

passing of one of our esteemed colleagues during the interval since we last met. I refer to the death of the senator from Richmond-West, Cape Breton, the Honourable John Alexander Macdonald, M.D., C.M., who died in the Glace Bay hospital on June 11, 1945.

Senator Macdonald was born on January 3, 1883, at Havre Boucher, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, the son of Hugh Macdonald and Mary Macdonald, both Scotch Canadians. He was educated at the public schools, and afterwards at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, where he completed a preliminary course of studies leading up to his entrance to Dalhousie Medical College at Halifax. While attending St. Francis Xavier, in addition to completing a successful scholastic course, he participated widely in athletics, showing great prowess in many lines of sport.

Graduating from Dalhousie Medical School, Senator Macdonald commenced the practice of his profession at River Hebert, Nova Scotia, under one of the most proficient and outstanding physicians in the country, the late Dr. K. J. Rockwell. While living at River Hebert, he married Lulu Margaret, daughter of Hugh Maxwell of Rider John, Pictou County. He later moved to St. Peters, Cape Breton, where, in addition to practising his profession he interested himself most successfully in political activities. He was elected to the Nova Scotia legislature in 1916, was re-elected in 1920 and 1925. Afterwards, in 1925, 1926 and 1930, he was successful in the federal elections, and represented the constituency of Richmond-West, Cape Breton, in the House of Commons, where he held his seat until he resigned in 1930 to make way for the entry into the federal cabinet of the late Honourable E. N. Rhodes. On the 3rd of February, 1932, our late colleague was appointed to the Senate of Canada.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Hern.

For more than thirty years the late Senator Macdonald occupied a prominent position in his native province, and particularly in the island of Cape Breton. He was a man of strong convictions and intense loyalty to his friends. Enjoying a large medical practice, he helped others less fortunate than himself to regain health and strength, giving generously of his time and ability, and many homes in Cape Breton will mourn the passing of their friend and physician.

On behalf of honourable members of this House, I extend to the widow and daughter of our late colleague our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, the news of Senator Macdonald's death came to me as a great shock, as I am sure it did to all his friends in this Chamber, for he was still a young man and it was not even known that he had been ill.

The brief sketch of his career to which we have just listened shows that our departed colleague certainly had what is called a full life. He was a prominent member of the medical profession, and as a member, first, of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, then of the House of Commons and, finally, of the Senate, he gave generously of his abilities to the public service. Senator Macdonald did not speak very often in this House—I might say that he spoke too infrequently to suit us; but when he did have something to say he expressed himself clearly and to the point.

I desire to join with all my colleagues on this side of the House in conveying to Mrs. Macdonald and her daughter our sincere sympathy.

Hon. DONALD MacLENNAN: Honourable senators, as an old acquaintance of the late Dr. Macdonald, I wish to say a few words. I knew him for many years. We were fellow-members of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for some ten years, but we were acquainted with each other before that period. He was a man of positive opinions, but was very charitable. I know, in fact, that he was far more charitable than he led people to believe. I have been told by prominent physicians that he was a splendid country doctor. I have it from several sources that, considering the limited facilities at his command, it was amazing how skilfully he practised his profession. He was pre-eminently the poor man's physician; he was never known to refuse a sick call, and in many cases he accepted no reward whatsoever.

Although the late senator ran in some four or five elections in the constituency of Richmond, he was never defeated there. It is not by accident that a man is elected successively four or five times, and when one has such a record as that he must possess some qualities that appeal to the people who know him best.

I think it is most fitting that the members of this Chamber express their sympathy to his estimable widow and to his daughter, Mrs. Hern, in their great loss.

Hon. FELIX P. QUINN: Honourable senators, may I join those who have preceded me in paying tribute to our late friend and colleague, Dr. Macdonald. He was perhaps closer to me than to any other member of this Chamber. I had known him since he first