

only the municipal institutions of the particular part of Ontario in which he lived, but to a very marked extent with the origin, growth and development of the manufacturing industries of the county in which he settled. During the period that he was with us his disposition was of that character by which he was endeared I might say to every hon. gentleman on either side of the House. Mr. Bernier was to a very large extent an associate of my own, coming as he did from one of the western provinces. Formerly he had been a citizen of Quebec, but in the very early days, almost thirty years ago, he removed to the province of Manitoba. Very few gentlemen in that province had been more identified with the development of the educational, municipal and governmental institutions of Manitoba than was Mr. Bernier. He interested himself in the institutions of higher education and had been for many years bursar of the University of Manitoba, also superintendent of education of the Separate school system in that province. He also had been identified with the provincial institutions of government for many years and from the time of his appointment to this Chamber down to the time of his death he had been a very active and useful member of the Senate. He was a gentleman with very fixed convictions and never hesitated to express the opinion which he possessed, notwithstanding the differences which might exist in the minds of other members respecting those particular matters. We all admired him for the courage he possessed and for his manliness in giving expression thereto. I am sure the sympathy and the condolence of this Senate will be extended to the members of the families of these departed gentleman. We entertain a deep regret for their loss from amongst us as well as profound respect for their memory.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC (in French). It is with a profound sentiment of sadness that I join the hon. members who have preceded me in deploring the loss which the Senate and the country have sustained by the death of the hon. Senators Bernier and Merner.

I was particularly well acquainted with the Hon. Mr. Bernier, with whom I main-

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tained the warmest friendship during all the time he occupied a seat in this hon. House.

Good literary man, perfectly instructed, a man of integrity, in work or in pleasure showing excellent judgment, the Hon. Mr. Bernier rendered, and was able to render time and again, precious services to his country. He did not speak frequently in this Chamber, but every time that he took part in a debate he conducted himself with calmness, dignity, sincerity and courtesy, and his deep and intelligent arguments were followed with attention and listened to with great interest. Our colleague has died at a comparatively early age, but few men have done more for their country. His earnestness, his intelligence, his love of work and his honesty placed him in the front rank in his early life. He was yet but a student when he engaged in journalism and was one of the principal editors of the 'Courrier' de St. Hyacinthe, where his writings were always marked with the greatest sincerity and the highest patriotism. Only a few months after having been admitted to the practice of his profession, his high merit was recognized and his professional success led to his nomination as Queen's counsel. I am convinced that if he had remained in the province of Quebec he would have played an important role and soon been considered one of our first lawyers, for such was his prestige that he was elected president of the Society of St. Jean Baptiste at an age when young men give little attention to public affairs. However, our late colleague did not find in his own province a field large enough to employ all his energy and ability, and in 1880 he moved to Western Canada, where the need of men of his worth was keenly felt. There, as in the province of Quebec, it took him but a short time to make himself appreciated, and he has successively occupied the positions of Superintendent of Education and Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the province of Manitoba; was the life and soul of a great number of benevolent societies, mayor of St. Boniface for a number of years, and, apart from his numerous and interesting articles on different subjects, published an important pamphlet on the climate and resources of Manitoba. The members of