

urged him then to remain longer, but he said that the state of his health would not permit him to do so.

We of this house will miss him very much. His business knowledge was valuable, and his experience in connection with the first world war was useful to parliament during the second world conflict. One whose membership of this chamber has extended over eighteen years has given a long period of service—much longer than the average—and the gap occasioned by his passing is probably more evident as our ranks grow less and less.

I very, very sincerely regret the death of Charlie Ballantyne, and I join with the leader of the government in expressing sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

Hon. J. H. King: Honourable senators, I feel it incumbent upon me to associate myself with the words of the two leaders with respect to the passing of Senator Ballantyne. Following our friendly association as senators, it fell to our lot in 1942 to assume the leadership of the respective parties in this chamber, and thus our association was continued in the control and work of the Senate.

Senator Ballantyne was thoroughly conversant with the public life of this country. He had a keen, well-trained business mind and was a man of great stature in the parliamentary circles of Canada. My good fortune in being associated with him in the work of this house will ever remain in my memory.

I desire to express to Mrs. Ballantyne and the other members of his family my personal regret and my sincere grief at his passing.

Hon. Vincent Dupuis (Translation): Honourable senators, may I add a word of tribute to the memory of the great man who has passed away, Honourable Senator Ballantyne.

I was deeply grieved at the news of the death of this worthy representative of my province. I had a personal reason for thinking highly of him. In 1919, I had the privilege of being one of the law students who represented McGill University at the funeral of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Edward Beatty, then president of the Canadian Pacific, who was aware of my limited means ordered a pass issued for my trip from Montreal to Ottawa and, upon our arrival here, the Honourable Mr. Ballantyne, who was then a minister of the Crown, met us at the station and very kindly looked after all our needs during our stay in Ottawa.

Ten years later, when I became a member of parliament, I had occasion to know him intimately, and it was with pleasure and a sense of gratitude that I used to call him my benefactor.

In my opinion, the outstanding trait of our departed friend was his constant care to see that our fellow-citizens of other provinces should get better acquainted with the population of the province of Quebec. It may well be said of him that he was one of our most active promoters of mutual understanding between racial groups.

I, therefore, consider it a sacred duty to add my humble tribute to that of my colleagues, and to offer to the bereaved family my most sincere sympathy.

Hon. A. K. Hugessen: Honourable senators, I think I should add just one word to what has fallen from the lips of a number of honourable senators this afternoon about the death of Senator Ballantyne, more particularly because I come from Montreal, a city which he adorned for so many years and in which he was one of our commercial and industrial leaders. He made a great position for himself in the commercial life of that city before he ever entered the political sphere.

The honourable leaders of this house were quite right when they referred to Senator Ballantyne's great and profound sense of duty. I think it was that sense of duty which induced him to enter the political life of Canada at an age when he had already established himself in other activities. I think, too, it was that sense of duty which carried him through the political era in which he was a Minister of the Crown. I am sure that his name will always be associated with the beginnings of our Canadian navy and our Canadian merchant marine. Honourable senators will recall how vitally interested our late colleague was whenever any question of the navy or the merchant marine came up in this house in recent years. He never failed to have a word to say on these matters, and I think he would really prefer to be remembered in this house and in the other house of parliament, and by the people of Canada, as one of the first to have an intimate connection with and a great deal to do with the development of our Canadian navy and our Canadian merchant marine.

I join with my honourable colleagues in expressing to his widow and to his sons our profound regret at his death.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.