

a success, and evoked such unbounded hospitality to the French mission, that the Government of France prepared for the coming of the Canadian train with great pomp and éclat. I was in charge of the Canadian train and repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, endeavoured to obtain the presence of a Canadian Minister at the opening function. Knowing the preparations made, I feared that the apparent lack of support from my own countrymen would dampen the enthusiasm of our friends in France and jeopardize the success of the venture. At the last minute I received a message from Senator Dandurand stating that he was on the way to attend the inauguration. His wife, to whom he was extremely devoted, was gravely ill. Notwithstanding, he took the first steamer, attended the function, gave it the prestige of his Government and the zest of a wonderful speech, spent three days perambulating with the Canadian mission, and returned by the very same steamer that had brought him to France. I cannot say how grateful I felt to him. The project I knew was sound, but it required to be dedicated on French soil with the full authority of the Canadian Government. Dandurand had faith in the venture, at a time when others feared its failure and prudently preferred to give it a wide berth. The venture was a colossal success, and the senator was rewarded for his courage and his generous help.

But I know that he had extended to me a helping hand at no small sacrifice to himself. Similar kindnesses were no doubt extended to others during his long life, and so a great many people mourn him—as I do myself, deeply and sincerely—from the bottom of their hearts.

The knell of the senator's demise resounded mournfully in high and distant spheres. His Majesty the King gracefully, and of his own volition, sent the following message to the senator's family:

The King has asked me to convey to you and your family an expression of his deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

The Governor General kindly expressed his sympathy in these terms:

My wife and I are deeply shocked to hear of the sudden death of your distinguished father, whose loss will be mourned not only by his many friends in Canada, but also throughout the British Empire. Will you please accept our sincere condolences in your sad bereavement?

In the name of all Frenchmen who strenuously uphold the cause of the Allies, General Charles de Gaulle cabled the following message:

In my name and in the name of the National French Committee, please transmit to the Senate of Canada the expression of our heartfelt condolences at the demise of Senator Dandurand.

He was a stout upholder of the Society of the League of Nations, and one of the first Presidents of that institution in which the nations of the world had placed their hope. As Frenchmen we cannot but be mindful of the part played by Senator Dandurand in the Committee of France-Amérique in preserving and fortifying the historical bonds existing between Canada and France. Fighting France as well as Canada is more than ever imbued with the sentiment of spiritual fraternity of which Senator Dandurand was the symbol.

The senator died as he would have wished, stricken in the full activity of life, with records cumbering his desk, his agenda full, and his mind already turned to the daily task. All that is over. We on both sides of the House will deeply regret his passing. His friends will miss his advice and support, and the needy hands stretched out in quest of help will remain empty. From the turmoil of the multitude amid which he lived so strenuously he has gone to the cold darkness and eternal solitude and silence of the grave. Great citizen of his country—I might almost say of the world—he has well earned a rest in peace!

Hon. FELIX P. QUINN: Honourable members, may I be permitted to blend my voice with those which already have been raised in tribute to the memory of our departed colleagues.

I did not become personally acquainted with our late leader until I became a member of this Chamber, but from that time on I found him most considerate of recently appointed members, and kindly, courteous and gentlemanly on all occasions. I tender to the Government, and to the late senator's family, my sincere sympathy.

I knew the late Senator Rhodes for many years, our acquaintance dating from the time when he attended the law school of Dalhousie University in Halifax. As his parliamentary career has already been referred to, I need not elaborate on that. I was his colleague in the House of Commons, and I came with him to this Chamber.

Mr. Rhodes was an outstanding athlete, fond of outdoor life; an expert rugby footballer and an ardent fisherman. These qualities developed in him a strong body and also a cheerful disposition. Shortly after his appointment to this Chamber he was stricken, as you know, with a severe illness, and it was this which deprived us of his sound advice and excellent judgment. His affliction he bore with the remarkable courage for which he was noted. One of his outstanding characteristics was his chivalrous courtesy to everybody. On behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, whom he served so faithfully, may I add my tribute to the memory of the Honourable Edgar Nelson Rhodes.