

to do with the reorganization of the Canadian National Railways. He also accompanied the Prime Minister to the Imperial Conference in 1923, and was made an Imperial Privy Councillor. In October, 1925, he resigned as Minister of Railways and Canals, and in February, 1926, accepted the difficult position of Chairman of the Tariff Advisory Board. He was summoned to the Senate in December, 1926.

His association with the Department of Railways and Canals between 1907 and 1911 and again from 1923 to 1925, was during the period in which the whole picture of Canadian railway development underwent a great evolutionary change, and Senator Graham was given an opportunity that comes to few Ministers of the Crown to acquire a vast knowledge of the potentialities of Canada. His work brought him into contact with numerous and varied interests in Canada as well as in other parts of the world.

I have given only a bare outline of his great public service. He will be remembered by parliamentarians and other public men as an able and just administrator, and by the public for his great sense of humour and his kindly, courteous manner, and as a Christian gentleman.

With his usual adaptability he immediately found his place in this Chamber, taking an active and effective part in debate. In the chairmanship of the Railway Committee his broad experience was of great value when highly important matters were under discussion.

I have always felt that the training Mr. Graham received in the journalistic field did much to qualify him for the more arduous and strenuous duties of his parliamentary life.

Personally I feel I have lost a true and dear friend. I am sure it is the desire of honourable members that an expression of our deepest sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. Graham and her family in their great bereavement; also that a similar expression of sympathy be extended to Madame Parent and her family in their sad loss.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: How sad to contemplate that only a few months ago, when this House adjourned, our late distinguished Speaker appeared in his usual good health and spirits! His sudden and unexpected demise was a great shock to us all.

Our late colleague held the highest office that the Senate of Canada can confer upon one of its members, when he was appointed Speaker. He always performed his duties with great dignity, ability and fairness. He was especially qualified to be the Speaker

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of this Chamber, by reason of his long experience in both Houses and his perfect command of both languages.

The Hon. George Parent has left a fine record of public service, having become a member of the House of Commons at an early age. Our late colleague was a distinguished member of the legal profession and his wise counsel and advice made him eagerly sought for on the directorate of financial and business organizations.

Our late Speaker was naturally proud of his native city and province, but he took the broad view that his election to Parliament was not only for the city he represented, but also for the country as a whole. He was noted for his tolerant viewpoint on all matters pertaining to the welfare of Canada. If we had more men in public life taking the broad view that he always took, Canada would have an even greater unity than prevails at the present time.

I may be permitted here to add a personal note. I had the honour and privilege of being with our late Speaker when he was a member of the House of Commons, where he was highly regarded, and our relationship was most cordial. When he came to this House it was a pleasure to renew that association. I feel the deepest sorrow that my good friend the late Speaker has so suddenly passed away.

On behalf of all honourable members on this side of the House, I join with the honourable leader and senators on the other side in expressing to Madame Parent and her family our deepest sympathy.

The death of the Right Hon. George P. Graham has removed from the public life of Canada a most lovable character, a great Canadian statesman and philanthropist. During his long and useful public career he made a record that few public men have equalled. Our late colleague also proved that he was an able administrator, when he held from time to time so many important portfolios in the Government. Whatever he undertook to do was always most efficiently done.

With particular regard to his work in this Chamber, we all recall his many able speeches to which we had the good fortune to listen, and the able manner in which he presided as Chairman of the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours.

Senator Graham was widely known throughout Canada. Making friends wherever he went, he spread goodwill and unity. His friends were numberless and he had no enemies. During his busy public career he also devoted a great deal of his time and means to charitable purposes, more particularly in the