

tunate I think I am in having at the council table, in the persons of a number of the younger men of our country, statesmen who will do honour to their name and to the name of our country, in increasing measure as the years go by.

You have heard Mr. Chevrier speak to you tonight. I need not tell you that there are few men anywhere who could begin to address an audience with such eloquence as he demonstrated on this occasion. I am not referring to what he said about myself. I know what these young colleagues mean when they say some of the things they do. I am far from meaning that they are not wholly sincere, but I say they know that a word to the old man helps to gladden his heart; and I can assure you that my heart has been greatly gladdened this evening in listening to my young colleague say some of the things he has said, not only what he said about myself but particularly what he said about the problems of Canada.

Here may I take occasion to say to Mr. Chevrier, Senior, the father of our distinguished Minister of Transport, how glad I am that he is on this platform tonight. May I extend to him my warmest congratulations upon the position his son holds in the public life of our country today.

Ladies and gentlemen, I can think of nothing which would have filled the hearts of my father and mother, and of those who preceded them, with greater pride than to have witnessed this gathering here tonight, to see one of their own receive the honour which I am receiving from you on this occasion. I want to thank