

and the concept of the Senate over this period, his personality, his capacity and his integrity so much became a part of the workings of the Senate that one might say that they had impressed themselves into the very fabric of this body.

I admired tremendously the objective, analytic approach he had to the business of the Senate. He dealt in a very incisive way with the matters which were before us and wasted no time on the fringes of legislation. In that connection I recall particularly his speech on the Columbia River Treaty. I thought it was the most masterful exposé I have heard in all the years I have been in the Senate.

Men of the ability of Senator Hugessen, in their devotion to the work of the Senate, have assisted greatly in maintaining in full measure the Senate's place in the scheme of government and in the performance of his responsibilities. I would say that the trade mark of the work of Senator Hugessen was his earnestness and capacity in relation to whatever task he took on. There was, nonetheless, always room for the point of view of others.

From my own personal reflections may I say that I found Senator Hugessen always a friendly and wholesome person who enjoyed his work and his associations in the Senate. He was a leader in his profession, a leader in the bar of his province, at one time being its *Bâtonnier-Général*. He was prominent in public service and in the field of education; he was a man of many parts, capable in every field in which he moved and worked. He was invaluable to the work in this chamber.

I respect his decision to retire from the Senate, and I wish him health and vitality to enjoy the freedom that may come from that decision. However much I would have wished for his continued association with his fellow senators, to him I say *au revoir* and good health.

Hon. George S. White: Honourable senators, I would like to add just a word about my old friend Senator Hugessen.

Senator Connolly made reference to the fact that our former colleague had served in the First World War. I regret that he did not enlarge a little more on that important part of his career. Senator Hugessen was a real fighting man. He was not an officer. He attained the rank of sergeant, which, to old soldiers, places him in a very special category.

Though there are few senators here who are veterans of the First World War, I am

sure we will all regret very much the resignation of Senator Hugessen, and will remember him in the days ahead. In future days in this chamber we will miss his friendly and cheery smile, his old-world manners and courtesy.

I wish the honourable senator and his gracious wife the best of health and every enjoyment in the years ahead.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, I hesitate to rise at this time, but for one reason, which I shall mention shortly, I am sure you will agree with me that I should say a few words.

I, along with the other senators, regretted deeply Senator Hugessen's decision to resign. He is one senator whom we can ill afford to lose, and it will be very difficult to replace him.

The Leader of the Government has referred to the fact that Senator Hugessen was deputy leader of this House in 1952. I came into this chamber in 1953, and on doing so found that the desk immediately to my left was vacant. I asked Senator Hugessen if he would sit there, and he did so throughout the term of my office. I will always be indebted to him for the help which he gave me. I asked him to sit next to me so that I could turn to him for advice and assistance, and those of you who were in the Senate during that time will remember how often I took advantage of his knowledge and of his skill. He would present the most complicated legislation so clearly and concisely that when he was finished his presentation no one had any doubt as to the meaning of any clause or indeed any word in the legislation. It was a joy to listen to him at all times.

Honourable senators, I concur fully in all that has been said this afternoon about Senator Hugessen and his dear wife. We shall indeed miss her too. How often did we see her sitting in the gallery following the debates. She seemed to give an added tone to the Senate. Then, too, it was most pleasant to meet her in the corridors and to have a cheerful word from her. I feel we owe them both a debt of gratitude for the service which they have rendered to the Senate and through the Senate to this country.

However, honourable senators, in regretting Senator Hugessen's retirement, we have some comfort from the fact that he will now be able to enjoy the company of his wife, his children and his grandchildren, freed from the demands of the Senate, a place where he will never be forgotten and where he will always have a host of friends who will ever