

on the same day I did. We sat opposite one another for many years in the House of Commons and I trust we shall sit opposite one another for many years in the Senate.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): However, I wouldn't mind changing sides. I am very pleased to have this opportunity of welcoming him. You know, none of us on this side of the house got much satisfaction out of the election of 1957, but if I did get a little it was because of the fact that my very good friend the honourable member for Royal (Hon. Mr. Brooks) became the Minister of Veterans Affairs on account of the fact that my party did not stay in power. We all enjoyed his address today. He has a great grasp of the many problems with which we shall be faced.

I want to welcome also the honourable senator from Bedford (Hon. Mr. Beaubien).

(Translation):

I should like to congratulate the honourable senator in French, but, as time flies, I shall wait until later when we have the simultaneous interpretation system.

(Text):

Having listened with great interest to his address, I am not sure that the little article which I read about him in this morning's *Montreal Gazette* was correct. Contained in this article were words to the effect that the honourable senator is one of our prominent citizens who is not a politician, in any sense of the word, in the Upper Chamber. I am not quite sure of the correctness of that statement, since he emphasized the fact that there is a Conservative Government in England and claimed that the present Government in Canada is pleasing everybody with its tax policy. However, we welcome him; and we are sure that both these senators will contribute much to the work of this house.

Of course, we are always pleased to welcome the women. On this occasion we are pleased to extend a hearty welcome to one who has served her country well in many capacities. The honourable senator from Victoria (Hon. Mrs. Quart) has rendered special service to the province of Quebec, but her activities have not been confined to that province. She has represented Canada at the United Nations, and at the present time she is on one of the permanent committees. With her wide experience and her broad understanding I am sure that she will join with the other women in this chamber in making this Senate the great part of Parliament which it should be.

Honourable senators, you may recall that when I spoke on the Speech from the Throne

last session and also the session before I complained about the absence of representatives—

Hon. Mr. Brunt: Not again.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford):—about the absence of representatives from this side of the house on the Canadian delegation at the United Nations. I appealed to the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) to cure this defect in the Canadian representation. He carried my appeal—not, as I was going to say, to the foot of the Throne, but to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and, probably, to the Prime Minister himself. His powers of persuasion were so great and his arguments so reasonable that the Government acceded to his appeal. Thanks to the Leader of the Government, observers from this side of the house have been present at the United Nations Assembly in New York this year, and one of our members is still there. Our very distinguished and highly respected honourable senator from Waterloo (Hon. Mr. Euler) represented this side of the house at that Assembly during its opening weeks. The delegation appreciated greatly his attendance there, and none other than the Honourable Howard Green himself told me that the Honourable Senator Euler had been very helpful to the delegation. I followed our distinguished colleague and was at the Assembly for three weeks. It was my first visit to the United Nations, and I can assure you it was well worth while. At the present time the Opposition is ably represented by the honourable senator from Shelburne (Hon. Mr. Robertson), who has wide experience at international gatherings and will undoubtedly give sage advice to the Government representatives. I trust that we shall continue to be represented at the United Nations in the future, and I hope that at all times senators from this side of the House will be available to spend three or four weeks at the Assembly. It is a wonderful experience which any honourable senator would find well worth while, even if only to get some idea as to how the United Nations functions.

Honourable senators, I was requested to record some of my impressions of the United Nations and to give these to the house. If you will bear with me for five or ten minutes, I shall be glad to do so.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Go right ahead.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): I shall not go into details of the work and organization; I shall leave that to one of the other senators, if they feel so inclined. I think the honourable senator from Colchester-Hants (Hon. Mr. Blois) should do it. He is an alternate delegate and has a thorough grasp of the workings of the United Nations. I might say