

The Address—Mr. Paul

The appointment of the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale) as Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources has delighted his colleagues, all of whom are convinced of his exceptional qualities, which will enable him to perform his duties with ease and dignity, thanks to his spirit of devotion and his keen, enlightened mind.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Paul: The hon. member for London, the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Halpenny), will ably support the efforts of his colleagues in the cabinet, who will not fail to call upon his diplomacy and erudition from time to time. Congratulations to the hon. minister.

(Translation):

The hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Clermont) is entitled to our most sincere congratulations, which I am pleased to extend to him. I wish him every success in his new career.

(Text):

Even though it is impossible for us to identify the party represented in this house by the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Pitman), I congratulate him upon his personal success and urge him to repeat often in this house, on his own behalf, the delightful and characteristic expressions used by the leader of the C.C.F. on behalf of his group—"We, in this group," "We, in the name of this group", and so forth.

Logically and intentionally I have saved the finest compliments and felicitations until the last, and it is with courtesy, candour and sincerity that I congratulate the hon. member for Niagara Falls (Miss LaMarsh). I urge her to work to the best of her ability within her own party, for she will soon see how much room there is for improvement in it. It is consoling to see at last a rose blooming on the Liberal rose bush in this house, and I have no doubt that the hon. member will cast an excellent reddish shadow on the spray of blue roses which adorns the Conservative party.

(Translation):

As in real life, the House of Commons is gladdened by arrivals and saddened by departures. Since the last session, two hon. ministers have emigrated to quieter places. The least we can do for the Hon. A. J. Brooks, appointed to the Senate, and the Hon. George Pearkes, who now represents Her most gracious Majesty the Queen in the splendid province of British Columbia, is to bid them a friendly good-bye and assure them they will

never be forgotten. Those of us who remain here realize that their departure is indeed a great loss, and view it with mixed feelings of joy and sadness.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will allow me at this time to think about my constituency and to gratify to some extent the desire I have to tell you something about it.

The constituency of Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere, located partly in the heart of Quebec, is the pride of your humble servant, because nowhere else has the mingling of farmers' interests with those of the industrial or labour classes brought about greater prosperity and ease based, above all, on the spirit of understanding and co-operation of its various components. The farmers of my constituency have confidence in the future of Canadian agriculture, and they wish to thank the government for the measures it has introduced since it came to power, in order to provide that class of society with the basic minimum income necessary to meet its obligations.

It is the earnest wish of workers in my constituency, especially the textile workers, that strong measures be soon taken by the government to ensure the survival of that industry; and they can count on my fullest devotion in the consideration of this problem, one which requires far-reaching measures if this industry is to survive in the province of Quebec. Industrialists looking for an honest, competent and hard-working labour force will be glad to settle in my constituency, where they will always be welcome.

The people of Berthier-Maskinonge-Delanaudiere, true to the most revered French-Canadian traditions, wish to live an intense community life; this unquestionably shows to what extent my fellow citizens are attached to their origins, language and faith, and are imbued with a spirit of admirable generosity, similar to that which characterized founders and pioneers of parishes located north of my constituency. They wish for the greatness and prosperity of the province of Quebec and of Canada as a whole, they want to join in Canada's march towards the most ardently desired economic equilibrium and towards constant progress which will place and maintain our fine and great country in the front rank of those democratic nations that are now fighting fiercely for the triumph of that ideology, the corner-stone of world peace.

Last September in New York the United Nations general assembly held its session. This being the fifteenth anniversary of an organization devoted to good international relations, made up of nations of opposed