

of their colleagues. It is a loss that we on this side share with them, for I am sure all honourable members feel that this house is much the poorer by reason of it.

I wish also to join in the expression of sympathy to the families of our departed colleagues, and I trust that His Honour the Speaker and the Clerk of the House will convey our condolences to them.

The departure in such a short time of so many of our number reminds me of this saying of the French philosopher Jouffroy:

When we leave this world, what does it matter to others and to ourselves whether honour, happiness or sorrow have fallen to our lot? All these things exist only at the moment when they are felt; the trace of the wind through the leaves is not more fugitive. We take away with us from this life only the perfection acquired by our souls; we leave in this world only the good we have accomplished.

Hon. Iva C. Fallis: Honourable senators, in all the years that I have been in the Senate this is the first time that I have risen to speak on an occasion such as this, for in the past I have always felt that the leaders on both sides and those who were most closely associated with our late colleagues could say all that was necessary. But today, in addition to associating myself with the tributes that have been paid, I feel that as the sole remaining Conservative senator for the province of Ontario I should pay my own special tribute to those of our departed colleagues who also belonged to my province.

When I first became actively interested in political life the late Senator Sutherland was one of the ablest and most active men in our party. An experienced parliamentarian and a fluent speaker, he was in great demand on the public platform, especially in rural constituencies. The honourable leader on this side referred to the fact that in earlier days the late senator was the only person who could carry the County of Oxford for the Conservative party, and I might say that if you had known Donald Sutherland in those days you would have easily understood why that was so. I had the privilege of being in his home many times and of making trips through his constituency, and especially in that section of western Ontario where he was well known, so I have personal knowledge of the very high esteem in which he was held by people of all political affiliations.

Both the late senators Donnelly and White had been members of this house for many years when I came here, in 1935. Both gave me a very warm welcome, and as the years passed a deep and lasting friendship developed. Senator Donnelly, as we all know, was an able and effective speaker, and although in late years his speeches were usually short and always extemporaneous,

they were nevertheless well worth listening to. I think that was because he possessed unusually good common sense and good judgment. I know that as a newcomer to this house I many times asked his advice, and I was always glad when I followed it.

Of Senator White I can only say, with my leader, that he was beloved by us all—beloved for his kindly nature, his never failing good humour, his keen sense of humour and his faithfulness to duty. In this house we have many faithful members, but I do not think there is one more conscientious than Gerald White always was in the discharge of his duties. In his attendance here he rarely missed a day, and when he did it was for some absolutely unavoidable reason. In fact, he rarely missed an hour. He was here for prayers and he stayed until adjournment, practically every day of the session, and in that I think he possibly set an example to all of us. In common with those who sit with me here I can only say, very truly, that the Senate will be a poorer place because of his passing.

I wish to join those who have preceded me in extending my deepest sympathy to the immediate families of all our late colleagues.

Hon. J. E. Sinclair: Honourable members of the Senate, I wish to associate myself with the two leaders and the other members who have spoken in extending sympathy to the families of our colleagues who have passed away since we last met here. I wish particularly to say a few words with reference to two of those colleagues.

I knew the late Senator Macdonald for many years. He was well known in the public life of his native province and he had a long public career. He was first elected to the legislature of his province in 1908, and was re-elected in 1911, at which time he was taken into the government as a minister without portfolio. In 1923 he was again re-elected, and was appointed Minister of Public Works and Highways. He left that office in 1925 when he was elected to the House of Commons for Kings County, a seat that he retained until 1935. From 1930 to 1935 he was minister without portfolio. He was summoned to the Senate in 1935 and continued as a member of this chamber until his death in November last.

In private life the late senator was a successful businessman, carrying on operations as a general merchant and shipper and exporter of farm produce. He always took a keen interest in community welfare.

I wish to join the leaders in this house and other senators in extending to his widow and seven children, who are left to mourn his passing, our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.