

he thought he would reduce his contribution to \$50; after forty-five minutes, he had in mind \$25; and when at last the speaker sat down, after a full hour's speech, and the plate was passed, Mark Twain stole \$2 off it.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Oh, oh!

**Hon. Mrs. Fergusson:** Honourable senators, I want you to continue to be interested in New Brunswick and to give us your support.

Before closing, I wish to make further reference to the tremendous help that has been given to our people and our economy through the social welfare program instituted by the government. In this respect I can speak with the greatest conviction for I have been the Regional Administrator in the province for the past six years.

All the economic developments which the people of New Brunswick have brought about, with the aid of the federal government, are doing much to make our province prosperous. But prosperity alone is not enough: we need to provide also for the happiness and security of the individual citizen. It is only when the human dignity of the individual is recognized, and his happiness and security are assured, that our democratic way of life can be considered successful.

It is here that I believe women can play a great part. They are usually closer to the needs of children and of the aged than are men, and better able to interpret those needs, for on their shoulders falls the responsibility for the care of both the very young and the very old. We in New Brunswick recognize the necessity of providing for their happiness and security, but our resources have been too limited to meet the need.

Federal government programs of family allowances and old age pensions, which provide continuing financial assistance for mothers and young children and for our older citizens, give to those who receive the assistance a sense of security which adds happiness to the home and makes all of our people feel that they are part of this great country of Canada and are sharing in its general

prosperity. Besides improving self-confidence and morale, these programs bring to the province large sums of money, which greatly bolster our purchasing power and stabilize our whole economy.

Honourable senators, I have mentioned some of the problems of my province, and ways by which we are trying to meet them. I trust that in bringing these matters to your attention I have not created the impression that I am concerned about the interests of only one section of Canada. I am well aware that each of the other nine provinces has problems as great as—some, perhaps, greater than—those of New Brunswick.

I have been told that co-operation and collaboration are the watchwords of the Senate. We women should fit into that kind of program very well, for I believe with our distinguished contemporary, Mrs. Roosevelt, that women will almost always seek to co-operate, while men may be more inclined to seek to dominate. But none of us can co-operate in an endeavour to solve the problems of individual provinces unless we are made aware of them. Although up to the present time I have been primarily concerned with the problems of my own city and province, my efforts in the future will of necessity be directed towards the problems of every part of Canada and the betterment of conditions for women as well as for all other citizens.

Because I believe the program outlined in the Speech from the Throne will contribute to that end, I have great pleasure in seconding the motion of my honourable friend from Sorel (Hon. Mrs. Jodoin) who moved the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Aseltine, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.