

THE SENATE

Wednesday, February 19, 1964

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

THE LATE SENATORS CAMPBELL AND TURGEON

TRIBUTES

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I regret to have to announce officially to the Senate that since we last met here before Christmas we have lost two of our colleagues by death, Senator Peter Campbell and Senator Gray Turgeon.

Senator Peter Campbell of Toronto was not vouchsafed the Biblical three score years and ten. He died at the age of 65. Yet in his time he accomplished much. Indeed, he accomplished much more than many men who have lived longer. And because of this he will be long remembered and greatly missed in the life of his home community and of his country.

For some twenty years he was a senator. Here, as in every other facet of his career, his integrity was luminous. In committee he was precise and realistic; in the house he was direct and effectively brief. Favour he never sought; fear he did not understand; and the gallantry of his last few years here, when he knew he was afflicted with a relentless cancer, was inspiring.

Peter Campbell was a brilliant colleague, and his monument in Parliament is his significant contribution to the recast Income Tax Act. The industrial development of Canada could not have pushed on steadily during and since the late war if that legislation had not come into being.

Even before he became a senator, he influenced the review of the Canada Shipping Act, and he appeared here before committees as counsel for parts of that industry. For twenty years prior to his coming to the Senate, and, of course, thereafter, he practised the profession of law in the City of Toronto. In those earlier twenty years he schooled himself for this later contribution to the financial, the insurance, the industrial, and the shipping enterprises in which he was later to engage. In all of his business undertakings he was a leader. His advice was sound and his influence was sought. As a result he had a prominent and direct part in our national economic development which, in his day, was so great. He used that experience to help shape and direct the nation's economic policies, particularly in his work

here in the chamber. Peter Campbell was a living example of the mutual help that business and government can be to each other.

During his first twenty years while he was a student at school he did well, and it is interesting to observe that his participation in athletics then—in track and field, baseball and winter sports—found its counterpart in his later life in sailing, skiing and golf. Much of the credit for the development of the Collingwood area as a ski center belongs to him.

The charities of Toronto knew him, especially the Salvation Army and St. Michaels Hospital, and, as so many on both sides of this house can testify, so did the political life of his country.

Peter Campbell was an informed and staunch Liberal. He enjoyed the confidence of all the contemporary leaders of his party although, perhaps, he was closest to the late Right Honourable C. D. Howe. But his integrity and capacity were such that he enjoyed at all times the respect and affection of his political opponents as well.

Senator Campbell's passing leaves a great void in this house, but that void is greatest in his home and for his beloved wife and his affectionate children and grandchildren.

Honourable senators, in the course of a lifetime—and perhaps especially so in public life—one meets people who can best be described as beloved. Gray Turgeon was such a man. Every one of his Senate colleagues was his friend, and his quiet demonstration of friendship, never overdone but always warm and sincere, was a joy to all of us here. His mother was a Baldwin, and this mixture of the Gallic and the Gaelic in the blood of his heart gave him a head start over most other mortals.

The Turgeon family was of New Brunswick, though the late senator's father was born in Levis and educated in Quebec. It was a family which was to contribute much to the service of Canada. Onesiphore Turgeon, our late colleague's father, represented Gloucester, New Brunswick, in the House of Commons for the first 23 years of this century. For 21 years thereafter he was a respected member of this chamber. And when he died in 1944, in his 95th year, Senator King, then Government leader in the Senate, referred to the high public estate to which Senator Onesiphore Turgeon had succeeded by coupling his name with some of his great contemporaries, Sir George Foster, A. G. Blair, H. R. Emmerson, L. P. Farris, Sir Douglas Hazen and Senator King's own father. "Not all of these men", said Senator King on that occasion, "were of the same political stripe—but they held one another in very high respect."