

less, and is well known to all of you. I had occasion to go to him once or twice, in years gone by, when he was sick, to find out what we should do. He would straighten up and make the whole thing clear to me, and everything would go along all right. He had friends on every side. He was not only a statesman; he was an educationist and an all-round man.

Mr. Rhodes was a much younger man. He too always did his work like a statesman. I do not know of any man who sat in the Speaker's chair in the Commons who was kinder or more compatible than he. I am not trying to make a speech at all. You know these men as well as I do. You know they were grand specimens of men, whose like will not soon be seen among us again.

It seems to me that in this Chamber we are not very partial in a political sense. Perhaps I was, but I do not think my friend Dandurand was. If he was, he did not say so. And I kept my mouth shut.

We have to face the future. Though some of our best men have departed, we still have able men in this House—and women too. When our lady members give us advice, they do it very well, in a quiet way. We have a duty to perform now to fill up the gaps and do all we can to help bring Canada out of the position in which she finds herself. I know that the men on both sides of this House, and the women too, will do their part, and more than their part, to make this country even greater than it has been in the past.

Hon. C. P. BEAUBIEN: Honourable senators, I wish to join in the laudatory remarks that have been made by the acting leaders of both sides (Hon. Mr. King and Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) and by the right honourable senator from Eganville (Right Hon. Mr. Graham) in reference to the late Senator Rhodes. In fact, I should like to make those remarks my own. There is no doubt that Mr. Rhodes was a noble gentleman and great parliamentarian who brought honour to this country. And I think everyone will agree that he gave the best he had to his countrymen, for on their behalf he spent his health. When he left the House of Commons he had in fact been crushed by work that really was beyond the powers of any man. I wish to join also in the expression of sympathy extended to his daughter and his son.

As to our late leader, Senator Dandurand, I wish to be permitted to add a few remarks of my own. I knew him for very nearly half a century. My contact with him in the first instance and for many years thereafter was in the heat of political fray. We came not only from different political parties, but from

political schools as far apart as it was then possible to conceive. I say that because, with my early political training, I was far from sympathetically disposed towards him, and I feel now that I certainly can judge his life at least in full freedom and impartiality.

I well remember that continual and disheartening contest against Laurier at the period when he really dominated the province of Quebec. Virtually the whole merit of Laurier's success was credited to the old Liberal chieftain. I have often thought the senator's services were not altogether appreciated as they should have been at the time. Laurier was no doubt a great statesman, and his shining glory threw most of his collaborators into the shade. But as Laurier spoke before colossal and well-organized meetings, Dandurand was constantly on the battlefield organizing and directing the Liberal forces. His unbounded activity, resourcefulness, diplomacy, courage and optimism were a host in themselves.

After the elections of 1908 a Liberal said to a leading Conservative: "I was surprised at your defeat. You had a good chief, a good policy and excellent candidates. What did you lack?" The Conservative answered in one word: "Dandurand." I need say no more to show the extent to which Senator Dandurand was valued by his political opponents.

But the senator was far from being a slave to his party. At the beginning of this century the municipal administration of Montreal was nauseating. It was in the hands of some Liberals of doubtful reputation. The leading citizens determined to oust that coterie and they gathered around a few men of high standing, nearly all Conservatives. Dandurand joined with his usual vigour in that effort to cleanse the City Hall. Most influential friends of his party attempted to deter him from joining in the campaign, but he brushed them aside and helped to the last in purging the nefarious municipal administration. Everyone then was convinced that Dandurand was clean through and through. That was almost forty years ago. He has died as he has lived—without a blemish.

But the senator's activities were not all spent in his native land. On frequent trips to Europe he met and became intimately acquainted with many statesmen of Great Britain and especially of France. When, in 1925, he was proposed as a candidate for the presidency of the Assembly of the League of Nations, Canada assured for him the votes of the British Empire, but it was Dandurand's prestige that commanded the support of the delegation of France. The two great nations