

THE SENATE

Tuesday, October 2, 1962

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

THE LATE SENATORS WALL, BOIS AND BRUNT

TRIBUTES

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, it is with deep regret that I rise on this sad occasion, one which marks the opening of so many sessions of the Senate. I must advise you that since we last sat in this chamber three most esteemed colleagues have passed to that "undiscover'd country, from whose bourn no traveller returns". None of the three senators had been long Her Majesty's servants in this chamber, but all left behind them a record of distinguished service on behalf of Canada.

The youngest, a man who indeed was in the prime of life, and yet the senior of the three, was Senator William Wall, of Winnipeg. Senator Wall was born in Canada of Ukrainian parents and was the first Canadian of Ukrainian descent to be appointed to the Senate. He himself described his appointment to this body as "a recognition of progress and contributions which had been made by Canadian Ukrainians in this country where they have found the freedom and opportunity to develop economically, politically, socially, and culturally".

Senator Wall was a graduate of the University of Manitoba and studied at Yale and Harvard. He held the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, and Master of Education followed by extensive postgraduate work in educational administration. He came to the Senate as a distinguished representative of the educational field of western Canada. He served as a school principal and school administrator. From 1946 to 1953 he was President of the Ukrainian Catholic Council of Canada. He was active in the Canadian army reserve, where he held the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and in many worthwhile organizations in his native province of Manitoba.

Since being summoned to the Senate on July 28, 1955 he had been known to all as one most energetic and interested in the work of the Senate. During my short time here I knew him as one of our most capable, hard-working and respected senators.

I know that this expression joins with that of the late senator's many friends in all

parts of Canada when I say to his widow and two children that we mourn with them in his passing. We assure them that he will be long remembered here where his contribution over the years stands forth so clearly in the annals of this house.

We also very deeply regret the passing of a distinguished son of the province of Quebec, Senator Henri-Charles Bois, who passed away at his farm home south of Montreal, only last July. I did not have the honour of knowing Senator Bois well, as he had been ill much of the time since my appointment to the Senate. However, I knew him by reputation as a distinguished Canadian who, while in this chamber and throughout his lifetime, had made an unexcelled contribution to the life of Canada. He was very well known, particularly in his own province of Quebec, where in the field of agronomy especially he was acknowledged as one of that province's foremost experts.

The late senator was educated at Lévis College, held a Bachelor of Arts degree from Laval University, was a graduate of Oka Agricultural Institute, and of Cornell University. His pursuit of excellence in his chosen field took him to Paris, France, where he continued his studies in agronomy. He saw military service in the armies of this nation in the First World War. He was Professor of Rural Economy at the Oka Agricultural Institute, Chief of the Rural Economy Service of the Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, and was an active promoter and supporter of the co-operative movement in the province of Quebec. He was also a member of the Royal Commission on Prices in 1948-49.

In his passing Canada has lost an expert in the field of agriculture who will be sorely missed, and we in this chamber have lost a respected and esteemed friend. To his widow and children I offer my deepest condolences.

All honourable senators will recall the deep sense of shock with which we received the news that our good friend Senator William R. Brunt had been killed in a motor accident on July 7 near his birthplace at Hanover, Ontario. We all knew Senator Brunt as a robust and vigorous man who warmed his hands before the fire of life. He was an ardent sporting enthusiast who loved to golf and was proud of his thoroughbred racing stable. As a lawyer and businessman he was monumentally successful. His cheerful, frank personality won him many friends.

Born on October 24, 1902 of Canadian parents of English and Irish descent, he received his education at Hanover public and high schools and studied at St. Andrew's College, University of Toronto, and Osgoode Hall. He left his law office and his many