

If with the years our colleague appeared less active, he continued to be an indefatigable worker. The outstanding quality of his rare make-up was, I should say, his determination and capacity for work. Although gifted with a remarkable personality and a brilliant and well-balanced mind, it was his untiring industry that made of him a journalist, a member of Parliament, a Minister of the Crown, a statesman and a great Speaker of the House of Commons. His unremitting energy kept him ploughing ahead, even after his political activity had ceased, and made of him the best professor of constitutional law that Quebec has ever produced and one of its most gifted lecturers. He read copiously and wrote constantly, and kept himself abreast of all events and "au fait" of the trend of literature, both in French and in English.

Our late colleague deserved and obtained many honours, some of which helped to enhance the renown of his native land. It was indeed a great tribute to Canada that he was selected to replace Cardinal Mercier as a member of the Institute of France. It was also a proud day for us when he delivered in the great hall of La Sorbonne a series of lectures on Canadian political history, which ranked with the very best the University of Paris had ever heard.

Outstanding for his untiring industry, for his achievements, but also for the dignity of his life, Lemieux will stand as a model for young men, particularly of my province. Truly Lemieux built, step by step, the ascending course of his career. Many young people in our day, who spend most of their time in lamenting the conditions in which they are constrained to live, and put all their hope in the overthrow of these conditions, might well ponder the lesson of courage, of industry, of dignity, that comes to them from Lemieux's life. His death has been a cruel blow to his family and to his friends, a real loss to his province and to his country. He was among the very few Canadians who were mourned not only in the Dominion but also in France and England.

I wish to associate myself whole-heartedly with the message of condolence so eloquently voiced by both leaders of this House.

Hon. O. TURGEON (Translation): Honourable senators, I hasten to express my admiration for the splendid tribute which, from both sides of this House, has just been paid to our departed colleagues and for the sympathy tendered to their families, in all of which I join most heartily.

The two senators from Ontario, Lieutenant-Colonel James Arthurs and the Hon. Horatio Hocken, were for many years my colleagues

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in the other House, and our relations were always most friendly. Lieutenant-Colonel Arthurs rendered great services during the World War, and we owe him our deep gratitude.

The honourable Senator Bédard, from Manitoba, and the honourable Senator Patrick Burns, from Alberta, also deserve the gratitude of their respective provinces for their generous contribution toward their progress.

I learnt with inexpressible grief of the demise of our colleague Senator Rodolphe Lemieux, one of Canada's most distinguished sons, and I take this opportunity to render him a tribute of affection, esteem and admiration, although I am indeed unable to express it according to his merit. At least my words surge from the bottom of my heart in reverence for the memory of a most devoted friend whose generous soul and powerful mind it was my privilege to know, whose eloquence could sway any audience, regardless of political affiliations. His eloquence and his wonderful learning were also appreciated outside Canada, and especially in France.

I shall not undertake to review all the successful results he achieved in his missions to the most remote countries, such as Japan, South Africa and others, and which some honourable senators have just recalled more fittingly than I could have done it. But I do wish to refer to his great merit in having obtained from the French Government the gift of Vimy Ridge, comprising 25 acres of land where lie the remains of our soldiers who fell during the War, and among them his only son.

Such a deed shall never be forgotten. That parcel of land on French soil is now wholly Canadian. He it was who signed the agreement on behalf of the Canadian Government.

In France, he was ever appreciated and admired not only for his eloquence, but also for his equally wonderful learning and for the valuable relations he was promoting between Canada and France.

In 1906, the Government of the French Republic made him a Knight of the Legion of Honour, and in 1924 the Vatican bestowed on him the title of Commander of Saint Gregory the Great.

Forty years have now elapsed since I first became acquainted with him, and from that time to his last moments he was to me as a devoted and generous brother, ever ready to help me with the problems of my constituency and my province, and especially on behalf of New Brunswick fishermen, a class