. Though he had very strong views, I do not think he ever offended an opponent in the field of political action or in the newspaper he published. Naturally those of us who are newspapermen mourn his loss, and I feel that his relationship to the newspaper profession should be mentioned at this time when we are paying tributes to his memory. My own acquaintance with him went back to the time when he was a member of the Ontario Legislature and I was a member of the Press Gallery there. I knew him from that time until his death. He can be described as above everything else a great human personality, generous to a fault, a man who loved to be in the company of his friends and was always doing good deeds and making new friends wherever he moved. He was not an extreme partisan; he was not narrow. Though loyal to his party, he was always on the friendliest terms with his political opponents, who, I know, respected him for his fairness and his goodness.

Hon. C. B. HOWARD: Honourable senators, Quebec is the only province in Canada divided into senatorial constituencies. The late