

THE SENATE

Thursday, September 14, 1971

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

TRIBUTES

THE LATE HON. JOHN J. KINLEY
THE LATE HON. JAMES GLADSTONE
THE LATE SENATOR EARL W. URQUHART

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, during the period of adjournment, death struck the Senate with vengeance. Three distinguished Canadians who were members of this house have passed away, two having retired shortly before the adjournment.

We learned with great regret of the death on August 23 of Senator John Kinley. It will be remembered that on June 21 tributes were paid to him on the occasion of his retirement. From the large number of warm tributes paid him on that occasion it is obvious that Senator Kinley was held in high regard by all honourable senators. Since I joined with others on that occasion in paying tribute to Senator Kinley, I do not propose to repeat many of the things that I now confirm and many other things which I am sure could still be added. We all knew that Senator Kinley was ill at the time of his retirement. The end came during the summer recess; we were all sorry that so distinguished a senator, so outstanding a parliamentarian, so outstanding a businessman and Canadian should have passed away. He had a long and full active life and I am sure that all honourable senators will join me in an expression of regrets to his wife and to his family.

On September 4 the Honourable James Gladstone died while paying a visit to Fernie, British Columbia. Senator Gladstone was a respected member of this house. That was evident from the tributes that were paid to him on March 31 this year when he retired from the chamber. We recalled then, and it is well for us to note now, that Senator Gladstone was the first Treaty Indian to be summoned to the Senate.

I am sure all of us were shocked when we learned of the death last month—for many in this house the unexpected death—of Senator Earl Urquhart who died on August 17. Earl Urquhart had been very ill even while he was attending the Senate prior to adjournment. Few knew that he was ill and those of us who did know could not help but admire his courage and his determination to stay on and to fight as long as he could prior to his entry into hospital. Earl Urquhart was a comparatively young man at the time of his death. We all know that he was a most active and industrious member of this house.

Senator Urquhart was born and raised in West Bay, Richmond County, in the province that he loved so much, the Province of Nova Scotia. He resided there all his life. He returned frequently to the place he loved and many were the occasions I tracked him down through the rural

telephone circuit and spoke to him concerning the nation's business, half unaware whether the population of West Bay was party to our conversation. Earl Urquhart served in the Armed Forces, both in the R.C.A.F. and in the Canadian Army, during the Second World War. After the war he returned to practise law, for he was a solicitor and barrister, having trained for that profession at Dalhousie University. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1962. He was, as we all know, not only an active member of this house but he was an active member of the Liberal Party. He had served in the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia from 1949 to 1963. In the early sixties he served initially as the leader of his party in the Legislative Assembly and thereafter, following his defeat, he continued to lead the Liberal Party from outside the Legislative Assembly. He naturally found that leading the party from outside the Legislative Assembly a difficult task and in due course asked to be relieved of the party leadership.

I know that he was very happy to have been summoned to the Senate as he was in February of 1966. He looked forward to a rich contribution to our parliamentary life and in the service of Canada through the Senate. That, however, has now been denied him, but his contributions here were many and distinguished. He was busy in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee and the Internal Economy Committee. I would particularly single out his acting chairmanship of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee during the past session. He was an alert and industrious chairman of that committee, and I am sure would have become a great success in that function. He was among those who thought that as long as Senator Arthur Roebuck, the chairman of that committee, was still alive the office of the chairman should be held open.

It is a considerable loss, I believe, to all of us in the Senate to lose such a man as Senator Urquhart. He assumed any assignment given him; he was also willing to assume responsibilities extended to him. His attendance in this house was model-like, and the people of his home community and the people of his province may feel that in Earl Urquhart they have lost, as Canada has lost, an enterprising, industrious and sincere public servant.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, Earl Urquhart was a truly lovable man—unaffected, witty, humble, affable, courteous and compassionate. Racked though he had been by illness in the last few years, he maintained the cheerful demeanour of a tenacious, patient and courageous man. Adversity tested him often but succeeded only in adding to its own frustration.

He was gifted. His incisive mind drove quickly to the crux of any piece of legislation; his vast experience supplied the wherewithal to improve it; and his articu-