

Mill, the oil refinery, and the resettlement program were in some measure responsible for causing the split even within his own Liberal party, which alienated much of its talented young supporters and leaders. Joey did battle, not just with his opponents, but also with his colleagues and associates—in fact, with anyone who did not share his vision of Newfoundland.

I believe that Joey deserves more recognition, not just as a giant political figure but also as a cultural figure in our province. He had what is described as the modern equivalent of a Grade 10 education, but in reality he was an extremely learned man, widely read and self-educated. Stories abound of university professors and other learned people being captivated for hours on end by his detailed knowledge of the subject under discussion.

He led an intellectual life in his career as a journalist, broadcaster, labour leader, politician, amateur historian and, in his retirement, as chronicler of Newfoundland history, society and culture with his work on his *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*. He is now very much a part of the culture, the tradition and the history of the province he worked to create and to record. Memorial University of Newfoundland stands as a memorial to him, to both his dreams and to his accomplishments.

When Joey Smallwood passed away on December 17, a chapter in Canadian history came to a close with him. An era in the life of Newfoundland and Labrador ended. He left indelible marks on the history pages of his province and his country. His contributions to nation building were many, and our province is certainly a much better place for his efforts. We mourn his passing and we continue to share his vision for the future.

Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, Joey Smallwood is, I suppose one could say, the origin of a tradition in the Liberal Party, because of an event that may be apocryphal but has been reported widely as long as I have been in the Liberal Party.

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The event occurred when Mike Pearson was touring Newfoundland and there was an open car parade in St. John's. Joey was in the back of the car with Mike, and there was a certain amount of enthusiasm being displayed by the citizenry on the streets of St. John's. Joey was saying, "Mike, they are all Liberals here, all Liberals." Suddenly, out of the crowd came the voice of a megaton fog horn: "Down with the bloody Liberals!" A short pause, and Joey said, "I guess we will have to mark him down as undecided."

Hon. John Buchanan: Honourable senators, even though I was on the other side of the political fence, I was one of those who were very fortunate to know Joey Smallwood. I met him first back in the late 1960's. In 1968, as Minister of Fisheries for Nova Scotia, I led a delegation to Newfoundland. In his usual style, Mr. Smallwood, who was premier at the time, laid on a series of events for us, starting at the Holiday Inn in St. John's with a banquet hosted by one of his cabinet ministers,

Alec Hickman, and then a chartered plane to fly us to Labrador to visit the iron mines.

Just as if he had deemed it to be so, after we landed back in Corner Brook, the fog came in and we were there for two and a half days. He made sure that we saw all of the Corner Brook area and, on that leg of the trip, he travelled with us. I found him to be one of the most colourful politicians I had ever met. He was flamboyant, but he was very wise. He was a very shrewd man, a very innovative man, as those of you who knew him much better than I will agree.

He was also ahead of his time as far as technology in offices was concerned. One day we were in St. John's and he took the late Ed Halliburton and me through his office. He had buttons for the curtains, he had buttons for his TV, he had buttons for radios, he had intercom systems. He could even intercom ministers' offices, he told us, although he did not do it while we were there. But the technology of his office was not in the 1960's. It was what we would look at now for the 1990's. He was an eloquent man, but also a very witty individual. I was present with him on at least three occasions when he spoke to an audience and kept the audience spellbound for well over an hour. Politicians will understand that that is a difficult thing to do. But he did it in Nova Scotia, and he did it there on more than one occasion. I was fortunate enough to be his host occasionally in Halifax at various dinners and functions. Of course, as you know, we have in Nova Scotia literally thousands of Newfoundlanders. As the old story goes, Newfoundlanders on their way to Ontario decided to stop off in Nova Scotia; they all flourished in Nova Scotia, and they are all still there. Whenever Joey came to Nova Scotia and we put on a function for him, you could be absolutely certain that three-quarters of the house would be Newfoundlanders living in Nova Scotia.

He was a wonderful man. Throughout the late 1960s and the 1970s and in the early 1980s, I got to know the man very well. It was to my fortune that I was able to meet him and to know him. He was a giant among politicians and will go down in history as such, a Father of Confederation. There is absolutely no question that he loved Newfoundland. He was a fervent Newfoundlander. But he loved Canada, and he was a fervent Canadian. From time to time I had discussions with him on that in the early 1980s on occasions when he was in Halifax.

For those of you who want to come over to my office and take a look, I very proudly display a picture of Joey Smallwood and me. On the door, as you go into my office, on the left, you will see me there with Joey Smallwood.

And so, as with others, I express condolence and great sympathy to the members of his family in Newfoundland and all of his friends and supporters throughout this great country of ours.