

I realize how vital this problem is to our western people. My honourable friend from Medicine Hat (Hon. Mr. Gershaw) has talked about irrigation, and I entirely agree with him. But what is irrigation for?—largely to enable the cultivation of more grain.

Hon. Mr. Gershaw: And the raising of cattle.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Yes, but it is for the growing of grain too. Honourable senators, there is something wrong in Denmark if at a time such as this, when prices are good for the farmer, the government can say to him: "No, you cannot get the world price; you must take what we propose to give you".

There is one more topic that I wish to discuss before concluding. I was given the high honour of being one of four delegates sent by Canada to Bermuda last November. The other members were Mr. H. B. McCulloch, M.P. for Pictou, leader of the delegation; Mr. J. W. Burton, M.P. for Humboldt, Saskatchewan, and my honourable friend from Essex (Hon. Mr. Lacasse). I do not believe my distinguished and good friend from Essex paid as much attention to Mr. McCulloch or myself as he did to a certain person, but aside from that he was very helpful to us.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Explain.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I shall not say any more than that. The people of Bermuda proved to be most gracious hosts, and we had a most memorable time. The weather was absolutely perfect, and if ever there was a paradise on earth it is Bermuda in the month of November. The verandah of the Eagle's Nest Hotel was quite a spot with the moon shining on it.

The delegation from the United States was quite a distinguished one. Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, a Republican, was chairman of one of the delegations. Other members were Senator Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, a Democrat, and Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas, who, incidentally, is a Rhodes Scholar. I never knew whether being a Rhodes Scholar would mean anything in the United States, but when we came to grips in private meetings and delegates from Canada and the United States were hitting the United Kingdom pretty hard, Senator Fulbright, remembering that he was a Rhodes Scholar, let us go just so far and then called a halt.

Hon. Mr. Farris: The President of the American Bar is also a Rhodes Scholar.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Then there was Senator-elect, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, and two members from the House of Representatives, Talle of Iowa and Corbett of Pennsylvania. The British delegation consisted of four members of the Labour party and two opposition members. Australia had one delegate present, New Zealand two and South Africa one.

The conference was held for the purpose of discussing the international situation, with special reference to defence and economic affairs. The future of parliamentary government was discussed, but not too much, because we all agreed that it was the best form of government, as far as we knew, for the people of the world.

The meetings at the Parliamentary Conference were behind closed doors, and I must be careful not to go too far in what I say. But I can at least express my personal opinion that from what I heard at the meetings and from contact with the various delegates at the hotel and elsewhere, the American representatives were just as keen as we for freedom of speech, freedom of religion and democratic government. They were bitterly opposed to communism. I was delighted to see how keen they were to ensure that their strong opposition to communism was made clear to the United Kingdom delegates. I am not one of those who say that we are going to have war with Russia. I do not think there will be war if the Russians realize that Canada, Britain and the other nations of the commonwealth, together with the United States, France, Holland, Belgium and all the other free nations of the world, are united for the defence of freedom and the rights of man.

I was delighted with the whole of my experience at the Parliamentary Conference. One thing I was convinced of there is that Canada's reputation abroad is pretty high. I was prouder of being a Canadian after I got home than I was before I went. The Canadian delegates were given a very warm reception, and in general there was indicated a very friendly attitude towards this country. I will say further that we Canadians could speak in a language that the American delegates understood, and they would take more from us without getting ruffled than they would from anybody else. Aware of our responsibility, we all were very anxious not to overstep the mark by taking any stand that we were not sure would be fully supported by our people as a whole. I wish to state here that I never had more pleasant companions in my life than my three fellow delegates from Canada. Perhaps I may be permitted to tell one little story concerning two of us. The delegates were of course invited to many functions, and one of these