

The late Senator Robinson was for only a few short years a member of this chamber. I knew him well before he came here; he was a man of many parts. During World War I he served in the ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Force; he volunteered for service in the second World War, and went overseas. He was subsequently transferred to the Legion Services in London, where he remained until near the close of the war, when he was summoned to the Senate.

He took an active interest in the affairs of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, and usually attended its annual meetings.

In private life Senator Robinson was a successful businessman and silver fox rancher. In public life he was elected mayor of Summerside, his home town, in 1936, and in 1939 he went to the Prince Edward Island Legislature. He held his seat for the life of that legislature, and as he was serving overseas at the time the next election was held he did not stand for re-election. He was summoned to the Senate in 1945, and was highly respected by all those with whom he came in contact. I join the leaders in this house and other Senators in extending to his widow and near relatives our most sincere sympathy.

**Hon. J. P. McIntyre:** Honourable Senators, I should like to associate myself with the speakers who have preceded me in paying tribute to our departed colleagues, particularly those from my own province.

Senator John A. Macdonald, better known in Prince Edward Island as "Cardigan John", was the third senator bearing the name John A. Macdonald—the spelling only being different—to pass from this chamber since 1945. It may well have been that these three gentlemen were named after the great statesman Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada after Confederation, for all three of them shared his political faith.

Senator Macdonald was in public life for over forty years. He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in 1908, and was re-elected in 1911 and 1923. He served as Minister of Public Works and Highways in that province from 1923 to 1925, when he resigned his portfolio to become a candidate for election to the House of Commons. In that year he was elected to the federal house, and was re-elected in 1926 and 1930. He was a minister without portfolio in the Bennett Government from 1930 until 1935, when he was appointed to the Senate.

I had known the late senator for many years; we were born within a few miles of each other. He was truly a Christian gentleman. We occupied the office of Minister of Public Works and Highways in our native province, under different governments, and

eventually came together in this chamber. The late senator was an outstanding person, honest and upright in every respect. I could cite many incidents to illustrate his honour, noble character and high ideals. For instance, during the first World War he built a number of ships which later were sunk at sea, leaving him in debt for almost \$100,000. He never gave up, but through ability and hard work he paid back every dollar. I believe I express the sentiments of all members of this chamber when I extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and family.

Less than two weeks ago our province was called upon to mourn the passing of another member of this chamber, Senator Brewer Robinson, an outstanding figure politically and otherwise.

During the first Great War Senator Robinson joined the Second Battery of the Canadian Heavy Artillery in his home town of Summerside, and went overseas in 1915. He was with his outfit in France until the end of the war. On his return to his native province he engaged in the bakery business and in fox ranching, and was most successful in both ventures. Shortly after the outbreak of the second World War Senator Robinson went overseas with the Canadian Legion War Services, and was deputy head of that organization in London when he was notified of his appointment to this chamber.

My association with Senator Robinson was most cordial and pleasant, and I looked upon him as a personal friend. He was twice mayor of his native town, Summerside; and during his regime most of the paved streets were laid and many other civic improvements were made. No braver or stouter heart ever beat within a human breast than that of the late Senator Robinson.

I wish at this time to extend my sincere sympathy to his widow.

**Hon. J. M. Dessureault:** Honourable Senators, I should like to join with other honourable senators in paying tribute to the memories of the members of this chamber who have passed away since the last session.

While I had great admiration for them all, coming as I do from the province of Quebec, I desire especially to extend my sympathy to the family of the late Senator Charles P. Beaubien. His passing has removed from the scene of his activities a man who worked faithfully and well, not only for the benefit of his province but for the whole of Canada.

Highly regarded, of charming personality, trusted and well liked, Senator Beaubien was honoured by being appointed to many important positions in both the economic and political spheres of our country. He had a long business and political career. Though not sharing his political faith, I always had great