

election of 1935 and was re-elected in 1940, 1945 and 1949. He was appointed to the Senate in June 1953, but his political activities started long before he entered Parliament. He joined the Liberal party as a young man and never left it. He has been one of the best speakers of that party and was in great demand throughout the province. He belongs in a class which is seemingly fading, for he could mix cheerfulness with political activities. This gift of his was due to his pleasant sense of humour.

In recent years, his poor health and the nature of his illness tended to lessen the qualities that made him so genial. All those who knew him will greatly miss him and we wish him and his wife many more years of happiness.

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Senator John Alexander Buchanan, who resigned in October 1965, at age 78, is a person who might aptly be described as a pioneer builder of the Canadian Northwest. Born and educated in Ontario, he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1909 as a Civil Engineer. In 1910 he was invited by the Surveyor General of Canada to join a survey party for work in the foothills west of Alberta. In that journey he succumbed to the attraction of the north and returned to conduct surveys and provide engineering services, and to participate in much of the construction opening up this area.

His political sympathies lay with the party of the honourable gentlemen opposite, and I know we will be hearing more of that aspect of Senator Buchanan's activities a little later.

Senator Buchanan was summoned to the Senate in January 1959, and I have always thought it a happy fact that he was a member of this chamber when the legislation authorizing the construction of the Pine Point Railway came before us. Senator Buchanan had been a very early and ardent proponent of this project. His faith in this development has been fully justified, as indeed has his faith in the development of the entire north-west.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Senator Buchanan and Mrs. Buchanan health and happiness in retirement.

Honourable senators, Dr. Grant of Prince Edward Island also availed himself of the opportunity to retire. Born in 1876, Senator Grant has known a remarkable life. In early years he was a school teacher and postal

clerk. In 1908 he entered medical school, and upon graduation started a practice in his home area. Senator Grant was a country doctor in the truest sense of the word. He was the type of man who never refused a call to anyone, and who provided, in effect, health services to an entire area. He and Mrs. Grant also raised a very large and admirable family. They had thirteen children, and ten of these entered medical and related professions.

A lifelong Liberal, he was secretary of his county Liberal Association and a member of the provincial Legislature. He also served as a minister in the provincial government, and he resigned in 1930 to accept nomination for a seat in the House of Commons. Unsuccessful in his first attempt, Dr. Grant won election in 1935, and re-election in 1940 and 1945. He came to the Senate in 1949.

Senator and Mrs. Grant are spending their retirement in his native province and near his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May they have comfort and true happiness.

Hon. John J. Kinley: Honourable senators, I thank the Leader for the tributes which he paid to a Nova Scotian who made his mark in public life. Senator Robertson was a member of the Nova Scotia Legislature, as were his father and grandfather before him. One was Speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislature and one was Commissioner of Mines. His father was also at one time a member of the House of Commons here in Ottawa.

Politics was in his bloodstream and he moved forward rapidly. He was leader of the National Liberal Association, and he made his finest contribution here as Government Leader in the Senate and afterwards as Speaker. I think that is a very fine achievement. We regret that he has been obliged to resign because of ill health, and we regret it the more because he is still a comparatively young man. We know that he is thinking of us today and he will be glad that we are thinking of him. I know from what has been said of him and placed on our record of today's proceedings that it will be a great comfort to him to hear of his achievements in the past and to learn how much we appreciate the manner in which he has done his duty to his country in war and in peace.

I know that his wife, who is still strong, and his family will be a great comfort to him at this time. We hope that he will live long in comfort and in peace and he will not suffer too much from the disabilities which have beset him.