

The Address—Mr. A. L. Smith

definitely that if I do attempt this, then they will not accept the responsibility for what may happen.

I interrupted myself, so to speak, a moment ago when I said that I brought nothing with me. In a moment—and not more than a moment—I shall be going through that same door. But I go out greatly enriched by what I have seen here. In this arm I hold an armful of memories; the other is overflowing with friendship.

I speak of memories. I do not intend to tell you about them—with perhaps one or two exceptions. I think I shall miss the magnificent rages of the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) and then, after having finished his speech, seeing him sit down wearing that broad, beaming smile, thus enhancing a not otherwise unhandsome countenance.

I am afraid I cannot help mentioning my old friend and colleague, the late Tommy Church. I am going to sail his seven seas—but not with him.

You know, Mr. Speaker, while the leader of the Social Credit party was speaking the thought occurred to me that, if I could stick it, if I could sit here and listen to the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Blackmore), who needs no provocation, expound the principles of social credit, ultimately I might understand the thing—which I do not at the present time.

I leave, Mr. Speaker, happy in the thought that there is not a member, not a person in this room, to whom I cannot bid “good morning”—and mean it. It may be that at times I may have unleashed the odd arrow. But I give you my word of honour, the tips were never dipped in the poison of hatred, or even of enmity.

And so I go. It is hard to realize that I go, not to return again. Tomorrow or next day I shall place in the hands of my whip those documents which are necessary for the carrying out of that intention which, sir, I have no doubt you have grasped, from what I have already said.

Years ago when friends parted the expression most commonly used was, “God be with you.” That phrase has been abbreviated—corrupted, I think—until there remains just one thing to say, and that sincerely, “Good bye.”

Mr. Fournier (Hull) moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Speaker: There is before the house a motion for the adjournment of the debate. Before the debate is adjourned may I say that the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Smith) has left the chamber. Before going, however, he intimated that probably he will not return.

I cannot force him to return; if he tenders his resignation, then doubtless we shall be forced to accept it. I do feel, however, that I should express to him the feeling of all members here, and that is that while we have noticed that probably he is weak of limb, we have also noticed that he is still very strong in mind. We feel that, if at all possible, we would want him to continue to carry out the duties he owes to his constituents, and the service he could render to his country.

We realize, from what he has said, that his health is in danger. I believe I speak for all hon. members when I say that we hope he will consult his medical advisers again and that they may give him some encouragement. We would hope that it might be possible for him to reconsider the decision he has made. He may rest assured that if it is at all possible for him to return to the house, he will receive here a very warm welcome indeed.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. St. Laurent moved the adjournment of the house.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am sure there are many members in the house who would like personally to convey to our beloved colleague from Calgary the sentiments you have just expressed. Therefore it might be agreeable if at this time we were to adjourn. It has already been intimated that tomorrow afternoon the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) will express his views about the international situation. I do not think we would be losing any time if we were to adjourn now, thus affording us the opportunity of conveying to our colleague the views you so eloquently expressed from the chair.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 9.02 p.m.