

honourable senators, that, once it is admitted we are right, we shall be able to congratulate ourselves on having prepared the resurrection of the Canadian Soul?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question, honourable senators, is on the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Carried, on the same division.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

PRESENTATION TO SENATE LEADERS

Hon. A. C. HARDY: Before you call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker, may I ask your permission, and that of the Senate, to have a very few moments to carry out a very pleasurable duty which I have been asked to perform? My remarks will be brief, for the hour is late.

The Senate of Canada finds itself, for the first time, I think, since Confederation, with two new leaders in the same session. The positions of the Government leader and the Opposition leader in the Senate are not only honourable, but also onerous, and our honourable friends have accepted these positions at no small sacrifice of their business interests and of those leisure hours to which they are properly entitled.

We have just finished our debate on a question that from coast to coast has aroused strong opinions and in some quarters deep feeling. I think that the high level on which the debate has been conducted, and the fine temper displayed by every speaker, have been due in no small degree to the moderation and good example of our two leaders and the way in which they have controlled the situation in general.

Since their appointments our honourable friends have proved very successful leaders.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HARDY: They have co-operated with the rest of us to such an extent that I believe there never was a kindlier spirit prevailing throughout this House than at present.

It is now my pleasure to present a little souvenir to each of our leaders as a token of our appreciation of the services he has rendered at this session. The souvenirs are identical, and I may say that they were not purchased through party contribution. Whatever any honourable senator did in this matter was done for both our leaders. It is the wish

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of us all that the lives of both our leaders may be long and happy, and not soon pass away like the smoke which the souvenirs are supposed to produce.

Hon. A. D. McRAE: Honourable senators, it is a great privilege and pleasure to associate myself and the friends on both sides of the House with the honourable senator from Leeds (Hon. Mr. Hardy) in expressing to our new leaders our complete satisfaction with the manner in which they have fulfilled their responsible duties in this the first session of their appointments. The present high level of the debates in this House is, I am sure, in no small degree due to their friendly influence, and in keeping with the standard for which this honourable Chamber is so well known. I think we all appreciate that neither of these honourable gentlemen wanted the position he now occupies. They were compelled to accept these positions by their high sense of public duty and service. It is a great satisfaction to the rest of us, as it must be to them, to know that they have done so well, and that there is so kindly a feeling towards them on the part of all honourable members. The little gifts that we have presented them are but tokens of our appreciation of their sacrifices and of their excellent leadership in this Chamber.

Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. J. H. KING: Honourable senators, I feel somewhat overcome by the kind expressions to which I have just listened and the beautiful gift that has been presented to me. I can assure you that your words and the gift will be highly prized by me throughout the remainder of my life. It has been a great pleasure and honour to have had the privilege of serving for a period of time as leader on this side of the House. No man could fall into better company than we have here. The co-operation and friendly spirit extended to me have been deeply appreciated, and I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to express that appreciation to each and every one of you. I can only add at this time that I thank you all for the kindness which prompted this presentation.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Hon. Senator Hardy, Hon. Senator McRae, and all other honourable members of this Chamber, I must confess this has been a complete surprise. Not an inkling of it had reached me. Like the honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. King), I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The major credit for the tolerant and temperate debate on this difficult Bill, probably one of the most important that have