

burned down twice within the last fifteen years, and I am sure that those who were close to his work will agree with me when I say that he rebuilt the university himself. He was a close adviser to all his political leaders, and he had the honour to be chosen by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a testamentary executor.

In May, 1925, Sir James Lougheed congratulated Senator B  ique upon his attaining his eightieth year and being sworn in as a member of the Privy Council. At that time Sir James also said:

This is a very proper recognition of services which, to my mind, have been of an invaluable character, especially those rendered in this Chamber. For some twenty-three years my honourable friend has been an active member of the Senate of Canada, and has contributed probably in a greater degree than any other member of this Chamber to the legislation which, from time to time, has passed this House.

No greater compliment could be paid him than was paid that day, and it has been practically repeated, in different words, by my right honourable friend this evening.

I join with the right honourable gentleman in extending my sympathy to the families of our departed colleagues.

Hon. THOMAS CHAPAIS (Translation): It is extremely difficult to add anything to such eloquent and sympathetic eulogies as have just been pronounced in this Chamber in memory of our departed colleagues. I desire simply and modestly to re-echo these expressions of sorrow and regret.

The members of the Senate who have passed to the Great Beyond since last session were among the most deserving of our esteem. In the praise bestowed upon them by our honourable leaders we all concur. May I be permitted for a moment to lay my tributes of respect upon three of these tombs which have just been closed.

Hon. Senator Poirier was the only survivor among us from an epoch in our parliamentary history with which is identified the great name of Sir John Macdonald. Noble Acadia looked upon him as her most illustrious son and most worthy representative. Combining literary gifts with a passion for work, he has left us a number of valuable and brilliant productions which have won admiration not only at home, but likewise abroad. In this Chamber his eloquence was especially notable in his tributes to deceased colleagues. Do we not recall, honourable members, some of those brief funeral orations which revealed the high plane of his thought and the nobility of his heart? The works he has bequeathed to his fellow citizens will

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perpetuate his name, and he leaves with us an enduring memory.

Hon. Mr. B  ique was the personification of parliamentary experience, political wisdom and legal knowledge. Almost a nonagenarian, he astonished us by his constant devotion to duty, his untiring mental activity, his unflinching memory, the range of his knowledge of law, his extraordinary legislative skill. To the committees of this House he brought the most enlightening and most fruitful co-operation. Public legislation of the greatest importance is due to his energetic initiative and patient toil. He was one of those who always say, "Non recuso laborem." By his death we lose one of the few survivors of the pre-Confederation era. For my part, I shall long miss his conversation, rich in reminiscences, each a fascinating lesson in contemporary history.

And now may I bid a tender farewell to my colleague and friend Senator Tessier. Our relations extended over forty years. But in later years they had become more intimate and more constant. Then it was that I learned particularly to esteem and appreciate him. Indeed, only those who came into close contact with his life could know his real human and social worth. His most admirable qualities were rectitude of mind and goodness of heart. He possessed to a remarkable degree the faculty of discernment. Without making much of it, sometimes even without showing it, he knew how to apply to words, actions or character a judgment often caustic in expression and almost always uncommonly accurate. He did not stop at appearances, but delved down to the reality. Dignified, but affable, and never failing in courtesy, he typified among us the gentleman of the old school. What shall be said of his kindness and humanity? His humble reticence could not entirely hide the quiet generosity that alleviated so much misfortune and distress. Only a kindred soul, who might be called "the witness of his life," and to whom I cannot refrain at this moment from paying homage, could unveil the secrets of their beneficent collaboration in the great work of charity, the noblest that can be accomplished on earth.

Our deceased colleague would be surprised at this eulogy, for true humility was one of his virtues. But I know that in this Chamber, and outside, and especially in old Quebec, of which he was one of the most eminent citizens, a chorus of voices will feelingly bear testimony to the truth of what has been said.

Hon. Senator Tessier is among us no more. But his memory abides with us, as it will abide