

L.L.D. After graduating from the universities, he qualified as an advocate in the province of Quebec, and practised for many years in the Sherbrooke district, where he was exceptionally well known to our honourable colleague from Wellington, (Hon. Mr. Howard). Senator Nicol told us about his legal affairs, and from what he said I gathered that he was very successful; in fact, he used his profession as a lawyer to advance himself in many of his business connections. Then a little later he stood for the legislature in the province of Quebec and was elected in 1921, and immediately became, so I am informed, Provincial Treasurer, which office he held until 1929. At that time he was named to the Legislative Council of Quebec, and this appointment he held up to the time of his death. He was, therefore, a member of the Legislative Council of Quebec when he became a member of the Senate of Canada, and his is the distinction of having remained a member of both houses over the intervening years. In other words, he continued to function in both capacities.

During the time that he was practising law and building up a business he became interested in newspaper work and he established and managed four daily newspapers in the province of Quebec. But shortly after coming to this house he advised me that he had sold out his interests and that he was going to give his whole attention to his political duties.

Senator Nicol was, in my opinion, a very kindly man. He was generous to a fault. He believed in helping those people who helped themselves, but he was not inclined to be so generous to people who were not doing their best to get along. He was a shrewd businessman. He was tolerant in all his dealings, both political and otherwise. He was a hard worker, spending most of his time at business, and his only real relaxation, according to his close friends, was that of fishing.

As soon as I heard the sad news of his demise I wrote to his widow, Madame Nicol, and I now wish to express the sincere sympathy and regrets of the members on this side of the house at his passing.

Senator Nicol was a faithful representative of the province of Quebec and his own district in this house, and we shall miss him very much indeed.

**Hon. W. Ross Macdonald:** Honourable senators, when parliament was prorogued last September Senator Nicol was a very sick man—in fact, he was critically ill—and we did not think that he would recover. Therefore, it did not come to us as a great surprise when we learned that he had passed away on September 23.

I would like to join with the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) in extending my very deep sympathy to his widow and other dear ones.

I had known Senator Nicol before coming to this house. I believe I met him about the year 1945. At that time Mr. L. O. Breithaupt, who later became Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, conceived the idea of restoring the boyhood home of the late Right Honourable Mackenzie King—who was alive at that time—at Kitchener, Ontario. He called a meeting of a number of members of the House of Commons and of this house to consider the matter. One matter that had to be decided at the meeting was how the necessary money would be raised, and I realized then that Senator Nicol was a man of wide business experience. He remained a friend of mine from the first time I met him until the last day I saw him in this house.

I had another association with Senator Nicol, in connection with mutual friends. The late senator attended McMaster University, which was then in Toronto, and also Woodstock College, at Woodstock, Ontario. Very dear friends of his lived in my home city of Brantford, and he corresponded with them throughout the years. On every occasion when I returned from Brantford to Ottawa he would ask me about his friends in Brantford, and likewise when I went to Brantford they would ask me about him. In that way we felt we had something in common.

Senator Nicol was a scholar with a keen mind; he was indeed a man of great intelligence. The three universities from which he graduated were McMaster, Laval and Bishop's. The Leader of the Government has told us something of the late senator's outstanding contribution as a member of the Quebec Legislature. He has also told us about his interest in journalism. The late senator was president and publisher of three daily newspapers: *Le Soleil* and *L'Evenement Journal* of Quebec; *Le Nouveliste* of Three Rivers, and *La Tribune* of Sherbrooke.

Senator Nicol took a great interest in the financial affairs of our country, and he had a direct association with many financial organizations. He was vice-president of the Canadian National Bank, Montreal; vice-president of the Trust General of Canada, Montreal; a director of Sherbrooke Trust Company, Sherbrooke, Quebec, and president and a director of several insurance companies.

The services of Senator Nicol to his country were recognized when he was created by France a Knight of the Legion of Honour.

A scholar, a businessman and a statesman, Senator Nicol passed away in his eighty-third year. He had indeed served his country well.