

express the opinion of all its members when I say that we shall sorely miss his presence in our sessions in the years to come.

May I join with the leader and others in conveying my deepest sympathy to his relatives, and the hope that they will glory in his past rather than grieve at his departure. This house is the poorer for the loss of Senator Murdock.

Hon. S. S. McKeen: Honourable senators, although I did not know the late Senator Mackenzie for as long a period as has the senior senator from my province (Hon. Mr. Farris), I knew him very well for the last fifteen years, and it is my desire to add a word to express my feeling of loss in his passing.

You have heard his public record and, while there are those who are aware of some of the fine things he did, no one will ever know all the good he did for his fellow men, but we shall all feel poorer for having lost him.

Our sympathy goes out to his widow. She and the late senator had only been married a short time; but their association was very close, and she did much to make his life comfortable during that period.

All Canada, not just British Columbia, has lost a man who has left his touch on the public life of this country. His first love in public life was the House of Commons, and no honourable member of that chamber studied its rules of procedure more assiduously or was more devoted to its service than the late senator. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) expressed it very well when he said that Senator Mackenzie felt restrained when he came to this house. He did not get the action here that he had been used to in the other place; nevertheless he continued to strive for the good of his fellow men. He continued to work for the returned soldiers, his comrades of the First World War and those who served in the last war. Knowing how arduously Senator Mackenzie worked for the betterment of his fellow men, I think his devotion to public duty is best summed up in a story I heard about a small girl. She was carrying her brother down the road and was asked by a man, "Won't you let me carry that boy for you? He must be very heavy for you." Her reply was, "He is not a heavy load, he is my brother."

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the First Session of the Twenty-First Parliament of Canada.

(Translation):

Hon. Joseph Adélard Godbout moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:—

To His Excellency Field Marshal The Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, one of His Majesty's Aides-de-Camp General, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Canada.

May it Please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

He said:

Honourable senators, it is a real pleasure for me to move the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, and the personality of the man who presides over our debates adds to my enjoyment. I have known His Honour the Speaker in the province of which both of us are native sons and have had an opportunity to follow his political, professional and social career. Without revealing any embarrassing secret, I may say that it was under his aegis, as it were, that I entered politics. I wish to assure him that I will respect the general principles which he has instilled into me, and that I will abide by those same principles whenever he gives a ruling, as Speaker of this house, in regard to the rules of the Senate. I wish to assure him, further, that I will co-operate with all my colleagues in the best interests of our country, and follow the example set by our distinguished Speaker.

I also wish to thank the leader of the government for welcoming me to this house, and for the honour which he has conferred upon me by asking me to move the Address.

It is gratifying for me to point out the entry for the first time into the Senate and the House of Commons of representatives of a new Canadian province, namely, Newfoundland. This province brings us not only its physical resources but, what is more important, its moral values and the co-operation of its industrious people. I am sure that they will have no difficulty in adopting the principles of Canadian policy.

The Newfoundlanders are welcome to Canada, their representatives are welcome to the Senate, and I am proud to be associated with one of them in proposing the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

May I be permitted to recall to your memory the names of the two deceased sena-