

very junior senators. However, each of these three late colleagues came to this chamber after I was appointed.

I knew Senator Wall better than our other late colleagues. For him to have died at the age of 51 years is a great tragedy, not only for this chamber but for the country as well. He had been in ill health for several years.

Senator Wall was an educator, a very well qualified educator, and he understood the purpose of education. I believe it was because of his education that the quality of his work in the Senate was not only high, but grew in importance as it developed. He was a useful member of this chamber and an ornament to it. The personal research he undertook was displayed in the kind of speeches he made and in the kind of work he did in committees—in particular, if I may say so, the Special Committee on Manpower and Employment which sat two years ago.

The honourable leaders on both sides of this chamber have referred to the fact that Senator Wall was the first senator of Ukrainian origin to be appointed. He brought here a deep concern for the welfare of his people, of the people of his forefathers, and an equally deep concern for others similarly situated in the grip of communism in Europe. I believe that the speeches he made here on these subjects bear re-reading by all of us.

As the honourable Leader on this side (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) has said, Senator Wall was a deeply religious man, but he was also very conscious of the importance of religion in the history and the life of a people and of nations. Many of his speeches referred to the condition of peoples behind the Iron Curtain, and he pointed out that in so many cases very few of them have little to fall back upon in these days other than the religion in which they believe.

Senator Wall's death is a loss to the Senate; it is also a personal loss to many honourable senators, because both he and his wife enjoyed a personal popularity in this chamber and in Parliament, one which is enjoyed perhaps by very few of us.

(Translation):

I should now like to say a few words in the late Senator Henri Bois' mother tongue. Senator Bois' stay here was of short duration. He was appointed to the Senate in 1957. He had received a fine education in Canadian and American universities. He served in the armed forces during World War I. Having devoted practically all of his professional career to agriculture, he was an expert in that field and that is why the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent appointed him to the Senate when the Committee on Land use in Canada was established.

He understood the problems of agriculture, the problems of farmers throughout Canada but especially of farmers from the province of Quebec. He was convinced of the urgency of industrialization in his province but he did not underestimate the importance of farming and of family values in his native province. He never forgot the tradition which is illustrated by the word *habitant*.

Unfortunately, he was in poor health and, as a result of his death, the Senate is deprived of a distinguished, devoted, competent and sincere statesman.

(Text):

Regarding my friend Bill Brunt—for I believe he was a friend of us all—the shock that the Honourable Mr. Aseltine described was, I am sure, shared by every one of us.

Senator Brunt was a lawyer of eminence and high standing in this province. He was an energetic administrator, and we in this chamber saw all the evidence of that great quality. Bill Brunt was a party man, one who worked with sincerity in the interests of the party he supported. He was respected as a power in that party, and with reason. I believe I can speak out of some knowledge of his approach when I say that he served his party with a sense of objectivity, without venom, never with a descent to personalities, and always with a capacity to appreciate an opponent's position.

In this country, where we have the party system, Bill Brunt, in his work for his party, and on this count alone, made a worthy contribution to the welfare of our parliamentary institutions and our public life. Of course he was interested in the work of the Senate, and he did a great deal—particularly in the work of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, of which he was chairman—to make the Senate a more effective, a more useful instrument in the functioning of Parliament. Again, his work in the Special Committee of the Senate on Manpower and Employment was outstanding, because that committee could not have been a success had there not been co-operation from both sides of this chamber. We have Senator Brunt to thank for much of the understanding and co-operation that went into the establishment and the effective working of that committee.

Hon. Olive L. Irvine: Honourable senators, may I be permitted to share in the tributes being paid this evening to the memory of our colleagues and in particular to a native of my own province of Manitoba, the late Senator Wall.

Senator Wall, as has been said, was of Ukrainian descent, a graduate of the University of Manitoba who later took post-graduate work at both Yale and Harvard. He was a keen student in every sense of the word.