

reduction in the subsidy from 35 to 25 per cent. Canada has to meet the competition of cheaper labour in other parts of the world. Nevertheless, we have built up a splendid shipbuilding industry in this country. In this regard I am thinking particularly of the Maritime provinces and especially of the City of Saint John where we have one of the best shipbuilding yards in Canada. When a subsidy of 35 per cent was paid, the employment in the shipyards in the City of Saint John increased from 300 to 3,000. This meant much to the people of that city and indeed of that area generally. I hope this 25 per cent which the Government is planning to contribute will assist our shipyards in meeting the competition from other countries.

There was mention of feed grain. This, honourable senators, is an old story. We very much need feed grain from the west and we should have storage. The mover of the address spoke about the Railway Act and what transportation and railways mean to Saskatchewan. We cannot overemphasize the importance of railroads and transportation to the Atlantic provinces. They mean our very existence, and we are consequently very much interested in the amendments to the Railway Act.

Then, there was mention of the Company of Young Canadians. I am pleased to see that young Canadians are to be sent to other countries and to different parts of our own great country. In my view there are no better ambassadors anywhere, and particularly in our own country today, than young men and women who go from one section of the country to the other the better to know their own country and their own people. We had quite a number of young people from the west come to the Maritime provinces during the summer. They received a tremendous welcome and went back home with great praise for what they had seen. Ours is a vast country and it is difficult for our people to get to know each other thoroughly. I read recently that fifty young people will leave Quebec for the west in the near future. That is the only way our people will ever get to know each other. As I have said, I do not know of any better ambassadors than our own young people. In many ways I feel they are better than some of our politicians or college professors and others who are sticking their noses into these matters.

There was also mention in the speech about Ottawa being our true capital where all can feel at home. Frankly, honourable senators, I

do not know what that means. We want Canadians, no matter where they come from, to feel at home in all parts of the country, not only in the capital. How are we going to make them feel at home in the capital? I notice Mr. René Lévesque wants to change the face of Montreal. Montreal is one of the great cities of the world and the largest city in Canada. We in the Maritimes are very fond of Montreal. There was a time when we used to go to Boston or to New York, but now we look to Montreal instead. I may say that many of us feel more at home in the City of Montreal than we do in the capital. So let us hope that they will not change the face of Montreal too much.

Honourable senators, I have little more to say. I notice that there was reference in the speech to the Civil Service of Canada. I hope there will be no tinkering so far as it is concerned, and I am sure there will not be. People are appointed to the civil service because of their efficiency, as is only right. With the educational systems we have today in all parts of Canada, young people, no matter what part of the country they come from, are qualified to enter the civil service.

Speaking of young people brings to my mind the strike of teachers in Hull. There, when the teachers would not come to teach them, the young men organized themselves, prepared their own lectures and began teaching themselves. I would close by saying that as long as we have young people of that calibre in Canada we have no need to fear for the future of this country.

Hon. Paul H. Bouffard: Honourable senators, in rising at this time to participate in the debate on the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I of course feel the absence of our distinguished Leader (Hon. Mr. Connolly, Ottawa West).

May I at the outset congratulate the mover and the seconder of the address. Senator McDonald made a truly noteworthy and exceptionally promising contribution to this debate.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: He comes to us from the great Province of Saskatchewan, where he has enjoyed an outstanding career. He was a member of the provincial Legislature from 1948 until his resignation last year. Senator McDonald also served for a period of time as Provincial Leader of his party and as Minister of Agriculture. We look forward to his active participation in our work and are pleased to welcome him.