

conditions in western Canada. He had heeded the advice of Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "Go west, young man, go west." He went west, and made good, and although he lived for the last 25 years in Ottawa he never lost interest in western Canada, and spent a part of each of those years out there. He had a host of friends in the west, and he was admired and respected by them all. He was indeed a friend in need, and I am told that during the 1930's he lent a helping hand to many of his old friends who needed help during those difficult days.

Senator Stevenson took a great interest in the work of the Senate, more particularly in that of the Divorce Committee, of which he was long a most faithful member, until illness prevented him from continuing his activities.

Senator Stevenson's wife predeceased him in 1955. He leaves to mourn his loss one daughter, three sons and seven grandchildren, to all of whom we extend our very deep sympathy.

Honourable senators, I now refer to the Honourable George Henry Ross, who died on September 26 last at the age of 78 years.

Senator Ross was born on the 13th day of June, 1878, at Bedeque, in the province of Prince Edward Island. He was educated at the University of Michigan, where he received the degree of LL.B. While a young man he also heeded the advice of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and went west. He went to western Canada for the purpose of earning enough money to study law. In his early days there he was employed as a cowboy. He rode the ranches of the west, and I am told he was one of the most skillful cowboys of his day.

Senator Ross later became a barrister and solicitor, and had an eminently successful career in his chosen profession. He was created a King's Counsel in 1913, and had, therefore, at the time of his death held that distinction for 43 years. He was also recognized by members of his profession by being elected and re-elected on several occasions a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta, and on more than one occasion he was President of the Law Society of the city of Calgary. Throughout his life he took a great interest in the welfare and training of our youth, and for a number of years was a member of the Senate of the University of Alberta.

In 1913, while still a young man, Senator Ross offered himself as a candidate for the Legislature of Alberta, but was unsuccessful; nevertheless, 27 years later, in 1940, he was elected to the House of Commons for the constituency of Calgary North. With one exception, he was the only Liberal who has ever been elected in that constituency since it was created, in 1903.

Our late colleague was summoned to the Senate on December 1, 1948, and in the years since then he took a keen interest in all the work which came before this body. He faithfully attended most of the committees, and was a very valuable member of the Standing Committee on Divorce, of which, I am informed, he headed a subcommittee.

Senator Ross was married in 1911, and is survived by his widow and two daughters, to whom we extend our very deep sympathy.

The last of our members to pass away during the recess was the Honourable Frederick William Pirie, who died on October 3, at the age of 63 years. He was born in 1893, at Red Rapids, Victoria County, New Brunswick. He attended the Grand Falls public schools and Mount Allison University, where he received the honorary degree of LL.D.

Senator Pirie took a great interest in the development of his province, in which he had many business interests. He was a director of the Maritime Trust Company, the Maritime Insurance Company and the Canada Cement Company. At the time of his death he was President of his own company, the F. W. Pirie Company Limited, Grand Falls, and also of the Atlantic Chemical Company. I think it can be said that he was one of the most successful businessmen in the Maritime provinces, and a consistent advocate of Maritime rights. He assisted in the development of trade with the West Indies, the United States and other parts of the world, particularly in agricultural products.

Senator Pirie throughout his life had been keenly interested in politics, and was elected to the Legislature of his native province in four consecutive elections, namely, 1930, 1935, 1939 and 1944. After the 1935 election he entered the Dysart government as Minister of Lands and Mines. In 1945 he was summoned to the Senate, and he took an active part in the work of this assembly.

Senator Pirie leaves to mourn his loss his widow and four children, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Honourable senators, I have referred briefly to our five colleagues who have passed away. Every one of them was faithful to his task on this earth, to his country, his family and his church. I am sure each has now heard the words:

Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . .  
Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable senators, I may not refer to our departed colleagues in the order which my friend the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) has