

I had a particularly deep personal affection for him, as he was a close friend of my father. I need not tell you, of course, that I was born and brought up in Sandy Hill, and I could not help but know all about Charlie Bishop from the time I was a small boy.

When I was appointed to the Senate—now more than 14 years ago—it was not the Prime Minister of the day who told me of the appointment: it was Charlie Bishop. He had been at the press conference where the announcement was made. I was touched at the time that this should have happened.

Later, when the time came for me to be assigned to a room, he and Senator Calvin Pratt and I occupied a room together on the fourth floor. Senator Pratt later moved out and Senator Leonard joined us. I never knew really how fine the companionship was in that room until I moved down to a lonely eminence in another part of the building.

Charlie Bishop was primarily a journalist. I would hope that, some day, some student would take enough interest in his writings, which were voluminous, to edit them. In them I am sure will be found a history of his time, as seen from the vantage point of the capital city, and particularly of Parliament Hill. He reached the great age of 90 years. He died full of years, full of the esteem and affection of all who knew him, and, to mourn him, he leaves a widow and two wonderful daughters. But to mourn him also he leaves colleagues who have known him in the Senate and who will treasure his memory here for many years to come.

**Hon. A. J. Brooks:** Honourable senators, we have just heard a very splendid tribute to a man whom we all knew well. Charlie Bishop lived to be 90 years of age and was fortunate in retaining his health and remaining active almost up to the very last.

We can all say that Charlie Bishop lived a long, happy and full life. His activities are well known. The leader has mentioned the extensive editorial tributes and press comments all across Canada. Charlie Bishop was successful in all the activities he undertook. He was a Maritimer and was proud of it. We in the Maritimes were proud of him, as we had just reason to be.

When we read of his many activities in his chosen walk of life, we learn that he was one of the youngest reporters, if not the youngest, to enter the Press Gallery. He was the first and only reporter from the Press Gallery to be appointed to the Senate, having been

president of the gallery on a number of occasions.

I understand he was the oldest active senator at the time of his death.

I knew him when he was in the Press Gallery 30 years ago. He was one of the first men that I met from there, and I liked him from the very first.

We know that Charlie Bishop was an excellent newspaperman because he was a reporter for most of the leading papers in Canada. I have here a list of some of them: the *Toronto Telegram*, *Montreal Star*, *Winnipeg Tribune*, the *Hamilton Spectator*, the *Calgary Herald*, and others.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** The *Ottawa Citizen*.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** Yes, the *Ottawa Citizen*. This gives one some idea of the prestige and success that our great departed friend had in his chosen profession.

I have often wondered, as I have met some men from the Press Gallery, where we get the term "the gentlemen of the Press," but when I met Charlie Bishop and followed his activities, I realized to the fullest extent just what a gentleman of the Press, and a gentleman, period, could mean. I noticed him here in the Senate when I first came, and he always gave one a warm welcome. He gave you a warm smile and a warm handshake every time you met him on coming back from a recess or after an absence from the chamber.

I join with the Leader of the Government in extending to the late Senator Bishop's widow and his family my most sincere sympathy and condolence.

**Hon. Lionel Choquette:** Honourable senators, the late Senator Charles Bishop had one of the shortest biographies in the *Canadian Parliamentary Guide*. This was typical of him, for these are really autobiographies. But the bare statement that he was for 40 years parliamentary correspondent for Canadian newspapers does him much less than justice.

He was a great and respected Canadian journalist whose summons to the Senate did honour to all his colleagues in the profession. I sincerely hope his perceptive vignettes of "Canadian Prime Ministers I Have Known," published by the *Citizen*, will be preserved for posterity.

He was also a great wit and humourist. The halls of this building still echo to the sound of his sallies which were Chaucerian, never bitter, never unkind.