

*The Budget—Mr. Bryce*

encourage us to do likewise with regard to the French language. In order to really understand the destiny of Canada, it is necessary not only to know one another, but we must also fully understand our problems. Then we from western Canada shall visit you in the east. You from the east who have relatives and friends in western Canada will want to visit them, and us too, and at the same time get acquainted with our problems. We shall thus be in a position to do our utmost to make Canada a greater, a more prosperous and happier country.

(Text):

I suggested to the French-speaking people that they come out to the west and see us because they have many friends and relatives there. While they are out there we will treat them in the same way that they treat us when we are in the east. No one on earth could treat us better than the people of the eastern provinces when we come down here to see them.

The government, with its overwhelming majority, will appear still greater in the eyes of the people of Canada by reason of the way in which it treats minorities. When we have an overwhelming majority we wish to extend every courtesy to those who may be in the minority, not only throughout the length and breadth of Canada but also the minority in the official opposition, and our splendid splinter parties. Someone told me it is not necessary to have splinter parties. Sometimes we wonder why there are such things. Eventually they come around to our way of looking at matters. We sometimes wonder why they would not rather be a part of the ocean on which the ship of state sails so majestically instead of continuing to be something that the tide washes in and then washes out again. We look to them to be a part of Canada, to place themselves in the position where they can make their contribution to Canada and be such Canadians as to merit the love of all. If there is one thing necessary in Canada it is the true love of our country and I should like to see that developed.

In the words of Sir Walter Scott:

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land!

I should like to see that spirit develop in our land from one end to the other so that in times of danger within and danger without the people of every province of Canada will rise as one man and battle unto death for Canada. If we can do anything to develop that spirit I think we will have made a great contribution to Canada.

I believe that Canada needs a flag. A flag

is the symbol of unity between the individual and his country, and therefore I advocate a flag for Canada. It is our common wish to build a greater Canada. The people of Canada have a vision of what can be accomplished in a country so large and with so many natural resources, a country that has almost everything to make it the greatest in the world.

Now that Newfoundland has become a province of Canada and we have Canada united from Vancouver island to Newfoundland into one great entity, which I think was the vision of the fathers of confederation, I hope eventually it may be said of the present leaders of the country as it has been said of the fathers of confederation that they exhibited great vision for the future greatness of the country. Over one of the portals of this parliament building are carved these words: "Where there is no vision the people perish." Let us work together so that our advance and our betterment may be such that it can be said of our leaders, as it was said of the fathers of confederation, that they set their eyes toward the rising sun; that they laid their foundations upon the rock; that they builded better than they knew.

**Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, I listened very attentively to the remarks of the hon. member for Maple Creek (Mr. Studer), which I enjoyed. I feel quite proud to be one of that splinter group to which he referred; and I can assure him that a splinter is a bad thing if it gets beneath your skin. However, I have my own speech to deliver, and I have been asked by the government to hurry along so that we may get on to other business.

I want to take this opportunity to bring before the government two matters of great importance to my constituents. The first is in connection with the setting up of new communities in the constituency of Selkirk. I refer to such V.L.A. settlements as those at Roblin Park and Rivercrest. In some cases these settlements contain a hundred homes or more. One of the qualifications required was that the veterans should have families, and I think the average is about two children per family; but nothing has been done to provide these children with schooling. There is no school for them; there is no schoolteacher, and that is bad business. I cannot speak on this subject as an educator; far from it. I can only look at it from the point of view of a school trustee, since I happened to be chairman of a small school board for thirteen years before coming here. Looking back to the thirties I still feel ashamed when I remember how we would offer a teacher \$45 a month to teach forty children in eight grades.