

have always said that the League of Nations could never attain the success expected of it until the United States decided to take part. It is to be regretted that that country did not join the League at its inception. Humanity would not then have suffered as it has suffered for the past three years and is still suffering to-day. It is to be hoped that the United States will join with Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and all other nations, and that together they may prevail upon German mentality to adopt a different attitude towards other countries. It will be necessary to establish in Germany a new system of education, especially in its institutions of learning, where the Prussian spirit still inculcates its principles of oppression with regard to the rest of the human race. We must train the minds of the rising generation into conformity with the aspirations of other nations. I can only urge upon the Canadian Parliament and people to continue in the path of moderation and charity, and I trust that the nations will treat each other as neighbours are expected to do in a community.

I thank you sincerely, honourable gentlemen, for your indulgence, and have much pleasure in seconding the motion for the Address to His Excellency the Governor General to thank him for the Speech which he was pleased to give us yesterday.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, I have much pleasure in extending my congratulations to the mover and the seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, for the very satisfactory way in which they have discharged the duties assigned to them by the Government. I was particularly interested in the very thoughtful address delivered by the mover of the resolution, and, as I listened attentively to the sentiments which he expressed, particularly upon the fiscal question, it occurred to me that he was quite as qualified for this side of the House as for the side on which he sits.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I always said there should not be two sides.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: There is no occasion for my honourable friends to apologize for any timidities in discharging the duties of moving and seconding the Address. While they have made their maiden speeches in this body, yet we know that both honourable gentlemen have been engaged for a considerable period of time in the active political conflicts of the party to which they belong. I am not one of those who decry the appointment to this Chamber of honourable gentlemen who have been actively engaged

in political life. I think that experience gives them a broader and more generous view of life than they might have if they had not engaged in political activity; and a broad outlook upon life and a well-balanced and sane judgment on all public questions are, it seems to me, essential to the proper discharge of the duties of a member of this honourable House.

I am always interested in seeing honourable gentlemen who belong to the Liberal party accept membership in this House. It is always pleasing to note the alacrity with which they accept membership when it is offered them, notwithstanding the murmurs and threats of the party to which they belong with regard to the abolition or reform of this body. I therefore congratulate my honourable friends the mover and the seconder of the Address upon their having accepted appointment to the Senate, and I foresee for them both a very useful service in this Chamber.

In looking casually over the Speech from the Throne, one cannot say that it suffers from any paucity of material of promised legislation, as many Speeches from the Throne do. There is a programme sufficiently long to keep us here for several months, and if the Government will implement the promise of legislation foreshadowed in it, I have no doubt that we shall have a very interesting Session.

I was somewhat interested in observing the language employed in the Speech from the Throne and comparing it with a declaration that, by way of New Year's greeting, was issued by the Prime Minister to the people of Canada some few weeks ago. The Speech from the Throne is supplementary of that declaration. One or two expressions in that declaration were very comprehensive indeed. I shall ask my honourable friend's indulgence while I read one of the clauses. The Prime Minister said:

Treaties have been arranged with France and Australia for the betterment of trade conditions between the Dominion and those countries, and other treaties seeking a widening of markets in other directions were in course of negotiation. Treaties have also been negotiated with the United States looking to the settlement of the Great Lakes disarmament question and the Lake of the Woods international levels. The Government had also succeeded in securing the removal of the embargo against Canadian non-breeding cattle in Great Britain and the embargo against breeding types of cattle would be removed under the agreement early in the New Year.

Among other important matters decided had been the formation of the Board of management of the Canadian National Railway systems and the securing of Sir Henry Thornton as President and General Manager of the railways. The personnel of the Board, said the Prime Minister, was such as to inspire con-