

here, the Senate cannot be quite the same without him. I join with other honourable senators in expressing my deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald: Honourable senators, I would like to associate myself with the remarks that previous speakers have made concerning the late Senator Wood.

It had never been my privilege to meet Senator Comeau, but on one or two occasions I did meet Senator Lambert and enjoyed those occasions very much.

Coming as I do from the same province as Senator Wood, indeed, from the same city, I knew him well. It was unfortunate that his physical condition was such that during the past several years it was extremely difficult for him to move about, and practically impossible for him to carry on a conversation. For that reason, many people today, not only in this part of our country but in Saskatchewan, are not aware of the contribution Senator Wood made to the business and public life of that province.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying thanks to the members of his family for the contributions he made, both in the political sense and in the business sense; and I would like to associate myself with the remarks of my Leader in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Wood and the members of the Wood family.

Hon. C. G. Power: Honourable senators, it is, perhaps, because my good friend Senator O'Leary and I are descendants of a very peaceable race that I find what is most remarkable in what he said about the character of our good friend Senator Norman Lambert was the fact that he was absolutely without venom and without acrimony in the discussion of political questions.

That he was a politician there is no doubt; that he was even what may be called a partisan politician there is no doubt; but throughout Norman Lambert's career, and I knew him for many years back, notwithstanding that he was the organizer and director of the political tactics and strategy of the Liberal Party, nowhere in my recollection do I find that even the most partisan newspapers, even the most partisan politicians, even those who were most opposed to the tactics and policies of his party and of his leaders, ever attacked him personally.

I think that was because all those who knew him, knew him to be the soul of chivalry. That he had strong ideas, that he

had strong views, that he was devoted to the interests of his party, nobody will deny; but everybody felt that all through his career he was an honest, honourable, sincere, square man. He was a man whom they could trust on all occasions.

Honourable senators, I too offer my sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

RETIREMENT OF SENATORS ROBERTSON, TREMBLAY, BUCHANAN AND GRANT

TRIBUTES

Hon. Paul H. Bouffard: Honourable senators, there is another duty which I have to perform today and which is a more pleasant one, as we have not lost these senators. It is to say a word about some members of the Senate who have availed themselves of the option to retire—Senators Robertson, Tremblay, Buchanan and Grant. Perhaps I might be permitted to refer briefly to each one in turn.

I am certain Senator Wishart Robertson can reflect on his career in public life with great satisfaction. In his native Province of Nova Scotia he was a member of the Legislative Assembly from 1928 to 1933. He represented the riding of Shelburne, as did his father and grandfather before him.

Shortly after his appointment to the Senate in 1943, Senator Robertson was elected President of the National Liberal Federation, a position he resigned in 1945, in which year he became Leader of the Government in the Senate and a member of Mr. King's cabinet. He served with great distinction as Government Leader for eight years, and in 1953 he was appointed Speaker, a responsibility he discharged with tact, intelligence and charm.

Further honours came to Senator Robertson in connection with his outstanding work on behalf of NATO and the Atlantic Community, and he is in fact an honorary life President of the NATO Parliamentary Association.

I am sure I speak for all of us when I express the hope that Senator and Mrs. Robertson will have a restful and happy retirement.

[*Translation*]:

Another colleague of mine, Senator Leonard Tremblay, retired in September 1965, because of ill health, after a long political and parliamentary career.

Senator Tremblay is seventy years old. He is a veteran of two wars and of many political tussles. He was elected for the first time to the House of Commons in the general