

*The Address—Mr. R. Gauthier*

of expression it will command more respect and it will have more respect for others in the full plenitude of its maturity and with all those means of expression which it requires.

I also voice this nation's growing desire to have a distinctive flag and I hope that very soon this general desire will be fulfilled through the enactment of practical legislation which will give our country a distinctive flag, one that will serve and enshrine the cause of Canadian unity.

*(Translation):*

Furthermore, means of communications have largely contributed to bind together the various parts of the world. More and more, countries are communicating between themselves, and more and more they exchange reciprocal ideas and opinions.

Now, there is in Italy a sovereign state, a defender of the same spiritual and material values that we ourselves defend. I mean the Vatican.

I would not like to hark back to an old question, nor would I wish to raise in the house a religious issue, which would be pointless, but regardless of that, the fact remains that the supreme head of that small state is drawing the attention of the civilized world and the admiration of all nations professing to defend democracy.

That is why these countries send to the Vatican an ambassador in order to partake of the immense advantages of such a friendship.

Why should our country, I am asking you, be further deprived of the benefits resulting from such essential friendship?

I therefore wish that an early decision be taken to send to the Holy See an ambassador who would represent our country and bring us every advantage that friendly relations between countries or states can award.

Without in any way wishing to discuss at this time the delicate constitutional matter of education, I nevertheless think that the government is not unfamiliar—and this is the least one can say—with the issue of education for the citizens under its rule.

Whatever the circumstances, we advocate—and rightfully so—the development of our national wealth. Now, is it not true that there is no greater wealth for a country than its young people, whose value is incomparably higher than all our material possessions?

More than ever therefore it is high time that the lawgiver should recognize in a concrete fashion such a priority of human values over other values, by furthering education in all its forms, and that he should enable the inquisitive and believing mind to dominate matter and put it to good use, and thus to insure the survival of the other values for which we all live and toil, the triumph of our democratic ideas.

I therefore hope that our legislation will increasingly tend to favour the discovery of the talents possessed by a host of young Canadians. I wish that legislation may facilitate the mental growth of our youth through the numerous legislative means at the disposal of this government, either by tax exemptions for large families, or by the granting of scholarships in every field, an education assistance scheme, a higher training assistance plan for young people, more adequate tax exemptions in the case of teachers, etc.

Mr. Speaker, before dealing with the wishes and particular needs of my constituency, let me dwell on a matter which we all have at heart, world peace.

We are all moved by this deep desire; I need not therefore say anymore about it.

Our understanding of peace is common and collective but often we underestimate the price we have to pay to get peace and maintain it.

Peace at the present time cannot be taken for granted. We all recognize our deep desire for peace but we must also realize the vital necessity of earning peace and paying for it.

It is with the greatest possible understanding that all Canadians must make certain concessions to ensure their security and their well-being in order to avoid having to make greater sacrifices.

I therefore wish that all the acts which will soon be enacted will definitely take this wish into account in order that we may contribute to world peace and take the means to ensure and maintain it.

However, if I make it a point to ask the government to protect the moral and spiritual values of the Canadian nation, I must also bring to the attention of the house the economic and social needs of my constituency, which occupies a very important place in the present economy of this country and whose enormous natural resources have attracted to an ever increasing degree, the attention of financiers and of governments.