

past, and which I will continue to look forward to, given his clear analytical mind which I referred to earlier.

Honourable senators, Jacques Flynn has now loyally served Quebec and Canada in this chamber for almost thirty years. As much as anyone else, he deserved the tribute we paid him today.

To conclude, Senator Flynn, I wish you and Renée happiness and success in your new endeavours for many, many years to come.

[*English*]

**Hon. Norman K. Atkins:** Honourable senators, I should like to add my congratulations to Senator Asselin on his important appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Quebec. I also wish to extend my best wishes to our three retiring colleagues.

While I have not had the privilege of getting to know Senator Anderson, I am sure she is very special—after all, she comes from New Brunswick.

Many of our colleagues have already paid tribute to Senator Flynn today. When Senator Frith made his comments on Senate reform, he gave us one more reason for reform: namely, extending the age limit so that our energetic senator might remain in the house. Senator Flynn, who has been in the Progressive Conservative Party for many years, has been an inspiration to me. From the mid-1950s I have always perceived him as one who is bigger than life. He will certainly be missed in the Senate, but I hope he will continue his commitment to the Conservative Party, because he has been a tremendous soldier and team player throughout his career in party politics.

I should also like to pay tribute to our colleague, Senator Sherwood. I have had the pleasure of knowing him since 1952. We met during the famous provincial “let’s clean house” campaign, which not only brought Cy Sherwood to the New Brunswick legislature but also saw the successful election of Hugh John Flemming, after years of Liberal domination in that province.

That occasion saw Cy Sherwood elected to the legislature for the first time, and I began my career during that election as a “gofer” for the provincial PC campaign. It was a most memorable election; although perhaps not as memorable as the one that followed in 1960, it was still an historic election that had a tremendous impact on the province of New Brunswick. As has been mentioned, Cy Sherwood was appointed Minister of Agriculture. I think it is important to state that he was an outstanding Minister of Agriculture in New Brunswick for eight years. As well, he was a valued member of the Flemming government.

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In 1960, when that government was defeated and our colleague across the way became the premier, Hugh John Flemming offered to run as a federal member. He was elected, and Cy Sherwood became the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in New Brunswick. It was a difficult task, but he did an outstanding job, keeping the party together and leading the opposition. In 1966, after he resigned as the leader, he

remained as an elected member of the New Brunswick legislature, always being a team player.

In 1970, when Richard Hatfield became the premier, Cy Sherwood was once again a member of the New Brunswick cabinet, where he remained as a minister without portfolio for two or three years.

Honourable senators, Cy Sherwood has served his province and his country with great distinction, not only in “good times” but in “difficult times.” There are certain attributes that in my mind are important for those who serve in public life: friendship, loyalty, principle, and commitment. Our honourable friend to whom we pay tribute today has more than measured up to all of those four attributes. I am not only proud to know him through our various activities in active politics, but, honourable senators, I am especially proud to be a friend. I am sure all honourable senators will agree that Cy Sherwood has served the Canadian community especially well and merits the continuing gratitude of the people of New Brunswick and the people of Canada.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Louis-J. Robichaud:** Honourable senators, I am sure that it will take me less time to read the blues in a few minutes than it will take some senators who talked before me. However, I should like to pay tribute to four senators who have well served their province and this country.

During my 17 years in the Senate, I have seen several senators sworn in at the same time, but I do not recall having seen four departures in one day. This is why we have spent almost two hours paying tribute not to our departed, but to those who will depart from this chamber.

The two senators from Quebec have exemplary careers and I will not repeat what has been said about them. Suffice it to say about Senator Asselin that the first time I heard about him, such nice things were said that I still remember them to this day. I was told that he had gone through a terrible family tragedy, having lost his wife and children, and that he had demonstrated a lot of courage and determination throughout his ordeal. I wish him a distinguished career as Lieutenant Governor of the Belle Province.

Everything has been said about Jacques Flynn. I have nothing to add, except perhaps that he had two adjectives to describe those who did not agree with him: They were either naive or stupid. As for myself, I had the privilege of being naive instead of stupid. He was always a courageous fighter. I wish him a happy retirement and good health.

[*English*]

I realize this afternoon for the first time that I am the senior senator for New Brunswick—and at my age! I realize too that for years I was a colleague of the father of Senator Anderson, who is retiring today because she is about to reach the age of 75. In many respects that makes me feel like a senior citizen and a senior senator.

Honourable senators, Senator Anderson was, and remains, an institution in New Brunswick. She comes from a great business family and a great political family. Her father was a