

(Hon. Mr. Robertson) with regard to the two senators who have so recently departed this life. I also wish to make a few remarks with respect to each of them; first, the late Sir Allen Aylesworth, K.C.M.G.

We on this side of the chamber have always had a very high regard for our deceased colleague Sir Allen Aylesworth. Sir Allen was one of the first senators to welcome me when, as a new senator, I came into this chamber in 1934; and I flatter myself that I enjoyed his friendly interest from then right to the time of his death. I well remember that the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, when leader of the government in the Senate, regarded Sir Allen's ability so highly that he frequently requested him to prepare and present to the house briefs on complicated matters and problems which required the application of a keen legal mind. Sir Allen always complied with such requests, and made numerous speeches on subjects studied by him. I well remember listening to him on those occasions.

He was born, not in Ontario but in Upper Canada, nearly one hundred years ago, and he knew and was well acquainted with all of the Prime Ministers since Confederation, beginning with Sir John A. Macdonald and including all occupants of that office to the present time. As has been stated by the leader of the government, he was a very brilliant student. At twenty years of age he was given the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and at twenty-one he obtained his Master of Arts degree. He was called to the Bar of Upper Canada at the age of twenty-three, and after practising law in Toronto for some twenty-three years he began to take an active interest in political matters. Meanwhile he held many offices in the Law Society of Upper Canada, and appeared many times before the Privy Council in London. As has been stated, he was elected to parliament in 1905, and took a very prominent part in parliamentary affairs. He was chairman of many committees and held several portfolios as a minister of the Crown. I understand that his portrait in oils hangs at the present time in Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

Before he became a member of parliament Sir Allen served as a member of the Alaska Boundary Tribunal, which was appointed in 1903 to settle the boundary line between Alaska and the western part of our country, when Alaska was taken over from the Russians by the United States. Sir Allen rendered great service on that Tribunal, but he was very dissatisfied with its decision and refused to sign the award. According to the latest edition of Canada's *Who's Who*, Sir Allen and one other member of the Tribunal signed a

minority report. I have been told on good authority that when the decision went against Sir Allen he broke down and cried.

After he became a member of parliament, Sir Allen was appointed a member of the Hague Tribunal, which investigated the fisheries dispute in 1910. He was knighted for his services in 1911.

Sir Allen was a most distinguished member of this chamber, and in his passing we have lost another great Canadian. We mourn his passing and extend to his many friends and relatives our most sincere sympathy.

I should also like to pay tribute to the memory of the Honourable Thomas J. Bourque. Perhaps I was more intimately acquainted with him than I was with Sir Allen, because he was a member of our party and took an active part with the rest of us on this side of the house.

Senator Bourque lived to the ripe old age of eighty-seven, just ten years less than did Sir Allen Aylesworth. He lived a full life, which he enjoyed to the utmost until two years prior to his death, when his health began to fail. He was a medical doctor by profession, and skilfully carried on his practice in rural New Brunswick for many years following 1889, a time when the country doctor was at the beck and call of the public night and day for a small fee, or no fee at all. He was a good and kindly man, and was well beloved in the Richibucto part of New Brunswick.

As was stated by the honourable leader of the government (Hon. Mr. Robertson), Senator Bourque's services were recognized when he was elected to the local legislature, where he subsequently served with great distinction. He was a great patriot with a keen love for Canada, and particularly for the Maritimes. In 1917 he was appointed to the Senate, where he took an active part for the most of the thirty-four years that he was a member. Until a couple of years prior to his death he was chairman of one of our most important committees. Notwithstanding his long years in public life, with their many opportunities for accumulating wealth, he died quite a poor man.

Dr. Bourque was noted for his integrity and good judgment. He was a great reader, generous with his advice and information, and we in this chamber will long remember his warm smile and cheerful voice.

Above all, Senator Bourque was a fine example of what a husband and father should be, and we take this opportunity of conveying to his three daughters our deepest sympathy and our best wishes for the trying days that lie ahead. We mourn the passing of a fine man.