

*The Address—Mr. Leboe*

will be a tendency to misrepresent it, to emphasize the phrase "free competition" as a return to principles of dog-eat-dog, every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost. In anticipation of that argument I would emphasize that every party in the house, every group in society is now aware of the new social responsibilities in the modern world. This does not apply to political parties only, but has a wider application embracing service clubs which have developed in the last twenty or thirty years. It also applies to industry, which now recognizes its social responsibilities.

We have a new profession in the social worker, as a result of the new social order that has evolved from the industrial revolution. The record of the party to which I belong is, both provincially and federally, second to none in its recognition of social responsibilities in modern society.

The time at my disposal has almost expired. I should like to say in closing that I think the late member for Peel, for whom I had the most profound admiration, hit the nail squarely on the head, and in a very simple and kindly way, as was his custom. Speaking to me one day, he told me about an experience he had had at the United Nations, when it was his privilege to meet one of the members of the Russian delegation. He was introduced by our Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) as a member of the opposition in the Canadian House of Commons. The late Mr. Graydon, in his usual penetrating style, ended the conversation abruptly by asking the member of the Russian delegation if he, Mr. Graydon, could be introduced to some of the members of the Russian opposition.

That is the situation we want to avoid in this country. And, of course, we will avoid it as the good sense of the Canadian public is aroused. I hope that through the discussions in the forthcoming sessions of the twenty-second parliament the political consciousness of the public of Canada will be awakened, and that four years hence we will see the dawn of the day of deliverance long past due.

**Mr. B. R. Leboe (Cariboo):** Mr. Speaker, first of all I should like, as other members have done, to congratulate you upon your election to the very important office of Speaker of the house. We are certain you will discharge your duties well, as you have done thus far. We are certain, too, that you will receive the appreciation of each and every one of us at the close of your term of office. It gives us pleasure to note that you have accepted this highly responsible position.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

Now, I do not expect to take up the whole of the forty minutes allotted to me this afternoon. As a new member, and this being the first time I have been privileged to speak in the house, I hope that, in common with other new members, I shall find my place in the deliberations, and that I shall be able to serve the people back in the electoral district of Cariboo as well as the people of British Columbia and of Canada as a whole. I do feel certain however that the people of British Columbia, and more particularly those of Skeena, are not going to be flattered by the remarks of the hon. member from that electoral district. To say the people of British Columbia have gone rather "wacky", and thus imply temporary insanity because they do not agree with the hon. member's politics, is to insult the intelligence of the people of that great area. I think they were exercising their democratic right when they went to the polls and did as they did, removing from office a government that had been guilty of very bad rule.

The hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Applewhaite) talks like one of those old-time politicians.

**An hon. Member:** He is.

**Mr. Leboe:** I hear someone say that he is, although I cannot vouch for that point. However, I remember well, back in the years around 1935, when the Social Credit government took over in Alberta. Those people were the ones who said that grass would grow in the streets of the cities, the capital would leave Alberta, and that there would be a general depression throughout the province. Yes, people would even wager that within a year's time there would be no such thing as an Alberta government, with those supporting Social Credit principles forming it.

Well, eighteen years have gone by, and I think I can say without successful contradiction that the Social Credit government in Alberta in the last election returned to power with the greatest over-all vote it ever enjoyed. These are things of which the people might well take note. The administration of public affairs in Alberta is as the people want it; it is what they desire, and it is what we will eventually have.

I was neither concerned nor impressed with the remarks of the hon. member for Skeena when he cast reflection upon the people of British Columbia. The day is not too far distant when we will be sufficiently well organized, and with an educational program available to us to give the people of Canada the opportunity to learn for themselves that we have a practical solution to