

flocked in that direction. One of the first legal difficulties of some importance that arose was confided to his care, and he once told me of the difficulty of organizing a court. He won his first case. From the beginning he took an interest in real estate, and applied himself to its development. From being a real estate owner he became a builder. He grew with Calgary, and helped Calgary to grow. He built one of the first substantial buildings in that city. He engaged in the insurance business and the brokerage business. He took part in every activity. There was nothing that escaped his attention. And yet all the time he was successfully pursuing his vocation as an attorney. He arrested the attention of the community to such a degree that when hardly five years had passed, a vacancy occurring in the Senate, he was offered a Senatorship and came here in 1889. He was one of the real leaders of the West and practically one of the founders of the city of Calgary.

I met Sir James Lougheed in this Chamber in 1898. At that time he was dividing his attention between his various interests in Calgary and the work of the Senate, which was no mean task, the distance between the two points being so great. During the first years of his occupancy of a seat in this Chamber he rather modestly sat at the feet of the elders and imbibed their wisdom. Those elders were men of no mean consequence. Many of them held their nominations under Royal appointment; they were pre-Confederation men, men who had a wide reputation and who adorned this Chamber to the full. Although only modestly participating during his first years here in the work of the Senate, Sir James Lougheed early attracted the attention of his fellow members, and it was no surprise to me in 1906 when he was given the leadership of the Conservative Party in this House.

When called to that important post he applied himself to his task and discharged his duties brilliantly. He was courteous, he was genial, he was resourceful—perfectly equipped legally and mentally. He had considerable commercial and financial experience; he knew the West as few men knew it, and he rapidly gained not only the confidence of his colleagues in this Chamber, but their admiration and friendship as well. In every position that he held in the Government of Canada he was equal to the task, and he was often mentioned as a man of proper calibre for the Premiership of the country.

To Lady Lougheed and his family we tender our most heartfelt sympathy.

Turning from the West to the East I find a vacancy in our Chamber caused by the demise of the late Hon. Mr. Roche of Halifax. Senator Roche was a successful man of business. He was for forty years in public life, having sat for many terms in the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia and in the House of Commons, and he enjoyed the full confidence of his community. He was well read, he was an original thinker, and I should add a philosopher as well. Those who heard Senator Roche in any debate always felt that he would say something that had not been said, and that his views would be expressed in a very original manner. He was indeed a true philosopher, looking upon affairs with a certain equanimity and a certain detachment, and I am sure that the Senate of Canada will miss our colleague, who departed at a fairly ripe age.

Returning to the centre of the country, we have been faced by another vacancy caused by the departure of the Hon. Mr. Bradbury. As one of the pioneers in the lumbering trade of Manitoba, he brought to the Senate large business experience. He interested himself also in military affairs, showing his zeal by raising a regiment in the very first months of the war. He crossed the Atlantic in perfect health, and though he did not see active duty at the front, yet while preparing to go, and when in France and Flanders, he was stricken down with a disease which gradually sapped his vitality and closed his career a few months ago.

In my short contact with Senator Bradbury he showed himself to be a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of Canada, especially in trying to arrange our financial difficulties so that with their proper adjustment this country should go forward towards prosperity.

I would refer also to the death of Senator De Veber, of Lethbridge, who was among us for a number of years, and who spoke with authority on matters hygienic and medical. He took considerable part in discussing, framing and modifying legislation on those topics with which he was familiar. He had quite an honourable career in the Northwest Assembly, of which he was a member when he was called to the Senate. In his latter years he was in poor health, and new-comers in this Chamber did not see him at his best, but when he was well he did his part thoroughly and to the satisfaction of his colleagues. To his dutiful wife, who, ever since his appointment accompanied him here session after session, we extend our sincere sympathy.