

to remind the house that during the period in which you acted as chairman of that committee there was before it a large volume of legislation, much of it involved and some of it highly controversial. In each case the deliberations were carried on in a spirit and manner in keeping with the best traditions of the Senate of Canada; the consideration was thorough and the conclusion arrived at was sound. This was due in no small measure to your skill, patience and unfailing courtesy. There is, I believe, complete confidence on the part of all that these qualities which you possess to such a remarkable degree will serve you well in the discharge of the responsibilities of the high office to which you have attained.

May I add a personal word? Your term of office as chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee approximates mine as government leader in the Senate. You know, sir, how often I have been compelled to lean on you for counsel and advice, which was at all times willingly and cheerfully given. I thank you for it, and wish you well.

As Speaker of the Senate, you are following a long line of distinguished public men, not the least of whom is the honourable senator from Kootenay East (Hon. Mr. King) who has just preceded you. We believe, Mr. Speaker, that you also will bring additional honour to this high office, and I assure you that in the discharge of your duties you will have the loyal support and fullest co-operation of your colleagues.

(Translation):

Hon. Lucien Moraud: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the leader of the opposition, I have the perilous honour and, at the same time, the most enjoyable duty, of agreeing with what the leader of the government has just now so aptly said of you.

Before becoming a member of this house you were already a credit to the profession to which we both belong you were also a credit to your province; and since your appointment to the Senate, the dignity and broadness of mind with which you have presided over the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce have been a subject of pride to all of us.

May I repeat that I did not expect to second the motion of the leader of the government. I must apologize for doing it in such an unsatisfactory manner. Nevertheless, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that you are the ideal successor of one who, before you, presided over this house with so much dignity. You also, I am sure, will discharge the duties of your office with much ability and prestige.

Hon. J. H. King: Honourable senators, as the retiring Speaker, may I concur in the

remarks of the two leaders, and extend to my successor, the Honourable the Speaker, my best wishes and hopes for his pleasure and enjoyment in the high and distinguished office which he now holds.

Hon. Paul-Henri Bouffard: Mr. Speaker, I take pleasure in offering you, on behalf of my colleagues of this house, my most sincere congratulations.

Senator Beaugard has been known to me for many years indeed. I knew him as a lawyer, and I am aware of the services which he has for so long rendered the Liberal party. I knew him also as chairman of the standing committee on banking and commerce; in all spheres, he has been an example for all his fellow-lawyers as well as for all those who took part in the debates of this house.

It is not only an honour but also a well-deserved reward for us, French-Canadians, to have a member of our race as Speaker of the Senate. I wish to congratulate Senator Beaugard again, and to repeat, at the very opening of this new Parliament, that he has always set in every sphere an example which we, who have had the privilege of knowing him and the good fortune of associating with him, have endeavoured to follow.

I congratulate him for the prestige which his appointment will bring us as I feel certain that, as Speaker of the Senate, he will remain a model to us.

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The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable members, as you may understand, I am too deeply moved to acknowledge as I should the remarks that have been made by the leader of the government (Hon. Mr. Robertson) and by the acting leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Moraud) and the greetings of other honourable senators. All I can say to my colleagues at this time, and I say it from the bottom of my heart, is "Thank you".

(Translation):

Honourable senators, I do not wish to miss this opportunity of acknowledging briefly the flattering remarks which you were kind enough to make about my career up to this time.

I wish to thank particularly my colleagues of the Bar for their gracious attention in recalling our professional relations.

I feel very grateful to His Excellency for my promotion as Speaker of the Senate, in which capacity I shall always strive to follow the tradition and example of my distinguished predecessors. I thank you.

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The Senate adjourned during pleasure.