

of people to whom he rendered similar services in his constituency of Gaspé, where his memory will ever be revered.

About his eloquence I may say that I very much admired his funeral oration on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, delivered in the House of Commons at the opening of the 1919 session. In 1928, I published a book entitled "Mes Mémoires—Un Tribut à la Race Acadienne," and in the interest of our French-speaking young people I deemed it proper to quote in part that speech, the concluding sentences of which I now wish to read:

Farewell. Close to your resting place, amid maples and poplars, adorned by the coming spring with luxuriant foliage, we shall, many of us, congregate to pray in the tongue of your ancestors. The field wherein you lie, whose tender embrace you received, will be light to you. For it is part of that native land whose history is three centuries old and whose motherly womb will some day cover our meanness with its vastness and shroud our nothingness with its perennity. Adieu!

I would wish to bid him a similar farewell. Its eloquence always impresses me. But I cannot find fitting words, and I feel compelled to subdue my emotion. I must be content with tendering to his distinguished wife, to his noble daughter, who is a nun, to his brothers and to his whole family, my deepest sympathy and my admiration for their beloved departed one, whose memory will be in my heart until my last breath, along with the memory of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. They were two great Canadians who are now gone to their eternal reward.

HON. SENATOR DANDURAND

FELICITATIONS ON HIS FORTY YEARS' SERVICE IN THE SENATE

On the motion to adjourn:

Right Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM: Honourable senators, I do not wish to discuss the motion to adjourn, for undoubtedly I should be called to order by His Honour the Speaker. I agree with everything that has been said in respect to the lives and characters of the men who have gone from us. I think I am safe in saying that, apart from the late Sir Robert Borden, they were all my juniors.

But I have been asked to undertake a very pleasant task, which has to do entirely with the living. The honourable gentleman who sits to my left (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has, we have been told, been in this House for forty years. Honourable members who have recently arrived here may wonder how he could keep up his accustomed pace for forty years. They must have noticed that he never starts; he is never at rest. Perhaps I may be excused if I say that his success in this Chamber

might well be used as an argument by those who object to former members of other legislative chambers being appointed to the Senate. We do perhaps carry with us, for a time at least, the more intense political atmosphere of those arenas. Then, again, his success might be used as an argument for the appointing of young men to the Senate, it being often urged that older men like myself should not be placed in this Chamber.

I shall not attempt to give the life history of Hon. Senator Dandurand, for it is not yet half completed. He started out, like the rest of us, by being born—of course without his consent being first obtained. I often think that a well-ordered life resembles a winding staircase, with a landing ever and anon where the individual can stop for a rest and survey what he has accomplished. Hon. Senator Dandurand's birth might be considered as the first landing; the second would be the completion of his primary education, whereupon he doubtless looked back and wondered how he had got along so well; and the next would be the completion of his university course. I can imagine him looking back from the third landing and saying: "Well, I have conquered all obstacles so far. Where shall I go now?" Like many bright young men, he decided to take up law, but he does not seem to have made that his life-work. After having been called to the Bar he did what any sensible young man should do—he got married. I hope this will not be reported to our leaders in the Commons!

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Then he decided to enter public life, but, unlike some of us who perhaps were not so wise, he went in the easier way. I would not suggest for a moment that he objected to being appointed to the Senate. I never heard of a person doing that. At all events, he became a member of this House.

During the forty years that he has been here he has occupied all the leading positions the Senate has had to offer. In addition, he has represented the Government in Europe and elsewhere in various ways; he has also represented us at the League of Nations; and I think I can safely say there is no person in the Dominion of Canada who is more widely known than Senator Dandurand.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I have been with him in France, in Switzerland and in England, and every person there seemed to know him, and know him intimately.