

he not only carried on a mercantile business but soon became interested in lumbering and agriculture. He was one of the first in our part of the province to drain the waste marshlands and to convert them into rich soil for the growing of hay. When his family grew up—besides our late colleague he had another son—he organized his business into an incorporated company, and it has been carried on as such ever since.

Senator Black had many interests. It came to him naturally to not only carry on widespread business operations but to play an active part in politics. His father before him had been a member of the provincial legislature for at least one term, if not two, away back when I was a very small boy.

As I said, Senator Black and I were citizens of the same town for nearly fifty years, and while on some questions we did not see eye to eye, nevertheless we were always very strong personal friends. We contested several elections with varying success, sometimes one winning and sometimes the other. Senator Black was a member of the legislature from 1912 to 1916, I think, and, as was said by the honourable gentleman from Royal (Hon. Mr. Jones) he took an active part in provincial affairs at that time. He occupied many important positions. He married a daughter of the late Governor Wood, thus forming a union between two of the most prominent families in Sackville. He followed in his father's footsteps, carrying on the mercantile business, the lumbering and agriculture, as well as other industries, in some of which I was associated with him. During all those years, in spite of our political differences, we never had an unkind word: from a personal standpoint, in business and in recreation we were very close friends.

I know his family very well, and I want to join with other honourable senators in extending to Mrs. Black and the other members of the family very sincere sympathy in their loss. It looks to me as if the business that was founded by Joseph L. Black and carried on by the company of which the late senator was president will be continued by the third generation with the same degree of success it has had in the past.

I appreciate the good work that our late colleague did in the Senate, and what he was and did in the town of Sackville, and I sincerely associate myself with the tributes that have been paid to him by the honourable leaders on both sides of the House and by my honourable friend from Royal (Hon. Mr. Jones).

Hon. Mr. COPP.

Hon. WILLIAM DUFF: Honourable senators, I am sure we all have been impressed by the tributes paid to our two late friends, Senators Black and Cantley.

I was particularly struck with what was said by the honourable senator from Royal (Hon. Mr. Jones) and the honourable gentleman from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Copp) with regard to our late colleague Senator Black. Coming as I do from the province of Nova Scotia, I should like for a few moments to refer to our late lamented colleague, Senator Cantley. Colonel Cantley was a figure in Nova Scotia for sixty years, a striking figure, not only in the business world, but also in the political world. As he was a little older than I, he perhaps looked upon me more or less as a boy. In earlier days when we were both engaged in strenuous occupations, we used to have our political differences. Of course, we business men in Nova Scotia only play politics for pleasure. Both he and I were business men, but we thought we owed it to our community and our country to take a part in the public life of the province. In those years we differed in politics, but I sincerely believe that no man in Nova Scotia was more respected by the people of that province than Colonel Cantley. For a number of years he was a member of the House of Commons and later came to this Chamber.

His business ability was well known and recognized not only in this Dominion but throughout the United States and Great Britain. During the last war he played a prominent part. As my honourable friend from Alma (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) has said, members of the Government of that day sought Colonel Cantley's advice on business matters, realizing that it was sound and well worth following.

I became particularly friendly—shall I say?—with our late colleague in 1924 and 1925. Colonel Cantley was a strong-minded man who, once he had reached a decision, was ready to fight—not to the bitter end, but to the fullest extent necessary to sustain his principles. I shall never forget our correspondence in those strenuous days. His letters to me were most encouraging and helped me to decide what I should do in another place about a very important question in which both he and I were vitally interested. From that time forward both there and in this Chamber he and I were fast friends. We steered clear of those matters on which we could not agree, and our personal relations were such that with the passing of this outstanding figure I feel that the province of Nova Scotia in particular and the Dominion as a whole have lost one of their great sons.