

almost everything, not an angry word ever passed between us—and we Irish, and Quebec Irish at that.

Honourable senators, that is true. I first met Senator Power when, after World War I he returned as a minstrel boy, was elected to Parliament and took his seat in the House of Commons, bursting on the floor of that chamber like a joyous firecracker and compelling the admiration and the affection of all.

In the long stretch of years between then and now he had a distinguished career, about which Senator Connolly spoke so eloquently and so feelingly a few moments ago. I always thought of him as one of the truly great speakers in the Parliament of Canada. He had wit, he had pathos, he had charm and, most of all, he sometimes had that cadence of brooding Celtic melancholy which was reminiscent of the great Timothy Healy, who for long long years was a glory at Westminster.

Chubby Power was human, God knows, but no man that I have known ever condoned more nobly for his humanity. He was not what the world terms a religious man. I know that he had a disdain for what he called "religiosity". I know that he disdained the thoughtless meditation of saccharine piety, but he did have an abiding faith in God—he never believed that our world with all its cloud and pain, was all entanglement, dispersion and chaos, with no divine ordinance whatever.

That is all I would say of Chubby Power. I will close by saying that a very great Canadian, a very great human being, has gone from us, and may God rest his soul.

Hon. George S. White: Honourable senators, we pause for a brief minute and look back across the years as we remember the life of our colleague, Senator Power, and pay tribute to him. Others have spoken of his great work in Parliament, his contribution to this nation, as Minister of National Defence for Air in World War II. Chubby Power and I were old friends in the House of Commons, and I doubt if there has ever been another Minister of the Crown in any government who had as much respect, goodwill and co-operation from all members of the House of Commons, as did our late colleague.

Chubby Power had a distinguished War record, and since the date he entered Parliament in 1917 he was always a great friend and champion of all matters pertaining to the welfare of veterans and their dependants. The veterans of all wars, from coast to coast, have

lost one of the best and most loyal friends that ever sat in the Parliament of Canada. This nation has lost a distinguished citizen, one who has made a great contribution in so many ways to the welfare and the progress of this country. This chamber has lost a valued and experienced member, and each of us who knew Chubby has lost a warm personal friend.

I join with others in extending to Mrs. Power and the family my sympathy in their great loss.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, may I have the privilege of joining with my friend Senator Connolly (Ottawa West) in the tributes that he has paid to Senator Vien, Senator McCutcheon, Senator Pouliot and Senator Power. They were wonderful tributes, expressed with great substance, with imagery and with a marvellous eloquence. It is not for me to attempt to repeat, although I knew all of these honourable senators, but I do feel impelled, and it is a duty, to say something about Dr. Gershaw who was for so many years a valuable member of the committee that I had the honour to head as its chairman.

I speak on behalf of all the members of that committee when I say that it was with a sincere sorrow that we heard of his illness, his resignation and, finally, of his decease. He was a valuable member of that committee, which I submit was doing a public service, not always pleasant but always one of value. He was always industrious, always capable, and always generous. He was deputy chairman on many occasions, and was trusted by us all because of his knowledge of human beings and his knowledge of the law as well as his knowledge as a physician, and his keen sense of justice.

We all miss Dr. Gershaw. I suppose there are few in this chamber, except those of recent appointment, who do not owe him a debt of gratitude for his services towards their health and well being. He was a voluntary physician to most of us when we were assembled here in Ottawa.

I say with deep feeling that we, and all of us on this committee who knew him so well, who associated with him so often, who carried a burden along with him, miss him greatly and we sympathize in a deep and sincere way with his wife and his family, and we send them our condolences.