

in the Senate—not to mention its abundant resources and well-known products—to the McLean sardines. I shall now conclude those few remarks by dealing with the Speech from the Throne and the one just delivered by my newly-appointed colleague, the senator from River Heights (Hon. Hr. Haig). I take this opportunity to congratulate him on the fine words he spoke in French.

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Honourable senators, last Thursday we heard the Speech from the Throne delivered by His Excellency the Governor General. I am sure everyone in this house will agree that such a comprehensive address is welcomed by all Canadian citizens.

The speech included a heavy program and many measures to promote the Canadian economy. Today Canada must be stronger than ever, when new parties built on socialist principles are taking root in our Canadian soil.

Personally, I am a great believer in the two-party system built on free enterprise, freedom and liberty, and I believe that we in this house should be united solid to face and oppose strongly any movement contrary to democratic principles. Let us look back and let us find what we have not done, or what we did wrong. Let us find out why some Canadians are turning away from the road of democracy to affiliate themselves with socialists, fly-by-night saviours, or demagogues. I must say that I deplore the situation into which we are drifting.

One has only to focus an eye on what has happened in the many European countries, where demagogues have led the people, to understand what has happened. That should be a warning that the same thing could happen to others who are being misled by these formless principles.

Honourable senators, when I hear of a Canadian citizen, a French Canadian, one of my own creed, who has said that, if elected to the legislative assembly, he will refuse allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, I feel ashamed. Let us hope that this group be small indeed. I can assure you, honourable senators, that that group does not represent us, the French of New Brunswick and Quebec.

I am glad to read in the speech that an attempt will be made to bring about agreement on a Canadian flag. Here again, honourable senators, it is unbelievable that a nation like ours, Canadians who have stood together, walked side by side even to the last

step forward on the battlefield, after 95 years of confederation, should in peacetime still be divided over the design of a Canadian flag. Perhaps it is true that I cannot have it all my way, and that others cannot have it all their way, but together we certainly can have it the right way. Honourable senators, I hope that we in this chamber can set an example and lead the way for an understanding that will give to the Canadian people the long-needed and long-desired flag.

Honourable senators, the Speech from the Throne covered another subject of great interest, namely, that of promoting and constructing a national electric power grid system across Canada. With the coal of Nova Scotia, the tidal power of New Brunswick, the hydro potential of Quebec, the nuclear power plant of Ontario, and oil and coal and gas of the prairies, the great resources of the Fraser and Columbia, nowhere in the whole world is there so much power potential. One could talk at length on this subject, but to end this matter at least for the moment let us not forget that "electric power" is the key for industrial growth in Canada.

I am pleased to say at this time that four years ago I, as chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, along with my colleagues, the chairman of the Nova Scotia Electric Power Commission and of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Commission, had the honour of signing the first electric power grid agreement in Canada, namely, the agreement between the province of New Brunswick and the province of Nova Scotia. I am pleased to report that since this great system has been in operation it has saved these two provinces millions of dollars in the operation, especially in stand-by and reserve capacity. There are many obstacles facing us in this development, but with the co-operation of the provinces they will all be overcome for the benefit of everyone. At a later date I hope I shall have an opportunity of expressing myself more fully on this matter.

I was pleased to hear of the proposal for the creation of an Atlantic Development Board to promote the economic growth of our region, the enlargement of farm credit, and especially to provide training in agriculture.

Honourable senators, if we have many unemployed today one of the main reasons is that our young people have lost faith in farming and are moving to the cities. It would be correct to say that not only the sons but, in many instances, whole families, have left the farms to move to industrial centres. But before we condemn these mass movements from the farms to the cities, it would be well to explore the reasons. When we do that I am sure we will find that one important reason is the lack of proper agricultural training.