

His career in public affairs was characterized by his integrity, courage and steadfastness of faith. To his intimates he was a warm and sensitive personality. The page of this young life is turned forever. May he rest in peace as he served with honour.

I join with the honourable leaders of both sides of this house and with other honourable senators in extending our profound sympathy to the members of his family, as well as to the families of the late Senator Brunt and Senator Bois.

Hon. M. Wallace McCutcheon: Honourable senators, it is a matter of great regret to me that the first occasion on which I should have the opportunity of addressing this honourable assembly should be in the sad background which is surrounding us this evening, but I felt I could not let the opportunity pass without joining the two honourable leaders and other honourable members in paying tribute to your late colleague and my great friend the Honourable William R. Brunt.

With what the leaders have said and with what other honourable senators have said as to Senator Brunt's public, business and professional activities, I am in complete agreement and could add nothing to it. I would like to speak very shortly about some of his personal qualities.

I knew Senator Brunt for some forty years. We were at university together; we were at law school together, and we became fast friends among a small group of friends. I have learned, as no doubt many honourable senators have, that one has very few close friends, and in that small group Bill Brunt's passing has left a great gap. He had a profound interest in people, great enthusiasm and joy for life, coupled with tremendous vitality. I never saw Bill Brunt depressed. He never turned back. What had been was, and he moved on to the next task with that dynamic energy with which I am sure you were all familiar. Above all he was a good friend. He possessed the quality of loyalty to a degree that few men have. He never turned his back on an old friend or an associate.

While Senator Brunt made his home in Toronto for nearly forty years, it was a rare week he did not spend some time in his home town of Hanover, and it was as the "Senator from Hanover" he was proud to be designated. It is difficult even now to realize that he is not here and it is still a shock to recall the tragic circumstances which took him from us so suddenly and unexpectedly.

I could relate many incidents to illustrate these and the other outstanding qualities to which I have referred so briefly but, as the Honourable Senator Thorvaldson has said, those who were at his funeral observed the

greatest tribute that could possibly be paid to him. As the cortège moved from the church along the main street of Hanover toward the cemetery, the street was lined on both sides for some blocks with his fellow townsmen. The whole town of Hanover paused to honour his memory. There was no sound save the tolling of the bells, the bells which he had provided for the church in memory of his parents.

If there be a group of people who can attest to the true qualities of an individual, it is surely those who knew him intimately as boy and man. The judgment of the people of Hanover was there for everyone to see on that July afternoon.

It was not my good fortune to know Senator Wall or Senator Bois, but I would like to associate myself with other honourable senators in the tributes that have been paid to them and in sympathy to their families.

Hon. John Hnaiyshyn: Honourable senators, I should like to associate myself with what has been said by the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Brooks) and the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) and other honourable senators about our three colleagues who have passed away.

Of these three I knew the late Senator William Wall the longest because I first met him in 1929 when he attended the University of Saskatchewan for a year. From then to the time of his death I knew him to be a hard and conscientious worker, always expressing his viewpoint with great vigor. He showed the same qualities in his service to the Senate. I wish to join with all other honourable senators in extending to his widow and to his two children my sincere sympathy on the loss of a good husband and father, and a great Canadian.

As has been pointed out, the passing of the late Senator William R. Brunt came as a tragic shock to all of us. I had the privilege of knowing Senator Brunt since 1938, and I join in all that has been said tonight, that at all times in his profession, in his community activities and his activities as a member of the Senate, he played a very distinguished and important part. To his widow, who comes from my native province, and to his two children I extend my sincerest sympathy.

It was not my pleasure, honourable senators, to know the late Senator Bois for as long a time as I knew Senator Wall and Senator Brunt. I met him first when I was appointed a member of this house, but I knew something of his activities in his own province. He was held in high regard by his province and by this house. To his family also I extend my sincerest sympathy.