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Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt: Irony of fate indeed. At the prorogation a few months ago, there were talks about retiring senators attaining the age of 75 years. In those few short months, three of our colleagues have died, all three were much younger than 75.

I mention Senator Brunt first because he was acting leader on the other side of the house and was appointed to the Senate on October 12, 1957. Scarcely 55 years old, Senator Brunt departed in a very tragic way. He was a distinguished lawyer, a pillar of the Conservative party and one of its main organizers.

I always watched with a keen interest the reactions mirrored in his countenance when his own fellow supporters or senators on this side of the house made certain remarks.

Perhaps he had been told before he joined us, that the Senate was some kind of a club for rather old men. He soon realized, however, that on the contrary the Upper Chamber was a necessary element in our parliamentary organization and, later, he became one of its upholders on the ground that it is an essential institution to check decisions perhaps prematurely reached sometimes by the other house.

Another of our colleagues died still quite young. Senator William H. Wall passed away at the age of 50.

He was an excellent professor and reflected on the great economical and social problems which he explained to us in a very detailed way. An untiring worker, he was a model of integrity. If, sometimes according to his colleagues, his speeches were rather long, it was because he aimed at perfection in all his undertakings.

Senator Wall was the first representative of his Ukrainian countrymen in this house and he did represent them with dignity. Moreover, he was a firm believer, in his private life as well as in his public life, and he was always true to himself.

A third colleague, Senator Henri C. Bois, passed away at the age of 65. I knew him well, in fact I have always known him because we went to the same college. I was in my last year when he was beginning his studies. Further, he was from Lévis. Later we met at Oka's Agricultural Institute.

During World War I, Mr. Bois served as a lieutenant in the Canadian Army in Europe. Back to civilian life, he was appointed Professor of Rural Economics at the Oka Agricultural College. In 1929 he became head of the Rural Economics Branch of the Quebec Department of Agriculture. He was one of those who contributed most to the implementation of the new agricultural co-operation act of the province of Quebec. Appointed secretary

to the Royal Commission on the Dairy Industry of Quebec in 1933, he was soon to become president of that commission. Promoter and first president of the Corporation of Agronomists of the Province of Quebec, in 1937, he was appointed, in 1938, secretary of the Federation of Quebec Co-operatives, then a little later became general manager of the Federation, and occupied the position until 1957.

The Federation of Quebec Co-operatives is the great agricultural co-operation organization in our province; if it did not exist, I wonder what would the fate of our farmers be today. Mr. Bois gave a strong impetus to that organization. When he assumed the position of general manager in 1942, sales were of the order of \$11.5 millions, and when he left in 1957 they had reached \$80 million. This shows the great work accomplished by the deceased.

Mr. Bois was a graduate from the Oka Agricultural College, the University of Montreal, the Institut Agronomique and the Institut Catholique de Paris.

From 1944 to 1948 he was president of the Superior Board of Co-operation of Quebec, and from 1953 to 1955 mayor of St. Bruno.

When Senator Bois passed away, the farmers in Quebec lost a great promoter and defender; the agricultural community and the whole agricultural sector of the Canadian economy lost a most dedicated friend. This is what inspired the president of the Canadian agricultural federation to say that Mr. Bois was generally known as an energetic pioneer among agricultural and co-operative organizations. And Mr. H. H. Hannam added that Mr. Bois has left his mark and that he deserved credit for having prominently contributed to the welfare of all the farmers in Canada.

To the families of our three friends departed, I wish to offer our homage and our most sincere condolences. Their example will enable us to have a better appreciation of their magnificent deeds. We offer most sincere condolences to all.

(Text):

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I know that my saying something about our three colleagues who have died since last we met is bound to be somewhat repetitious, but, despite the fact the two leaders and other honourable senators have spoken so feelingly and so touchingly, I would like the opportunity of paying a short tribute to each of them. I think this is the first time I have participated in paying tributes, because I have always considered myself one of the