

matter which side of the house they may have sat on, and I know that all his colleagues liked him and shall miss him very much.

I take the opportunity of extending to his widow and family our very sincere sympathy.

Hon. Walter M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, this is another of those sad occasions that confront us all too frequently. This time it is Senator Hnatyshyn to whom we pay tribute. Having known him intimately for the past 35 years, right up to the time of his death, I was deeply shocked to learn of his sudden passing last Thursday. Up to that time he had been in reasonably good health, and his death was totally unexpected.

As Senator Brooks has said, Senator Hnatyshyn was raised on a farm, was educated in a farming community, grew up more or less with a farmer complex, so to speak, and when he graduated from the university, obtained his degree in law and hung out his shingle in the city of Saskatoon, he continued to be the friend of the farmer. He built up a very successful legal practice having to do largely with the business affairs of an agricultural community.

A sound lawyer who will certainly be missed by his many friends and clients, Senator Hnatyshyn leaves to mourn him his charming, talented wife Helen and a very clever family of three sons and one daughter.

In 1958, when I became Leader of the Government in the Senate, I looked around everywhere for an executive assistant. I heard of a young man in Saskatoon, Ramon Hnatyshyn—we called him Ray. At that time his father John Hnatyshyn was not yet a senator; he became a senator only a year or so later. Ray Hnatyshyn agreed to accept the position, and he stayed with me for over two years. He had a fine personality. He was a good mixer and was a clever young lawyer. He filled the position capably and made very many friends on Parliament Hill.

The second son, Victor, has recently graduated in law from the University of Saskatchewan. Victor articulated in Regina and then joined the father's firm in Saskatoon. The third son, David, is also studying law at university. When he graduates he intends also to join the legal firm. I now come to the daughter, Elizabeth, a fine young woman. It is her intention also to graduate in law and join the Hnatyshyn firm.

I cannot boast of anything like that, honourable senators—only three Aseltines ever became lawyers. The name of the senator's

legal firm at the time of his death was Hnatyshyn, Hnatyshyn & Hnatyshyn. When David and Elizabeth graduate and join the firm I hope it will still be Hnatyshyn, Hnatyshyn & Hnatyshyn.

John Hnatyshyn was a devoted public-minded Canadian citizen. He loved his adopted country very much indeed, especially the Province of Saskatchewan. He always found time to take a prominent part in the social and political life of the province, and particularly of his own City of Saskatoon. He was a candidate in three federal elections and in one provincial election. Very few of us can boast of such a record. It is unfortunate that the elections in which he was a candidate took place during the drought years of the political party to which he gave faithful allegiance from the time he was old enough to vote. In addition to his other activities, he always found time to take an active part in the raising of money for the Community Chest and other local projects.

As the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Brooks) has said, our late colleague was president of the Bar Association and was also prominent in university life and activities. At all times he was ably assisted by his loyal wife and family who stood bravely behind him, particularly in adversity.

He was called to the Senate in 1959 and took a prominent part in the activities of this house right up to the time of his death. I do not intend to deal with that aspect of his career because Senator Brooks has already dealt with it briefly and I understand that other speakers will also deal with it.

I join with other speakers in expressing our deep regrets and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hnatyshyn, the family and other relatives. I am sure that they will have many happy memories of the senator to sustain them in the difficult days which lie ahead.

Hon. George S. White: Honourable senators, in the death of John Hnatyshyn Canada has lost an outstanding citizen, the Senate has lost a conscientious and capable member, and each one of us has lost a warm personal friend.

The senator deeply loved his adopted country, and he regarded his appointment to this chamber as the greatest honour that came to him in his lifetime. He had great enthusiasm for and appreciation of the opportunities that his adopted country offered, and he was very conscious of the personal liberty which exists in Canada.