

There will be much to say in a biography of Chubby, and much of it will be the good talk he loved.

His body lies tonight in the warm soil of his beloved Quebec. May that soil lie lightly on him. May "his grave the warmer and sweeter be." His warm heart is stilled. May his noble soul, now gathered unto his fathers, rest in perpetual peace.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, as you have been reminded by Senator John Connolly, it is less than a year ago since I and others rose in this chamber to praise both Senator Power and Senator Vien, who held the record of having been elected to the other place in December, 1917.

Senator Power holds a record that no other Canadian ever held, that of being in Parliament for an uninterrupted period of 50 years. Last summer he passed away after a short illness. Known to all as "Chubby", the late senator had a most engaging personality. A parliamentarian in the truest sense of the word, as was said by Senator Connolly, he has been for a long time a living legend.

Chubby Power had only friends, and even his political foes had great admiration for him. After his return from the First World War, where he was wounded twice, he was elected in 1917 to represent the riding of Quebec South in the House of Commons. His constituents renewed his mandate and their confidence in him ten times, and he represented them in the House of Commons until he was summoned to the Senate in 1955.

During the Second World War, as Minister of Defence with particular responsibility for the Air Force, Senator Power not only built our own Canadian Air Force but was responsible for the success of the Commonwealth Air Training Program.

A traditional politician, he built the now-disappeared riding of Quebec South into one of the strongest Liberal ridings in Quebec. Only once did the Conservatives win it, and I had this unique honour. His talent as a political organizer was equalled only by his talent as a parliamentarian. A die-hard Liberal, he nevertheless on several occasions criticized his party's stand, and everybody recalls that he resigned from Mr. King's Cabinet on the conscription issue.

It might be long before Canadian politics produces another man like Senator Power. At this time I wish again to assure Mrs. Power, her two sons, Francis Gavan and William Pendleton, and her daughter Rosemary, and all the members of the late senator's family,

of our deepest regret, and to extend my personal condolences and those of the political group on this side of the chamber.

[*Translation*]

I mentioned earlier that we had marked in December the 50th anniversary of the election to the House of Commons of Senator Vien, who has decided to go into well-deserved retirement. Senator Vien has had a career which can only be compared to that of Senator Power. He is retiring from public life after over 50 years of loyal service to his country for, even during the period when he sat neither in this house nor in the other place, he was a member of the railway commission.

As I have already pointed out, Senator Vien was elected to the House of Commons for the first time in 1917, and represented the riding of Lotbinière until 1925.

Later, having moved his family and his lawyer's practice to Montreal, Senator Vien was elected to the House of Commons for the riding of Outremont, before being appointed to the Senate in 1942. From 1943 to 1945, he was Speaker of the Senate.

Those who knew him here will not soon forget his interventions in our debates, interventions which were always to the point, highly erudite and bearing the imprint of a great wisdom.

A man of eminent distinction, he was a credit to the Senate. I want to assure him that all senators sitting at the far left of the Speaker hold him in great affection and I convey to him on their behalf our best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

Honourable senators, we were surprised to learn during this summer near at end that Senator Jean-François Pouliot had resigned for health reasons.

We were surprised, indeed, because even during the last session, his frequent interventions in our debates had left us the impression that he was in perfect health after the accident he had suffered last year. Fortunately, according to the last news, he is better now and back home at Rivière-du-Loup. We are very pleased about it.

Because of his long and fruitful political career and also of his qualities as a jurist, Senator Pouliot is well known right across the country.

Over a period of 44 years, Senator Pouliot sat continuously in one or the other house and, at the time of his resignation, he had been sitting in this house for 13 years.