

Despite his great age, the Senator possessed a remarkable vitality of body and mind. He had suffered no infirmity in the course of his life. In the early morning of yesterday he felt as well as ever. At breakfast he experienced a sudden seizure of pain, which, however, did not last for long, but left him very weak. He rested throughout the day, at times conversing with his accustomed keenness of expression, with those at his side. The end came peacefully. One might truly say it was a fitting, indeed a beautiful close to a long, a great and a good life. Having sat in the Senate since the closing years of the last century, Senator Dandurand was in himself a link with the past—with the earlier political life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and of those others who have laboured to establish firmly the foundations of our nationhood. Like Sir Wilfrid, he strove, in public and private life alike, to promote understanding and co-operation between the two great races of the Dominion, and on this basis to preserve and strengthen the bonds of a common nationality.

Although his own career, and many of the traditions with which it came to be identified, had its origin in an earlier generation, Senator Dandurand did not live in the past. He took a keen and active interest in the questions alike of peace and of war. To the deliberations of the War Committee of the Cabinet he brought a wide knowledge of international affairs, and a strong sense of practical reality. To the last, his life was characterized by a spirit of helpfulness. As a former Speaker of the Senate, as Government Leader in that Chamber for many years and as a member of the Administration, he gave exceptional service to Canada.

Senator Dandurand was first and foremost a citizen of Canada, but he was also, in larger measure, I believe, than any other Canadian of his generation, a citizen of the world. His deep and abiding affection for the people of his native province and of his native land did not preclude a kinship with mankind which so broadened his interests as to embrace other lands and other races. There will be those in many other countries, as well as throughout our own, who will deeply regret the passing of one whom they had come to regard as a personal friend and as a tireless worker on behalf of international goodwill.

For six years in succession, Senator Dandurand represented Canada at the Assembly of the League of Nations, and in 1925 was elected President of the League Assembly. During practically the whole three years that Canada was a member of the League Council, he was a Canadian representative on the Council. At the League he won for himself an enviable international reputation as an authority on social questions and as a champion of the rights of minorities. The record of his devoted labours at the League is a part of the history of international affairs.

It has been well said of Senator Dandurand that there was about him an innate distinction of manner, combined with a gentleness of spirit which made him one of the most beloved as he was one of the most familiar figures in Canadian public life. He exemplified in his career the finest traditions of public service, and indeed helped, by precept and example, to add to them. His life and work may well

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serve as an inspiration to those of our own and of succeeding generations who seek to play a useful and honourable role in the administration of the affairs of our country.

Personally I cannot say how grateful I feel for all that the close association and friendship which I shared with Senator Dandurand has meant to me in the course of my public life. We had been friends over forty years. For fifteen of those years he and I shared responsibilities in the Cabinet and leadership of the Government, in the Senate and House of Commons respectively. During the still longer years I have had the responsibility of the leadership of the Liberal party, in opposition and in office, I doubt if I could possibly have begun to cope with many of the problems of one in that position without the wise counsel, guidance and loyal co-operation he so constantly and unswervingly accorded me. In all his personal and public relationships Senator Dandurand was fidelity itself.

Although his voice will be heard no more in the councils of the nations, in the hearts alike of his fellow-countrymen and of the friends of justice and peace in other lands, the memory will long endure of Senator Dandurand's continuous and untiring efforts to promote the common well-being of mankind.

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, this Parliament and the people of Canada have been greatly shocked by the announcement of the sudden death of the Right Hon. Raoul Dandurand last evening. His death marks the passing from the political scene of one of Canada's best known public men.

Born fourscore years ago in the city of Montreal, where he made his home, received his education and practised his profession, he rose to be a national figure in the fields of finance and statesmanship.

The friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he was, at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven, appointed to the Senate. There his qualifications marked him out for advancement and he soon became a commanding figure. In 1905 he was appointed Speaker, and in 1921, when my right honourable friend became Prime Minister, Senator Dandurand was made a member of the Cabinet and the representative of the Government in the Senate, which position he occupied until 1930, and again in 1935 until the time of his death.

His achievements in the realm of international politics are well known, particularly in relation to the League of Nations, of which he was a warm supporter. He occupied respectively, the position of a Canadian delegate to the League of Nations, President of the Assembly and, later on, a delegate to the Council of the League, a reputation which no Canadian since Sir Robert Borden has surpassed.

Contemplating in retrospect the life and career of Senator Dandurand, one cannot help being impressed by the realization of what a full and happy life he had. Even prior to his appointment to the Senate, he had played a leading part in the public life of his native province; and during the forty-four years he was a member of the Senate, no one took a more important and active part in the deliberations of that body.