

*Speech from the Throne*

with some of these countries in the communist world. I hope we may do this, because it is in this way more than any other, possibly, that we can be sure of peace. There are tendencies toward incipient pluralism in international communism and this, I think, is something of which we should take advantage. The best way to do it is by expanding our trade and cultural contacts with the rest of the world, and not simply with the western world. This may also lead—and I believe it should lead—to diplomatic recognition being given where it is not now extended.

I am particularly pleased that our attitude toward the international scene as well as toward the domestic is one of purpose, indeed one of urgency; and I feel that with this party forming the government of Canada we shall be able to fulfil this sense of purpose and this sense of urgency, both at home and abroad.

I should therefore like to move, seconded by my hon. friend from Lotbiniere (Mr. Choquette):

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency Major General the Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Military Cross and the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which His Excellency the Administrator has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

*(Translation):*

**Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbiniere):** Mr. Speaker, before saying anything about the emotion I feel in speaking in this chamber, I wish to offer to Her Majesty's representative my best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Mr. Speaker, one always feels deeply moved when speaking before such a distinguished gathering for the first time.

I thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) for the honour he has bestowed upon me, knowing that he wanted first of all to pay tribute to the riding of Lotbiniere, which I have the privilege to represent, and especially to youth, the young people that our party has brought to life, which flatly contradicts those who, for a long time, labelled us an "old party", in particular the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Gregoire).

Mr. Speaker, following the remarks made by the hon. member for Northumberland—

*(Text):*

May I also extend my warmest congratulations to the hon. member for Northumberland (Miss Jewett) for the distinction, the charm and the great eloquence with which she performed her duty and delivered the wonderful speech we have just heard.

*(Translation):*

Mr. Speaker, I should like to offer you my warmest congratulations, not so much to follow a well-established tradition but because it is most obvious that your appointment is fully justified considering your outstanding capabilities, your deep sense of impartiality and the exceptional ability you always showed during parliamentary debates when you were chairman of a committee of the house. Indeed, your great qualities made you the likeliest choice to fill the honourable but difficult position of Speaker of the House of Commons.

I should also like to offer the Prime Minister my heartfelt congratulations for having succeeded in winning the confidence of the Canadian people. Canadians were happy to give him their confidence because they knew that under his efficient leadership our country would enjoy prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, may I express my most heartfelt appreciation to the voters of Lotbiniere for their confidence. I shall, in turn, assure them once again of my constant and persistent devotion when defending their interests in this house.

You know, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette)—I am sorry that he is not in the house at this moment—has helped to elect me in Lotbiniere riding, and I trust that the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Gregoire), will convey this message to him.

Indeed, resorting to the strategy of the hon. member for St. Jean-Iberville-Napierville (Mr. Dupuis), I challenged the hon. member for Villeneuve to face me in a contradictory meeting. To justify his absence, he said that he had to meet leaders and not lieutenants; indeed, considering recent events within the Social Credit party, we have to admit that the hon. member for Villeneuve has a certain taste for "secrecy", for he stated during a meeting: "I say to him who challenges me to face him in a contradictory meeting, that I shall see quite enough of him in Ottawa". His wish was so well fulfilled that the standard bearer of the Social Credit party in my county lost his deposit.

Mr. Speaker, we have gone before the people with a well-defined platform, containing the following essential points: first of all,