

The Address—Mr. A. C. Stewart

appointments. I wish also to congratulate the mover of the address. Not only do I congratulate him on what he said, but being one of those perhaps more experienced in the legislature I would suggest that he follow his air force training, make sure of his route, and make sure that his landing gear is down at all proper times.

Politics are somewhat different from overseas service. Referring to the seconder of the motion, I was pleased indeed to hear him speak in both English and French, something which I unfortunately cannot do. I have, however, had the opportunity of going through his province extensively. The hon. member who moved this address happened to mention the maritimes, and I noted his remarks about them. He said that all Canadians should make it a point, particularly the members of this chamber, to visit all parts of Canada and all provinces of Canada. I had the pleasure of visiting the maritimes about twenty years ago and my friend the hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Black) was good enough to drive me over from Digby, Nova Scotia, to Lunenburg, at which time we spoke at the Bridgewater apple convention and also at the Lunenburg fishermen's convention. May I say that you have not seen the maritimes until you have had one of their real fish dinners such as the one which Judge Arsenault of Prince Edward Island was good enough to entertain me with. The maritimes are not foreign to the west.

As to the province of Quebec, you cannot say you have seen that province by visiting Murray Bay or Lucerne in Quebec. You must really go around the Gaspé peninsula to see the province of Quebec, and you have to see these people who have been in there for three or four hundred years. The late Mr. Perrault, who was then minister of roads, some twenty years ago was good enough to take me around that drive and take me into all the villages in that part of the country. They had one of the worst storms in history on the Atlantic at that time, and the people were up against it. They had only the cow, the boat, and the old seigniorial system of holding land. But those people are of a steady race. They have been in there three or four hundred years. They do not kick every time something goes wrong. They are a steady people. No one will ever make socialists or C.C.F.'ers out of that bunch. Incidentally, speaking as a westerner, and having been born in the west of parents who were both born in Ontario, I want to say this. I saw more oxen between Lunenburg and Digby than I ever saw in western Canada; and my father was there in 1882 along with the father of General McNaughton.

As to the debate, I want to compliment the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) despite what has been said by the feeble opposition in connection with his remarks to this house. I do not think I can add very much to what he said. We hear that we have too strong a group on this side of the house, that the government is too powerful, and that we should have a stronger opposition. I wish we had a stronger opposition. I think it would be helpful. But we have on this side of the house what is known as the rump and we really represent the largest group sitting on the side opposite to the government. I can assure the opposition that if they cannot do the job, we will help them along a bit at times in order to see that we get good government.

As to the Conservative party, may I say that I should like to see us get down again to the two-party system. In that way I think we would get better government. In the Conservative party are some splendid men. You have such members as the hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Black), and the hon. member for Souris (Mr. Ross), who was in the same battalion as myself. You have good material, and I cannot understand why the party have not done more with the material they have. We have sent you, or you have taken from the west, some of your leaders. There was Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, and he disappeared. Then you took honest John Bracken, and he disappeared. You tried to get one of our younger fellows, but you did not give him the job. You have a leader now. I have listened to him speak in this house, and I think he is doing a good job. He speaks quite sincerely and he is covering his platform. Don't change leaders every day. We want you to "stay put" behind the leader that you have. We notice factions in your group already. I can see certain fellows who would like to be leader. Don't change leaders again. Keep one leader for a while, and then we shall get down to brass tacks.

We have now before this house an amendment moved by the Conservative party, and they have a right to move such an amendment. Then we have an amendment to the amendment moved by the C.C.F. If there are two groups that are co-ordinating in this house, it is the C.C.F. and the Conservatives.

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Stewart (Yorkton): To a certain extent. I do not think the hon. member for Danforth (Mr. Harris) will ever really co-operate with the C.C.F., but I am talking officially about the record. People will be astounded at this co-operation when they read it in *Hansard*. In connection with that co-operation, may I say that it is a peculiar thing that when