

Tabling of Letter and Resolution

bol of industry. He worked without respite for the cause of freedom in the whole world. He was the actual leader during the second world war, when he fought relentlessly against totalitarian regimes of dictators like Hitler and Mussolini.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Caouette: He worked earnestly to give freedom to the world.

An hon. Member: He defended his country.

(Text):

An hon. Member: At last.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

An hon. Member: It is time you said that.

Mr. Caouette: At last my friends the socialists are agreeing with me at this time.

(Translation):

Mr. Speaker, if Sir Winston Churchill's advice had been followed during the war and after, I feel we would not have to face today the communist menace which now threatens the whole world. Sir Winston was a staunch defender of freedom in the world and today, at the age of 88, he is still upholding that cause of human liberties which is also our reason for being gathered here ourselves.

So it is our pleasant duty to join with the right hon. Prime Minister in wishing him a happy birthday and many years of good health. We also hope he will remain a symbol of courage for the present and future generations of the free world and of that world now being engulfed by communist dictatorship for the importance of freedom is something we all recognize.

We wish him a happy birthday and the best of health.

(Text):

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam):

Mr. Speaker, the members of this party are most happy to give enthusiastic support to the motion which has been proposed by the right hon. Prime Minister and seconded by the Leader of the Opposition. I think this parliament does well to send birthday greetings to Sir Winston Churchill to tell him of the abiding affection which the Canadian people have for him, and of the continued admiration which this parliament has for his accomplishments over the years.

Sir Winston Churchill's life covers a great span of history; all the way from the charge at Omdurman, through the South African war, through two world wars, but he will be remembered most of all in history as the man whose courage and eloquence rallied

the people of Great Britain and the commonwealth, and free men everywhere, to put forth their maximum effort to resist Nazi oppression. We in this country, and people all over the free world today, are deeply in his debt.

There is always a tendency to forget great men when they are out of office. I am sure it will warm the heart of this great man to know that the parliament and the people of Canada have not forgotten him on his 88th birthday, and that we wish to transmit to him our best wishes and our continuing admiration for the contribution he has made to his day and generation. He will undoubtedly go down in history as the greatest Englishman of this age and one of the great Englishmen of all time.

While we are paying tribute to this great Englishman, representing a fairly important ethnic group in the British commonwealth—

Mr. Herridge: I should certainly think so.

Mr. Douglas: — I suggest that it should not be forgotten that his birthday coincides with the birthday of the patron saint of Scotland. This is St. Andrew's day, and we recall that all over Canada there are thousands of Scotsmen. Some are Scots by birth, some by reason of ancestry and many more by process of absorption.

I am sure all those who are Scots or who have had some association with Scottish products will also wish to pay tribute to that gallant little people of the northern part of the British Isles. It is not incompatible that I should associate these two names, as the ideals of St. Andrew and the things for which Sir Winston Churchill worked, fought and lived are closely related. On this day the Scottish people think of their long fight for independence and freedom. In thinking of Sir Winston Churchill we think of a valiant fighter for the rights of man.

We associate ourselves with the motion in paying tribute to a great statesman and a great member of the commonwealth.

Motion agreed to.

PENSIONS

TABLING OF LETTER AND RESOLUTION FROM PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the reply of the premier of Manitoba to the letter of January 17, 1962, regarding amendment to section 94A of the British North America Act, as requested by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, to which is attached a copy of the resolution of the legislature of