

be in Ottawa. When we were thinking of establishing a Prince Albert National Park in the northern part of Saskatchewan he was one of the chief advocates of that project and it was to his credit that the park was established. Today it is one of Canada's finest national parks.

Before moving to Saskatchewan Jack Stevenson was a pioneer in the lumber business in eastern Canada. He spent one whole summer and winter investigating the timber and pulpwood possibilities in the Hamilton River district of Labrador. He gave me a stirring account of the many hardships that he experienced in that part of the country.

I was, of course, intimately acquainted with Senator Stevenson during the time he was a member of the Standing Committee on Divorce, of which I was chairman for a number of years. You could always depend on Jack Stevenson, and although he did not know much law he was blessed with more than the average amount of good, solid, common sense. Whenever he heard a case you could always depend on him to arrive at a fair and reasonable conclusion.

I should like to repeat that he was a splendid man in every respect. His passing is a big loss to this chamber, to the people of Saskatchewan and indeed to the whole of Canada. I personally miss him very much and I extend to his children my deepest sympathy.

I also want to say something about that distinguished westerner, Senator George Ross, who was another very faithful member of our Divorce Committee. As my leader (Hon. Mr. Haig) has said, Senator Ross was first a cowboy, then a lawyer, then a member of the House of Commons, and finally a senator. My leader intimated he also had followed that same career, but I never knew that he was once a cowboy. I also followed that same career, except that instead of being a cowboy I was a farmer.

George Ross was a fine man and a good friend. He had a wonderful wife to guide him through life and he made a grand contribution to the public welfare of this country. I extend to Mrs. Ross and her family my deepest sympathy.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, I thoroughly appreciate what the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) has done in the eloquent statements he has just made about our departed colleagues. It was a sad task well performed. I thoroughly agree with him in what he has said about my late deskmate, Senator Pirie, about Senator Godbout, whom I knew very well and admired; and about Senator Hackett, who was indeed an eminent member of this chamber

and an eminent member of the Law Society of Canada. However, my chief reason for rising at the moment is that, as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, I think the members of that committee would like me to acknowledge the services given to it by the Honourable Senators Stevenson and Ross.

On many occasions Senator Stevenson acted on the subcommittee of which I was chairman, and I had an opportunity of knowing him in that capacity far better than in any other. One perhaps can judge what real interest a person has in public service by what he or she does in the committees of this house where no publicity is possible, and where few see the work that is actually done. In the chamber it is easy for someone to make a big play or to perform some prominent service that wins acclaim; but in our committees, and particularly in the Divorce Committee, there is no glamour attached to the work. There everything is quiet, unobserved and motivated solely by a high desire for public service. That was particularly the case with our departed colleague and friend Senator Stevenson. He was, as the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) has said, and as the member for Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) has so eloquently expressed it, a sound man with good judgment. He had something more than a knowledge of law or other professional knowledge: he had a knowledge of life and a heart behind that knowledge. We shall all miss Senator Stevenson in the Divorce Committee, and I am sure the members of that committee join with me in an expression of sympathy for his family and a warm tribute to his memory.

With regard to Senator Ross, words fail me to express the regret we all feel in his passing. During these last few years he was not in good health, and yet—sometimes perhaps unduly—he gave of himself to the work of the Divorce Committee. He was chairman of a subcommittee whenever he served during my time, and he performed his task with skill, knowledge and heart. I agreed with him in his judgments. I did not have occasion, as the Leader of the Opposition has said he had, to disagree with him at any time to any extent. I felt grateful to him for the way in which he gave of himself: even when he was not feeling well he carried on with the work of the committee.

Senator Ross came to the House of Commons in 1940, the same year that I did. He was then a veteran lawyer, having been called to the bar as long ago as 1911, and, as the Leader of the Government said, he was created a King's Counsel in 1913. I preceded Senator Ross to the Senate, in 1945; he came here in 1948, but he became a member