

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): It is still draughty!

Hon. Mr. Willis: I have more hair than has the honourable Leader of the Government.

I wish to refer now to the mover and seconder of the motion. I was not present on Tuesday evening because I had to attend a funeral in Toronto. When Senator Denis first came into the chamber I looked for that blue book containing the Post Office patronage list under his arm, but I did not see him carrying it. I wonder what he did with it. In any event, he made a very good political speech in seconding the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

I met Senator Cook for the first time last night. I understand he is a well-known barrister in St. John's, Newfoundland. I congratulate him upon his appointment to the Senate, and upon his being chosen to move the motion before the house.

I want to mention also Senator Rattenbury. He comes from New Brunswick, the province from which my leader comes, and I understand he has had an outstanding business career.

I should make a special reference to the new senator from Toronto, Senator Daniel Lang. He is only 44 years of age. I congratulate my honourable friend, the Leader of the Government, on the appointment of so young a man. I wish I had been appointed when I was that age. Dan Lang comes from a well-known legal family, and his father was a well-known worker in the Liberal organization in Ontario. I must also point out that the firm to which Dan Lang belongs is Lang, Michener and Cranston, of which the Honourable Roland Michener, the Speaker of the House of Commons for five years, is a member. I trust that Dan Lang's approach to this house has been leavened by the influence of Roland Michener. In any event, I welcome him wholeheartedly. He will be a great credit to the house, and we from Toronto know that he will do his best in the interests of Canada.

I see that my honourable friend, Senator Ross Macdonald, has just left the chamber. If he thought I was going to refer to him next, he was right. Ross Macdonald was the Leader of the house when I was appointed. I have known him for many years. He was an able barrister in Brantford, Ontario. He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and was a co-governor with me of McMaster University. It was Senator Ross Macdonald who schooled me in the ways of the Senate. Up until a year and a half ago, when he was bereft of his wife, he was

greatly helped by her. She was an able partner to him.

Honourable senators, I wish now to say something about Senator Brooks, my leader on this side of the house, and to refer to the erudite speeches which were made yesterday. They put my effort today somewhat to shame. I was asked by my Whip if I could go on today, and I said I could but I was not prepared. The erudite speech which the honourable Senator Brooks made is a great tribute to him, and I am sure it was a pleasure to both sides of the house to hear such a speech. It was non-partisan; it was a speech you would expect from a Leader of the Opposition in this house.

I do not need to emphasize the record of honourable Senator Brooks. He became a member of the House of Commons in 1935; he was a distinguished Minister of Veterans Affairs; and then he came to this house and is now our distinguished leader. I pay the highest tribute to him.

I come now to my friend Senator John J. Connolly, whom I have known for many years. When he spoke in Latin, English and French yesterday I wondered if he was about to break into Italian or German. I wondered if perchance his facility in French was picked up a year and a half ago in Paris when he visited a certain night club.

Senator Connolly is an eminent member of the Ontario Bar, and a distinguished member of this house. He was a guiding figure in the Liberal party in the elections in 1962 and 1963—for which I do not give him credit. Nevertheless, he is the distinguished leader of this house, and I know that all on this side as well as all on the other side are very pleased that he now occupies that position.

Honourable senators, I received a letter from Senator Connolly, as I guess other senators did, prior to the session, telling us the hours and the days on which we would meet. We appreciate that, and from a businessman like you, Sir, I know that we can expect great things to come.

I also congratulate Senator Connolly upon being made a member of the cabinet without portfolio—which I understand includes everything; you are boss of the whole works. We are very proud of you and happy to sit under you as Government Leader in this house. I do not say that that situation is going to continue forever, because a margin of eight votes is something, and it may be that in the future the sides may be reversed. Then we will welcome you as Leader of the Opposition just the same as we welcome you today as Leader of the Government.

The Speech from the Throne is full of platitudes—there is really nothing else in it.