

well. It seemed to me that it was a real pleasure to know him, and I was delighted when I found that he was a keen student of religion. Indeed, he was a very advanced student of the subject, and he spent many hours reading religious theses in order to understand the religious problems facing the world today. And whether I agree with his particular form of religion or not, whether you agree with it or not, the fact is that anybody who knew his religion as well as he did, and was willing to spend so much time studying it, must have found there something that the rest of us can copy. That was one of the factors that made him so influential in cementing the good feeling between the people of Quebec and those of the rest of Canada. We as Canadians need more men and women of that kind in our legislative bodies, in our House of Commons and in our Senate, because Canada can never be as great a country as it should be unless we achieve the kind of unity towards which Senator Beaugard made so valuable a contribution. In whatever part of Canada we live we feel proud of Quebec for producing so eminent a fellow citizen as Senator Beaugard.

During his term of office as Speaker, the late Senator Beaugard's judgments were invariably sound. He was fair and considerate and always remembered that our group was not very large. I hate to admit that I was sometimes wrong in my contentions, but I knew occasionally that I was a little out of line. He always tried to keep me on the right road, because he was aware that the government supporters could override me if they really wanted to do it. It was heartening to me and to others of our group that he was so keen to see fair play given to the minority in this chamber.

His wife has lost a great life partner, and his son and daughter, a noble father. I say the same to Senator Buchanan's family. I speak of what I know: I can sympathize with them to the very limit. I want them to know that we, who have been associated with him for so many years, loved him,—yes, not only respected and admired him, but loved him. When a member of this house has a pretty hard battle before him, the assurance of the support and love of his fellow members for those who may be bereaved is a great help and comfort to him. To the families of both our friends I say that we shall retain the happiest memories of them; that we believe they are yet living with us, that tonight they are listening to our statements, and saying, "We did not think they thought so much of us as they do."

(Translation):

Hon. Mr. Gouin: Honourable senators, I cannot let this occasion go by without saying a few words in memory of my friend, Senator Elie Beaugard.

The last time I chatted with him, last summer, I had no idea that I would never see him again and that I should have, this evening, the difficult and bounden duty to pay to him this posthumous tribute.

He was a deserving man, a most deserving man. A great lawyer, he became at one time president of our Bar Association; a shrewd businessman, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Bank and of various insurance companies.

To his great intelligence and his capacity for work, he joined devotion to duty and kindness. Those who saw him at work know what pains he went to, as a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Montreal, during the great crisis of 1930.

As a man of great culture, he showed by his actions how much our culture meant to him. I have myself been in a position to witness the solicitude he showed those whom he could help. He enjoyed being of service to others and did it with admirable tact as well as with all his heart.

On many occasions I was an associate of his, so I had occasion to admire his clear and sure judgment, his deep knowledge of men and his extraordinary acumen. A man of good counsel, he played in the Liberal party a most important part. His was the ability of a great tactician. Even more, I would salute in him a strategist of exceptional value. In the record of our electoral battles, Senator Beaugard deserves a place of honour.

I have lost a very dear friend, while our country, in my estimation, has lost a great citizen. Those of my generation will never forget the name of the former Speaker of the Senate, of a Canadian who was as distinguished as he was modest, Senator Elie Beaugard.

To his widow and his children, I would express my deep sympathy.

Hon. Mrs. Jodoin: Honourable senators, may I join with the honourable members of this Chamber who have just spoken in praise of the honourable senator from Rougemont, who, for fifteen years, was the pride of the Province of Quebec.

As gracious as he was modest, his greatest quality was the absolute discretion which gained him the complete trust of his own as well as his political family.

He carried discretion to the point of silence, for among his intimate friends he often claimed that: "When we speak of our