

in the dying hours of the first session of last year, gave the Governor in Council power to prevent interprovincial trade in dairy products, including margarine. It is to that prohibition that this new measure is directed. If the government can prevent interprovincial trade in one class of commodity it can do so in all, and thus violate the spirit, certainly, if not the letter, of one of the basic principles of confederation contained in the British North America Act, namely, freedom of trade within the provinces. It is to prevent the violation of that principle that I introduced Bill B yesterday.

THE LATE SENATORS AYLESWORTH AND BOURQUE

TRIBUTES TO THEIR MEMORY

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson: Honourable senators, it is my unhappy duty to officially report to the house the passing, since we last met, of two of our senior colleagues. The Honourable Sir Allen Bristol Aylesworth, Q.C., K.C.M.G., the oldest member of this honourable body, died at his home in Toronto on February 13, and the Honourable Thomas J. Bourque, who at the time of his death enjoyed the distinction of being the dean of the Senate in point of seniority of appointment, passed away at his home in Richibucto, New Brunswick on February 16.

Senator Aylesworth was born in 1854 of United Empire Loyalist stock. He was educated at the University of Toronto, where he received his M. A. degree in 1875. At the time of his death he was the university's oldest living graduate. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1878, and was created a Queen's Counsel for the province in 1889, and for the Dominion of Canada in 1890. He was a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada continuously from 1891 to the time of his death, and practised law with the same firm in Toronto for half a century prior to his retirement from this field in 1924. At the time of his death he was the senior member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

Sir Allen's notable career of public service commenced in 1903, when he was one of His Majesty's Commissioners for settlement of the Alaska Boundary. He represented Canada and Britain, as agent, before the Hague Tribunal in the Fisheries Arbitration in 1910, and was a delegate to Washington with reference to the Hague Tribunal Award in 1911. In January of that year he was created a K.C.M.G. in recognition of his services in connection with the fisheries arbitration.

Senator Aylesworth was elected to the House of Commons for North York in 1905. He was appointed Postmaster General and

Minister of Labour in the Laurier cabinet in October 1905, and became Minister of Justice in June of the following year. In the general election of 1908 he was re-elected; but in 1911, owing to increasing physical disabilities, he did not run. Sir Allen was called to the Upper Chamber on January 11, 1923 as representative of the district of North York.

For the first three years after I was appointed to the Senate, Sir Allen, though grievously handicapped by deafness, displayed an amazing ability of keeping in touch with every important question that was before this house. He regularly attended sittings of the Senate and the committees, and took the keenest interest in everything under discussion. Needless to say because of his long experience and great abilities, any views that he expressed commanded the greatest attention and respect. Though for the last year or two his infirmity resulted in his less frequent attendance at the sittings of this house, he will long be remembered as one of the most able and distinguished of our colleagues.

Senator Bourque was born at Memramcook, New Brunswick, of Acadian stock, in 1864, and was the last member of this chamber who was born in pre-Confederation days. He received his education at St. Joseph's University, Westmoreland County, New Brunswick, and had practised his profession as physician and surgeon in Richibucto, New Brunswick, since 1889.

Our late colleague was first elected to the New Brunswick legislature in 1908, and was re-elected in 1912. He was summoned to the Senate in 1917, and was thus for some years dean of this honourable body in seniority, as he was for a brief period in age. To our late esteemed colleague's three daughters we extend our deepest sympathy.

When I first assumed the responsibility of government leadership in this house, Senator Bourque was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Health and Welfare, over which he presided with his customary courtesy and ability. It was my good fortune to have the honour of nominating him for several years afterwards, until he voluntarily relinquished the position feeling that he was no longer able to do justice to it.

As an outstanding representative of the Acadians of the Maritime Province, Senator Bourque's long life of usefulness entitles him to lasting remembrance among all those with whom he was associated.

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I think we all agree with the remarks made by the honourable leader of this chamber