

Our late colleague will be sorely missed by his wife and family. I have experienced bereavement myself, so I know something about those things. On behalf of all honourable senators I extend to his widow and family a warm tribute to the memory of their husband and father, who gave to his country something very much worth while, for which he will long be gratefully remembered.

**Hon. Norman P. Lambert:** Honourable senators, it is with a considerable measure of sadness and regret that I rise at this time to support the words that have been so appropriately expressed by the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) and the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig).

I had the great privilege of knowing the late Senator Duffus for the past thirty years. Perhaps the highest tribute one can pay him is to say that he was essentially a good Canadian citizen. He was particularly attached to that part of the country which he knew best, the district of Peterborough and the adjoining counties of central and eastern Ontario. As a result of his active interest in all community affairs he earned for himself a reputation of being not only an accomplished speaker and a tireless worker among his people, but a representative who could be relied upon to attend to the needs of his fellow citizens in that part of the province.

When I think of my own intimate contact with Senator Duffus during the thirties, particularly the working relationship we had in connection with political affairs, I recall his ardent non-partisan enthusiasm for public affairs and service in the interest of not only his own people but the country as a whole. For example, the tribute he paid in this house to the late David Fife, the discoverer of Red Fife wheat, reflected a mind concerned with matters of national and even international importance. Indeed, in his own way, he was a devoted student of international affairs.

As I was turning over in my mind what I might say about our late colleague today, there came to my hand rather conveniently a letter which I received not long ago from a well-known Canadian who for some time has served this country in Europe and is now about to return here. The lines which I propose to quote were contained in a letter in which the writer expressed his own philosophy about Canada, a philosophy which it seems to me applies most appropriately to the late Senator Duffus. I quote:

Those of us who call ourselves liberal-democrats often believe that we are at home everywhere. But that is not the case. It is often our best faculties that wither first in foreign soil. If the finest people of every country left it to become missionaries elsewhere, then I am afraid every country would go to ruin. The essential thing is for us not to make foreign people over in our

image, but to understand them. There should be fewer disappointed missionaries in the world and more people who have learned to improve their own surroundings and to love what they do not understand.

I submit that that quotation, irrelevant as it may seem, serves to emphasize the distinguished service which Joe Duffus gave to his fellow countrymen, especially in the community in which he lived.

I join with those who have already spoken in extending sympathy to his widow and family.

**Hon. Gray Turgeon:** Honourable senators, I wish to join with my colleagues in saying a word of sympathy to the family of the late Senator Duffus. I worked with the late senator in the House of Commons, and our close friendship continued after we became members of this chamber.

As has been pointed out, the work of the late Senator Duffus was not limited to his own community. I take this opportunity to speak of the great developmental work now being carried on by his son, who has settled in the district of Terrace in the northwestern part of British Columbia. He is a very highly regarded citizen in that community, and I know he will be pleased, as will the other members of the family, to read the kind words that have been said here today in tribute to his father, the late Senator Duffus.

**Hon. John J. Connolly:** Honourable senators, in paying tribute to the memory of Senator Duffus I think it hardly necessary to mention the fact that he was of Irish ancestry. He was a kind man, he was a friendly man. Those of us who know a little about his career know at least that he was a most versatile man. As has been said by the honourable Leader of the Government, the honourable Leader of the Opposition and other honourable senators, our late colleague had a wide variety of interests. He described himself as a farmer, a businessman, and a builder. I think if we remember him more as a builder than anything else we will have the key to his career.

It is unnecessary to say to those who knew Senator Duffus well that he had a distinguished military career, and that he was very proud of his association with the armed forces. One had only to look at his erect carriage to appreciate how proud he was of that part of his life's work. It is interesting and perhaps of some historic significance to recall that he was one of the members of the Canadian contingent sent to Britain on the occasion of the Coronation of Edward VII.

As the senior senator from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Lambert) has said, perhaps the greatest contribution of our late colleague was in the