

When I went there he was the senior member of the opposition in the government of the late Mr. Flemming.

Senator Margaret Anderson has served her region, her native county, and her province in an outstanding fashion. She was very helpful to me, especially on the subcommittee on agriculture dealing then with Kent County, of which I was chairman. Her intimate knowledge of the area adjacent to her homestead was indeed helpful to the farmers we were working with in the region. Her intimate knowledge was greatly appreciated, and I also appreciated her interest and support throughout the entire project.

She has represented her region quietly, effectively, with compassion, with dignity and understanding. I join with all in this chamber in wishing Senator Anderson a healthy, rewarding retirement and many happy years to enjoy it.

Hon. Margaret Anderson: Honourable senators, first, I must also congratulate Senator Asselin and the Province of Quebec in having such a distinguished and able person in the important post of Lieutenant Governor.

I want to thank Senator Murray, Senator Flynn, and the many others who have said such nice things about me. It really opened my eyes as to what I contributed to this place. I had not realized that. If I had been writing my own tribute, I would have said, "She is a good attender."

This has been an interesting 12 years. There have been many changes. I am sure at least half of the Senate membership has changed in those brief 12 years. I shall miss all honourable senators, although perhaps honourable senators will not miss my long, tiresome speeches.

As someone said, I am a member of a political family, and honourable senators will realize that is true when I tell them that one of my main regrets in leaving is that I will create a vacancy. I want senators on the other side to know that I am not retiring today, but on August 7, so do not fill the vacancy right away.

I especially thank those senators who are retiring with me. I will miss them. It is nice to know I am not going alone; that I have company.

There isn't anything else to say except that I have enjoyed my 12 years here. They have gone quickly. Now it is time to go. However, as I said, I do not like to leave a vacancy.

I thank all honourable senators and wish them the best.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, I am the third to speak because I retire only on August 22nd, Senator Anderson and Senator Sherwood are a few weeks older than I am.

[*English*]

As the three of us were being showered with compliments, I could not resist remembering the talent of a former leader of this place, Senator John Connolly, who specialized in eulogizing the dead. I also remember Senator Kinley from New Brunswick saying, "When you listen to a eulogy by John Connolly, you almost wish you were the corpse."

Senator Anderson, Senator Sherwood and I did not have to go that far, just to age 75; old age. However, they say we should not complain about old age because it is presumed to be better than the alternative.

Senator Anderson's saying that we are not retiring immediately reminded me of the fact that one should not be eulogized too soon. I remember when Pierre Trudeau decided to retire, for the first time. Everybody made the greatest compliments about him, only to find out two months later that he was not retiring but was coming back.

[*Translation*]

I remind you that I am still a senator until the 22nd of August. You have to be careful. That's what Winston Churchill used to say. One day he was told that Aneurin Bevan was dead and he was asked for a few words. Churchill said: "Are you sure he is dead?"

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[*English*]

I have until August 22. As you know, I was appointed to the Senate before 1965, at which time I had to give notice that I would retire at age 75. The other day I was thinking, "Did I really sign that letter? Am I really obliged to go?" I see Senator Frith's face turning white. To all of you on the other side and all those who are looking for the vacancy of Rougemont: Don't worry! I am going on the 22nd of August.

[*Translation*]

Life, like love, is a game of chance. My defeat in 1962 allowed Mr. Diefenbaker to keep a minority government and to appoint me to the Senate. Maybe if I had won in 1962 and lost in 1963, nobody would have heard of me after that. I guess that is what we call fate.

I think that, in the 28 years that I spent in the Senate, I saw close to 200 senators leave this place.

There are three survivors among those who were here when I came to the Senate in November 1962: Senator Croll, who, from what I heard, is doing well, Senator Molson, and my very good friend, Senator John M. MacDonald. Two more senators arrived around the same time, Senator Bélisle and Senator Phillips. There are two more of those who are called "lifers", that is those who were appointed prior to 1965. They are Senator Denis and Senator Lang. Senator Denis' career as a parliamentarian is quite phenomenal because he arrived in Parliament in 1935 as the elected member for Saint-Denis. Can you imagine, 55 years? It is extraordinary. I salute him and all those who were there in those days.

I also think about all the leaders that came and went. When I arrived here, it was Senator Brooks from New Brunswick, an extraordinary man. Senator Ross MacDonald, who became Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Senator John Connelly, of whom I spoke earlier, and Senator Paul Martin. Those who were here when Paul Martin was leader of the government and I was leader of the opposition in the Senate will remember some exchanges that were quite amusing. Senator Perrault mentioned it. Senator Olson and I also had some interesting