

certain emergencies that arose two or three members were unable to attend all the sessions.

There have been fruitful discussions, and we have become well enough acquainted so that when the discussions were over, everyone wished to talk some more. That is a sign of a good meeting.

Once more, I wish to tell our friends how glad we are that they could be with us.

Mr. Mansfield: Mr. President, will the Senator from Vermont yield?

Mr. Aiken: I am happy to yield.

Mr. Mansfield: I deem it an honor and a privilege to join the senior Republican in this body, the distinguished senior Senator from Vermont (Mr. Aiken), chairman of the subcommittee on Canada of the committee on foreign relations. To the best of my knowledge, under a Democratically controlled congress, he holds the only chairmanship—a well-deserved honor.

Mr. Aiken: A rather well-controlled Democratic congress. (Laughter.)

Mr. Mansfield: We are delighted to have our colleagues from Canada in the chamber.

We are especially happy to have Speaker Bourget and Speaker Macnaughton present, because they bring together neighbors who really know enough about each other so that once in a while they can quarrel and get away with it.

The Senator from Vermont (Mr. Aiken) has mentioned the fact that 3,000 miles of border lie between us. It is a border which is indefensible because it needs no defense.

Coming from the State of Montana, I should like to say, as I have done so many times, that my state has the longest border with Canada. We extend 700 miles along the southern part of Canada, bounded by British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. We have close and intimate ties with our neighbors in those three provinces. We celebrate "Canadian days" throughout the year because we like to get Canadian dollars, too, occasionally.

It is good to have you here. You do us honor by visiting us in this Chamber. We are extremely happy that the interparliamentary conferences which began under the chairmanship of the distinguished Senator from Vermont (Mr. Aiken) and have continued under his leadership since that time, have been so fruitful in bringing about better understanding and greater tolerance between our two peoples.

I hope that this will not be the last time you will visit this chamber. I only hope

that the next time you visit the Senate, at least some of you will sit on the Democratic side of the aisle, so that we may have a fair representation, too.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Holland: Mr. President, will the Senator from Vermont yield?

Mr. Aiken: I yield.

Mr. Holland: Mr. President, I have enjoyed exceedingly the great pleasure of meeting these fine Canadian visitors.

I cannot claim, as can the distinguished Senator from Vermont (Mr. Aiken), to be a next door neighbor to Mr. McIntosh, whose name has been given to the best Vermont apple; and I cannot claim, as can the majority leader, to have the longest border with Canada. But I can claim that we have our full share of Canadian visitors every year in the State of Florida which in part I represent and that we are proud to have retained many thousands of them as citizens. They are among our finest citizens.

So, from this side of the aisle, I extend the warmest possible welcome. We hope it will be warm when our distinguished friends reach Florida tomorrow afternoon, so that the warmth of our welcome can be more evident than in the present environs of Washington.

I have known of no occasion in which the complete, non-partisan nature of an important operation of the Senate and of the House of Representatives has been so well evidenced. In the Senate the distinguished Senator from Vermont has been chairman of the delegation and chairman of Committee No. 1. The distinguished Senator from North Dakota has been chairman of Committee No. 2. Senators on this side of the aisle, of whom there have been several of us, have been quite content and happy to serve under their leadership.

I hope these distinguished Senators of the minority party have enjoyed their leadership fully, because I do not believe they have had the opportunity to enjoy it, so much as they should, perhaps in other activities of the Senate.

We are delighted to have had these Canadian ladies and gentlemen with us. Speaking only for a part of this great nation, which may be farthest from Canada, may I say that your coming here and our visits with you have been but a symbol—and a significant one—of the warm friendship which prevails between your great country and ours, and which we hope will always prevail, because the might of these two countries together and the friendship of these two countries together have a weight in world affairs which cannot