

outside politics, and together they contribute to a vast reservoir of talent and experience without a counterpart in this country. No one can be an expert on everything, but the combined total of this vast experience and expertise, whether applied to the consideration of legislation or to the discussion of public affairs, must surely redound to the benefit of the people of Canada.

Honourable senators, as a practising lawyer I am still a novice in Parliamentary matters, but I make this pledge: I will study and learn, under the tutelage of senators of experience, so that in the fulness of time I may make a helpful contribution to the deliberations of this assembly.

Hon. Joseph A. Bradette: Honourable senators, will the honourable Acting Speaker (Hon. Mr. Pearson) oblige by delivering to the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Mark R. Drouin, the following statement: May I join with other senators in this forum in extending to him my sincere congratulations upon his renomination to his high office, which he fully deserved because of the ability and fairmindedness which he showed in presiding over our deliberations—qualities that were so well demonstrated that a large section of our press has often mentioned his name for a still more exalted position. It is with pleasure that I offer him my best wishes.

I also extend my congratulations to the honourable the senior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig). This personage has had a wonderful life, having an extensive law practice, and also great experience in the political field as a member of the Manitoba Legislature for many years: then, upon appointment to the Senate, he immediately made his mark, becoming some years ago Leader of the Opposition, and, last session, Leader of the Government. He has made a great success of all these activities and he may now well rest on his oars after races well run and won. He must also feel the contentment resulting from work well done.

I also extend my felicitations to the present Leader of the Government in this chamber, the honourable senator from Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Aseltine). He has had wide experience in this house and his activities are well known. He acquitted himself with ability when he acted as Leader of the Opposition in the absence of the senior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig). I want to felicitate him also upon the remarks he made in French. This sort of thing goes very deeply with French-speaking Canadians who, as you know, are a strong and well-organized minority group, but any gesture of comprehension and friendship coming from the majority group is highly appreciated. Again I want to compliment him for what he did when he

spoke the other day. The honourable Leader of the Government in the Senate also has wide experience in the house, his activities being well-known. I don't know whether I am in order or not, but I fervently hope he will be appointed to the cabinet, and I sincerely make a plea for this appointment. I feel it is the proper liaison to have between the two chambers, for then we would be sitting with a member of the cabinet, a member of the Government, who would be in a position in the Senate to give us some information that perhaps otherwise we would have to get in some second-hand way. The appointment would not establish a precedent, for many Leaders of the Government in the Senate have been members of the cabinet, with or without portfolio. I believe that in what I am now saying I am expressing the wish of most honourable senators listening to me.

(Translation):

I also wish to congratulate the new senators upon their appointments, and specially the honourable senator from Ottawa East (Hon. Mr. Choquette) whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for a number of years. His experience in active politics, as well as the success he has attained in the legal profession, will stand him in good stead in his new duties. He also mentioned an event which I always recall with pleasure; it is my having given away the bride at his wedding. I might add that I found her at that time just as attractive and charming as I do today.

(Text):

I was very proud when the honourable senator from Ottawa East stated a few moments ago that I had given away the bride at his wedding. It was a great honour and pleasure for me. I have always found her very attractive and charming indeed.

(Translation):

My congratulations also go to the mover of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, the honourable gentleman from Mille-Isles (Hon. Mr. Monette). His eloquence and the assurance with which he expresses his thoughts reflect his great success in the legal profession, and I am sure his talents will be highly appreciated in this chamber.

(Text):

I would also like to extend my felicitations to the honourable the junior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson), on the manner in which he seconded the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. I listened with interest to his fine remarks on the subjects he dealt with and I hope he will often be heard in this house.