

speech which Senator Connolly (Ottawa West) summons on an occasion such as this. Surely this term felicity of speech could scarcely be applied more appropriately than when applied to one who was himself a master of speech.

I shall return to the matter of Senator Hugessen's speech later, but first I want to say this. Here we had a man with a lucrative law practice, a distinguished member of the Bar, yet who felt it his duty and thought it a matter of pride to serve for so many years in this house. I say that his long career of service shouted back triumphantly to the cynics who say that men are in public life only for what they can get out of it.

Senator Hugessen, steeped as he was in British parliamentary tradition, did not regard the Senate as a theatre; he thought of it mainly as a workshop. All of us here remember, as Senator Connolly has made clear, the devotion, the dedication and the wisdom which he brought to the more important of our Senate committees. Yet I imagine it was for his speeches here, for his style and for his parliamentary manner, that most of us admired him.

It was my privilege more than 55 years ago to have sat in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons and to have heard there some of the greatest speeches of the most famous orator of his day, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. And in intervening years I have heard as well the great masters of words on both sides of the Atlantic. I would not put Senator Hugessen on that plane and I am sure he would not want me to, but I will say without hesitation that with his copious vocabulary, his effortless command of the right word and his remarkable gift of lucidity, he was surely one of the foremost parliamentary speakers of our time.

Honourable Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. O'Leary (Carleton): He was not of the old school of purple rhetoric. He had not the literary grace or the beauty of a McGee, the searing phrases of a Meighen, nor the "Proud Full Sail" of a Laurier, but he did represent a type of speaking which Mr. Asquith, at Westminster, carried to its highest perfection.

Senator Hugessen's temperament would not permit him to soar into passion. He never became neighbour to the sun, and never tried to kindle an audience into flame, but, at the same time he never fell below a certain state-level, and it was a joy to hear him in

exposition. Even when you disagreed with him you were compelled to feel that here was a remarkable example of what is known as "parliamentary style," here a master of parliamentary plausibility.

Honourable senators, the loss of such a man to this house is great, and the loss to our public life perhaps greater, for I have long held a conviction that we here in Canada, obsessed with materialism, obsessed with false gods of success, do not give to great public speech—to what Lord Morley once called "the glory of words"—the honour it deserves. Instead we are inclined to decry eloquence. We extoll what we call "the strong silent man," and some even sneer at what they call the "talking shop on the Hill." Whenever I hear people talk in that way, and especially young people, I think of lines by Rudyard Kipling which I have quoted often, incidentally spoken in Canada.

Kipling spoke of a masterless man who rose up and discovered words, words which walked up and down in the hearts of all his hearers, and he went on to say that after all it was the phrase, the naked phrase, which made or unmade the kingdoms and the glories.

That, honourable senators, is the truth, the truth of "words that call up transcendent meanings from the best passions of all bygone time," words which from Pericles to Lincoln and from Lincoln to Churchill have been the sentinels and safeguards of human liberty.

And so, honourable senators, speaking for this side of the house we say to Senator Hugessen, "Farewell and Hail!" We will remember him as one who adorned this house and was truly one of the great senators.

Fondly we wish for him and the gracious companion of his years an eventide of joy and glad grace, and all the brave and good things they both deserve so richly.

Hon. Salter A. Hayden: Honourable senators, you may think I am presumptuous to say a few words after the brilliant remarks which have been made by the previous speakers, but I have a few personal reflections gained over a period of 27 years of the 30 years that Senator Hugessen was in the Senate. These reflections are a personal assessment by me of this senator.

I can say that I prized his friendship very much and admired his ability tremendously. I say too that so far as the Senate is concerned,