

society's officials to do their duty, but to other factors altogether. I think we should give full consideration to the statements which representatives of the Red Cross Society will place before our committee. I am sure there will be nothing controversial about these statements, and they will be enlightening. In this connection one might observe that so far we have had no detailed information under the sections of the Red Cross Act respecting the society's audit. I am sure that when the society's representatives meet the Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, details will be presented which will meet the wishes of any member of this house.

In conclusion I can only reiterate what has been said by the sponsor of this bill. There has never been any question about the worth of the Red Cross Society and the splendid humanitarian service it renders in various parts of the world.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

(Translation):

Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt: Honourable senators, I am happy to support the bill sponsored by the hon. senator from Cariboo (Hon. Mr. Turgeon). I seize this opportunity to congratulate the Red Cross for the valuable services which it renders.

As the result of a fire which took place a few months ago in Quebec, eighteen or twenty families were left homeless. The flames had hardly died down when the Red Cross rushed to their assistance with clothing, blankets and medicine.

To those who wonder what the Red Cross is doing now that the war is over, here is an answer, amongst many, which shows the magnificent work being carried out by this splendid organization.

I am happy also to find that the Society has, for the first time, decided to translate its name into French; this will enable us to understand one another better when we are speaking our own language, which has nothing in common with any patois, as the honourable senator from Sorel (Hon. Mr. David) so forcefully explained yesterday.

(Text):

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Turgeon moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday, the consideration of His Excellency the Governor

General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Golding for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. R. B. Horner: In rising to take part in this debate I should like, on behalf of honourable senators, to extend the sympathy of the Senate to the people of the United States in the tragic loss of five of their distinguished countrymen who were killed in an airplane crash this morning within ten miles of Ottawa. Our deepest sympathy also goes out to their families.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Horner: I wish to congratulate the mover (Hon. Mr. Golding) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Veniot) of the Address on their excellent speeches. They are both fine fellows physically and mentally, and admirably represent our two splendid races. We have heard also a number of other good speeches on the Address, and I particularly want to compliment the senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) for the touch of independence he injected into his remarks. I fully expected this from him, because he showed signs of independence in another place; that is why I welcomed him to this chamber. I should also like to congratulate the honourable senator from Kennebec (Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt), whose remarks were of the highest order.

My objection to the speech by the mover is that he seems to think everything is just fine. He claimed that, except for the odd black spot, the members in both houses of parliament—and especially our leaders—are all splendid people. When he mentioned the odd black spot I was wondering whether he was referring to me.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Then I thought about the book entitled *Link to the North*, in which a story is told about a native woman gathering up a lot of white roots in a swamp, splitting them, taking out the little black spots and boiling them in a kettle, and then using the brew to cure a man suffering from pneumonia. I began to wonder whether I might be the black spot that possibly would cure the ailments of this country.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Golding: There is an ex-member of another place who is still serving time in the penitentiary.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Perhaps I have something new to add to the debates of this house, and perhaps I have some old complaints to make.