

doubt that it will be essential to have the sympathy and collaboration of all honourable senators on both sides of the chamber if the business of the Senate is to proceed in its usual orderly manner, and I earnestly entreat your assistance to this end.

May I make a special reference to the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition here in the Senate. Senator Brooks and I have been friends since his coming to the Senate. I have had the opportunity to observe his great qualities as a leader. He has all my admiration and respect, and I hope that in time I will be fortunate enough to gain his confidence and respect. If in the days ahead we should reveal a certain diversity in political thinking and outlooks, I am sure it will not be considered unusual, and I am equally certain that it should not in any way alter our mutual respect.

Honourable senators, this is the spirit with which I propose to fulfil my duties. I pray again that our leader will be back shortly and will find the Senate conducting its affairs with the same spirit of collaboration and co-operation as when he left.

THE LATE SENATORS LAMBERT, WOOD, AND COMEAU

TRIBUTES

Hon. Paul H. Bouffard: Honourable senators, my first duty in my new role in this chamber is a sad one. I am charged with the responsibility of drawing to the attention of the Senate the toll that time has exacted from our membership since last we met. Death has claimed three of our most illustrious members—Senators Lambert, Wood and Comeau.

Senator Norman Lambert, who died early in November in his eighty-first year, was one of the Senate's most distinguished sons. His career is characterized by excellency and success in several areas. Early in life he achieved distinction as one of Canada's outstanding journalists and, indeed, journalism always remained one of his interests. Senator Lambert retained always his great mastery of prose style and was continually in demand as a reviewer and essayist. His journalistic background served him well in this forum also; his addresses here were remarkable not only for their grasp of subject matter but also for their precise and appealing use of the English language.

Senator Lambert was more than an observer of Canada's public life. He was also a participant in public life. His earliest political

associations were in western Canada. He was Secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in the active years preceding the creation of the Progressive Party. In 1932 he became the first Secretary of the newly created National Liberal Federation and directed the organization of the Liberal Party through its highly successful 1935 election campaign. Later that year he was elected President of the National Liberal Federation, succeeding the Right Honourable Vincent Massey. In January of 1938 he was summoned to the Senate.

His career in the Senate of Canada was one which reflected great credit on both himself and the chamber. There are many here who had a much longer association with Senator Lambert than I, and from whose remarks I know we will gain a more complete appreciation of the man. May I simply be permitted to observe that in many ways Senator Lambert epitomized what is best in the Senate tradition.

He was interested in all subjects which came before us, and was an active member of our committees. Moreover, he was a student of Parliament and of the parliamentary process, and in addition he was one of its most enlightened and effective critics.

Honourable senators, the funeral service for Senator Lambert was held on November 8. The Prime Minister of Canada was there, as was the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and numerous other public figures. I cannot help but reflect that that day—a day of national election—was a fitting one on which to mourn the passing of our late colleague Senator Lambert. While we in this chamber will miss him, I know his absence is most deeply felt by his dear wife and four children. It is to them that our hearts go out, and I offer them our heartfelt condolences.

Honourable senators, the month of November also took from us the Honourable Thomas Wood of Regina. Senator Wood had been a member since 1949. He was closely attached to the interests of his province and region and had an outstanding career in Saskatchewan before coming to Ottawa. His business activities were varied and highly successful. Senator Wood was also a man who found time for constructive service on behalf of the political party of his preference. For many years he was a principal organizer for the provincial Liberal Party, and shared a long and fruitful association with the Right Honourable J. G. Gardiner.

The interests of Saskatchewan remained dear to him here in the Senate. His first