

During the time you have occupied a seat in this Chamber, you have been assiduous in your attendance, both in the Chamber and on the Committees, and have endeared yourself to all whom you have come in contact with by your gracious and kindly manner and your desire to attain your object without hurting or doing violence to the feelings of others, consequently, the present action of the Senate is unanimous and gives expression to the sincere sentiment of your colleagues of all shades of opinion, who unite in the hope that the Almighty may be pleased to prolong for years a life which has throughout been lived with a continued consciousness of His Divine oversight.

HEWITT BOSTOCK,

Speaker,

On behalf of the Members of the Senate.

The Senate, Wednesday, 1st February, 1928.

Hon. G. C. DESSAULLES (Translation): Mr. Speaker, honourable gentlemen of the Senate and members of the House of Commons, I highly appreciate the remarkable reception that you have given me on this occasion. I have done nothing extraordinary in my life. I have always tried to do my best for the prosperity of the country, and particularly the prosperity of the little town of St. Hyacinthe, to which I belong. I have always appreciated the honour of receiving visitors at St. Hyacinthe. They find it a very beautiful town and are glad to come and visit it often. Honourable gentlemen, I desire to express my sincere thanks.

I appreciate also the very great honour that is done me in placing my portrait in the Senate Gallery, amongst those of Speakers and Members who have rendered signal service to our country. I have tried to be useful to my fellow citizens in the offices which they have entrusted to me, and I have been infinitely compensated by the confidence which they have reposed in me, and of which you give me to-day another example.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker and Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate: On behalf of the House of Commons, may I thank you very warmly for your courtesy in extending to the members of our House an invitation to be present with the members of the Senate at this interesting and historic ceremony.

We are indeed proud to have the honour of joining with you in congratulating Mr. Dessaulles on the great age he has attained, and on the service he has given with so great distinction to himself, to his province, and to

his country. It is an honour to him to be presented by his colleagues with this excellent portrait of himself as a memorial of this occasion; but we all feel, I think, that it is an even greater honour to ourselves to have in our midst one who has reached the great age of a hundred years, and whose life has been so singularly useful and noble.

When we recall that at the time, just a few months ago, when we were celebrating in Canada the sixtieth anniversary of this Dominion, Senator Dessaulles had been celebrating his hundredth anniversary, we are able to appreciate how appropriate it is that we should for a few moments adjourn the proceedings of the two Houses in order to pay this slight tribute to so distinguished a member of our Parliament.

It will be of interest to all of us to know, and to me personally it is a matter of special interest, that at the time of the Rebellion of 1837, Mr. Dessaulles, then ten years of age, was placed under arrest, and though not imprisoned was placed under surveillance for the greater part of a year. I understand that the Senator has at the present time a distinct recollection of the stirring events of those days. His mother was a sister of Louis Joseph Papineau. To have in our midst one who in his personality relates the past with the present of Canadian history to the degree which he does is something for which all of us may well have reason to be proud.

I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that we of the Commons re-echo in fullest measure the sentiments which have been expressed so admirably and so beautifully in the address which you have just presented to Senator Dessaulles. It is a source of pride and satisfaction to us that there will be preserved for other generations the splendid portrait of himself which is being presented to Senator Dessaulles to-day. The presentation is one for the Senator, but two for the Senate, because I understand that the portrait is to remain here.

May I, in conclusion, say to Senator Dessaulles that we, who are members of both Houses of this Parliament, feel towards him all the pride that it is possible to feel towards a citizen of our country who has done is so great honour by so long a life of useful public service, and that we feel towards him not only the respect that is owing to years, but the veneration that comes to great age when great age is its own benediction upon a life devoted to noble work. That Time and Care may deal gently with him throughout his remaining days is the wish of all in whose name I have the honour to speak.