

His interest in the field of education as well was marked by continual contributions. He was appointed Vice-President of the Administrative Board of the University of Montreal, and in recognition of his services he received an honorary degree from that institution in November, 1953.

However, Senator Beauregard's great love was for the field of public service at every level—municipal, provincial and dominion. Of course, it was in the last named field where we came to know him and respect his ability when he was summoned to the Senate, in 1940, and especially when he was appointed Speaker of this house, in which office he gained recognition for his fairness in the consideration of all problems that came before him.

In the provincial field he was always at the forefront in the Liberal party, and for a time was Treasurer of the Liberal organization in the Province of Quebec. I think it is a tribute to his greatness as a politician and a leader at all levels, and emphasizes his belief in "grass roots" politics, that he continued to be active in the municipal council of the city of Outremont even after he became a member of this house.

Of course his service here needs no elaboration. He was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce from 1945 to 1949; and before he became Speaker, and after he left the Speaker's chair, he was a member of all the important committees of this house. In recognition of his services to our country he was created a Privy Councillor in 1953.

Senator Beauregard has passed on, but he belonged to that class of great men whose works live after them. His memory will be for ever green in the hearts of all of us in this chamber tonight, and among the many thousands of Canadians whose lives touched his during his long and colourful career.

To his wife, to his son and to his three daughters, I extend my very deep sympathy.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable senators, I find it a little difficult to rise and speak about these colleagues who have departed this life. I had known Senator Buchanan personally for a very long time. He was a westerner, engaged in the newspaper business, as the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) has said, and he performed very outstanding work in this field. He was one of the founders of the Canadian Press, an organization which was formed for the purpose of supplying newspapers with a news service which none of them would be able to obtain through their own resources. He

always afterwards played a leading part in that organization, and at one time served as its president.

Like all members of this house I feel the passing of Senator Buchanan very keenly. He was so typical of the men and women who have come from other parts of Canada to our western country and left a lasting impression there. The respect of the people of western Canada for the eastern provinces has been enhanced by men of Buchanan's character and ability. When you ask "Where did Bill Buchanan come from?" or where did someone else of outstanding ability come from, the answer frequently is that he came from some place in eastern Canada. As a result, although we think the west is the best part of our country, we have a feeling that there must be something pretty good in those parts which produce men of such high character.

I will not repeat what my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) has said. I will only add what I think is in the hearts of most of us. By some measure men and women in the legislative bodies of this country assess the character and ability of their fellow members. I cannot tell you what the measuring rod is, I cannot tell you the method by which they arrive at the measurement, but it is usually reliable. And as to our late colleague, the conclusion is: "Bill Buchanan was quite a man, quite a gentleman." That phrase seems to stick in your mind when you think of the late Senator Buchanan. He was a man, and he was a gentleman; and I want to add another word: he was also a Christian gentleman. He took a very active and leading part in the church of his choice in southern Alberta. Indeed, he made a great contribution to the building of new churches in that part of our country.

We will miss him here, because we always felt that his opinion was the considered opinion of a man who loved his country and also wanted his country to be right on every question. For the life of me, sitting here as I have done for so many years and the late senator sitting just about opposite me, if I had not known through reading current history I must say I could never have been quite sure on what side of politics he was.

As a westerner, I want to pay my very great respects to Senator Buchanan for the contribution he has made to Alberta, to western Canada, to the Canadian newspaper field, and to our whole country. I would say in conclusion that his wife, who herself is very ill, and his two sons have been left a priceless heritage in the memory of this Christian gentleman, and great citizen.

Now I want to speak a word or two of Senator Beauregard, whom I knew quite