

The Address—Mr. Bourdages

bridge, it is one hundred years old. Both bridges are a bane to greater Montreal motorists; they are a constant nuisance, morally and financially.

We had to have a wise and enlightened administration—to put it briefly, the present government—to take steps to put an end to this toll system.

The legislation which the Conservative government will introduce will be a highly popular one. Besides filling with joy the people of the Montreal metropolitan area, it will assist business on both shores. This legislation will thus prevent those traffic jams which have become so notorious. It will bring relief to the workingman who needs all his money for his family's livelihood. This Conservative government measure, I know, will fill with joy the Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. Seigny), the member for Longueuil, who has always had at heart the removing of the tolls on the Jacques Cartier and Victoria bridges.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but I have to advise him that his time has expired.

Mr. Dupuis: It is most interesting. Carry on.

Some hon. Members: Carry on.

Mr. Bourdages: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I must say, bravo, well done, Mr. Prime Minister.

One sentence from the speech from the throne which particularly impressed me was that which referred to the recommendation of a number of measures that will constitute further steps in working out the purposes of confederation and identifying more clearly the definition of Canadian nationality.

Mr. Speaker, these aims will no doubt help to instil in both French and English speaking Canadians, a greater feeling of national pride. In turn, this will add to the joy, which we all share, of being part of a nation whose strength is based on two languages and on two cultures which must blend and work side by side more than ever, so that the economic and cultural strength of our dear Canada can be proclaimed all over the world.

Our country believes in justice. It believes that the past is a guarantee for the future. The Conservative government strongly abides by these principles and has wanted to adopt them as its own. The government has served with devotion the cause of the citizens of the country, in keeping with the life of its peoples and of history. Its ideal is to strive ever more so that the light of freedom, which makes citizens happy, prosperous and productive, will shine throughout Canada.

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(Translation):

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honour to move, seconded by my colleague from Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Browne):

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General 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 Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

(Text):

Mr. J. F. Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, it has always been considered a tribute to the people of a particular area when the Prime Minister chooses their representative in parliament to second the address in reply to the speech from the throne. I should like to thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) for recognizing the people of Vancouver-Kingsway in this way and to say that I know of no time in our history when such a tribute would have been more appropriate. I think it can truly be said that the people of Vancouver-Kingsway are Canadians of average circumstance and it has, indeed, been to the welfare of the average Canadian that the Prime Minister has chiefly devoted himself.

Before I begin my remarks in connection with the speech from the throne I should like to extend my best wishes to all hon. members as we enter upon this new session and to congratulate all those who have received new appointments during the recess. This has already been very well done by the hon. member for Laval (Mr. Bourdages) and I am sure I do not need to refer to each of them individually because the warm applause which greeted their names when they were outlined by the hon. member for Laval indicated clearly the degree of approval felt by the house at these appointments all of which, I am sure, will prove to be very popular. It also gives me a great deal of satisfaction to have this first opportunity to congratulate the mover of the address (Mr. Bourdages) on the truly fine

[Mr. Bourdages.]