

THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 20, 1945

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE LATE SENATORS CANTLEY AND BLACK

TRIBUTES TO THEIR MEMORY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. J. H. KING: Honourable senators, before proceeding with what little business we have, I would advise the House of the passing of two of our esteemed colleagues in the interval since we last met. I refer to the death of the Senator from New Glasgow (Hon. Mr. Cantley) and the senior Senator from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Black).

Senator Cantley died at his home in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on the 24th of February. He had a long and active business and public career. As a young man he interested himself in the development of the coal and steel industry in the province of Nova Scotia; and eventually became President of the Nova Scotia Mining Society. During the last war his knowledge and experience were sought and secured by the Government of the day, and he was the first member of the Canadian Shell Commission appointed in 1914. In the following year he became Chairman of the Munition Resources Commission of Canada.

Well known in the industrial world, Colonel Cantley at one time served as President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association. He was also Honourary President of the American Iron and Steel Institute, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Art, London, England, and an Associate Member of the American Geographical Society. He represented Nova Scotia on the original Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railways.

He entered the political field fairly late in life, when, in 1921, he stood as a candidate for his party in the constituency of Pictou county. He suffered defeat in that election, but was successful in 1925 and again in 1926 and 1930. He continued to be a member of the House of Commons until July 20, 1935, when he was summoned to this honourable House.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues I should like to express our deep sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement.

Senator Black was born in the town of Sackville, New Brunswick. He received his early education at public school in Sackville,

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and later attended Mount Allison University. He became active in the affairs of his Alma Mater, being a member of the Board of Regents as well as Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

He engaged extensively in business enterprises not only in his county but throughout his native province. He was head of the firm of Joseph L. Black and Son, Limited, a large concern carrying on not only a general store business but also extensive lumbering operations. He was also President of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, an office from which he retired only recently, after holding it for some twenty-five years. In addition, he was a director of the Maritime Life Assurance Company, of the Maritime Trust Company, and of the Maritime Broadcasting Company. He was mayor of the city of Sackville in 1921, and represented his county in the local legislature. During the last war he served overseas as Brigade Major.

He was summoned to this Chamber in 1921, and for the last twenty-four years was one of its outstanding members, and was well known to all of us. He took an active part in the debates in the House, and was prominent in committee work, being the Chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee for many years. I am sure his services in this Chamber were greatly appreciated. He was a man of strong convictions and did not hesitate to express them when occasion demanded. He was a fluent and interesting speaker.

I desire to express on behalf of myself and my colleagues my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Black and the other members of the family.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, we mourn to-day the loss of two highly respected and valued members of this Chamber, to whom the leader has just referred, Senators Black and Cantley.

Senator Black's death came to me personally as a great shock. Although he may not have been in as good health as usual when we last saw him, nevertheless, he did not seem to be failing. I asked him during the last session if he would make a speech on the reinforcement question, and he kindly acceded to my request. Honourable members will recall the eloquent, concise and very informative speech he made on that occasion.

The honourable the leader has referred to the career of Senator Black, which is a most remarkable one. The late senator can truly be termed a maker of Canada. He started in a humble way and became an outstanding citizen of the Province of New Brunswick and of Canada, occupying a high position not only in business and financial circles but in the