

part of February. I hope to again provide facilities, similar in form if not in substance to those afforded last year, for the closest possible scrutiny of the Estimates. It has been suggested to me that the Senate might well consider asking the Finance Committee to inquire into and report upon the Senate's own estimates. Another suggestion is that the committee might also be asked to consider the present and contemplated distribution in Canada, from a geographical standpoint, of production for defence.

I am presenting these proposals to the house at this time for the information of honourable members. No doubt individual senators will have constructive proposals of their own.

**Hon. Mr. Farris:** May I ask the honourable leader whether it is the intention of his colleagues, in accordance with the amendment of our rules, to introduce their bills in this house early in the session so that we may have some government work to deal with?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** I cannot say that I have any specific information on that point. Last year, after the house closed, I issued a statement on the very considerable volume of business initiated in the Senate, the extent of which astounded me. There are, of course, measures of the nature of money bills which cannot be introduced here, but I believe that last year all the measures which could be initiated in the Senate, with but one or two exceptions, were actually introduced here. I have consistently urged this course upon my colleagues in the government, and they have invariably expressed willingness to follow it. Although at this moment I have no specific knowledge, I am sure that the practice will be continued.

#### THE LATE SENATOR BALLANTYNE TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY

**Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson:** Honourable senators, it is my unhappy duty to officially report to the house the passing of one of our most distinguished senators.

The Honourable Charles Colquhoun Ballantyne, P.C., Alma, passed away in Montreal on October 19, 1950.

Senator Ballantyne was born on August 9 in the year of Canada's Confederation, at Colquhoun, Ontario. He received his education there and in Montreal. It was in Montreal that as a youth he commenced his business career, and from very modest beginnings he rose to the presidency of the Canadian Manufacturers Association at the age of thirty-eight, and to the directorship of some of the greatest companies in Canada.

Business, however, claimed no monopoly of his energies. His association with the Canadian Militia was long and distinguished. A veteran of the First World War, he served ten years with the old 6th Fusiliers, which became the First Grenadier Guards of Canada, and commanded the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons. During the war of 1914 he was active in raising the 245th Service Battalion, and as its commanding officer took it overseas.

Senator Ballantyne entered political life in 1917, after having served as a harbour commissioner for Montreal for six years, and as Mayor of Westmount. He was appointed Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Minister of the Naval Service in 1917, and was reappointed to the same portfolio in the Meighen Ministry of 1920. Our late esteemed colleague was called to the Senate in February, 1932, and ten years later was named leader of the opposition, in which capacity he served until 1945.

Senator Ballantyne is survived by his widow, the former Ethel Maud Trenholme of Montreal, and by three sons.

I need hardly remind honourable members who enjoyed his friendship, that in the passing of Senator Ballantyne, Canada has lost one of its most distinguished public men. His wide knowledge of business and finance and his long experience in public life made his counsel and advice of the greatest value. His comments on matters under discussion were always to the point and invariably received the closest attention.

To his wide knowledge of public affairs were added an essential fairness of viewpoint and a kindly manner. I can personally bear testimony to the many courtesies he extended to me when I was first appointed to the Senate; and I extend the deepest sympathy to the members of his family who, together with innumerable friends and colleagues, will mourn his passing.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable senators, I knew Senator Ballantyne for many years, more intimately, of course, after I entered this house in 1935. We of this party will miss his sound judgment, his wide business experience, and his knowledge of human nature.

He was a business man earlier in his career, and later, rather as a duty than as an occupation or a vocation, he entered political life. He felt very keenly the responsibilities of citizenship in relation to both the first and the second world wars. Upon the resignation of the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen he was chosen as the leader of our party in the Senate, and continued as such until 1945. We