

Part of our duty is to see that these things are not forgotten, and to make sure that the peoples of the world, particularly those of Asia, realize that the so-called cold war is being forced upon the world by an imperialistic policy of Soviet Russia that is exactly the same as the old imperialistic policy of czarist Russia. The only difference is in the weapons. If those of us who are fighting for the preservation of human rights and fundamental freedoms can only make this fact known throughout the world, particularly in Asia, we shall win the cold war and avoid a hot war. I shall leave honourable senators with this thought, and in closing I want to say that I am glad to support the motion of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Calvert C. Pratt: Honourable Senators, as a new arrival in the Senate of Canada, may I be permitted to add my congratulations to those already extended to the mover and the seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. I am fortunate that on the first occasion upon which it has been my privilege to sit in on the debates in this Chamber I have had the opportunity of hearing such speeches as were made by the honourable senators.

I may be excused at this time from making any extended remarks on the subject of the Speech from the Throne. I would like to say, however, not only as a member of the Senate, but as a citizen of Canada, how thankful we all should be that we have leaders in government who are prepared to shoulder, self-sacrificingly and, we pray, effectively, the heavy burdens placed upon them in these trying times. As the years have rolled on the Dominion of Canada has grown in stature and in world influence until responsibilities of government are no longer confined primarily to affairs at home. In the great international emergency of this time the welfare and future destiny of peoples are largely shaped in what may be termed the councils of the world, and not alone in the parliaments of the nations. It seems to me that the address to which we have just listened from the honourable senator from Cariboo (Hon. Mr. Turgeon) was very illuminating and brought home to us forcibly how the welfare of all countries is moulded by the happenings in what I have termed the councils of the world.

I am sure it is the devout prayer and hope of every true citizen of this land, no matter what his politics, creed or class, that our leaders in those councils, and those who direct

them, will be divinely guided in the tremendous responsibilities they have undertaken.

May I also be permitted to express my personal and very sincere appreciation of the cordial greetings and good wishes which I have received from so many honourable members. I particularly appreciate the kindly words of welcome which the honourable senator from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen) extended to me yesterday and to my colleagues who are about to enter this chamber. And I am very happy to have been present this afternoon when my good friend from Newfoundland (Hon. Mr. Quinton) was sworn in as a member of this chamber.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Pratt: Newfoundlanders generally, as well as the representatives of that province in the Senate and in the other house, naturally view the problems of the government and economic life of Canada with fresh and inquiring minds. Having until less than two years ago lived apart from the Dominion of Canada, we now find ourselves a part of this great nation, and are in the process of adapting ourselves to the new status. In the past nothing but the greatest friendliness and good will existed between us, but we were just friendly neighbours; now we have entered the family—not as adopted children, but as blood relations; for after all, what more potent relationship could there be than membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations, and a mutual love and respect for our great traditions and the heritage of the free institutions of our peoples?

Robert Frost, the well-known American poet, in the poem known as "Mending Walls", has penned a line in which the farmer in the illustration says to himself as he is building the fence, "Good fences make good neighbours". Newfoundland had its fences in its tariffs and its laws, which were made to suit the particular conditions of a self-governing country. The only fence now remaining—the Gulf of St. Lawrence—is not of our making or yours. It is a very real fence, but not insurmountable with the spirit of mutual helpfulness. The other Canadian provinces removed their fences generations ago, and the perfect harmony which now prevails, if I may assume such to be correct, is the result of adjustment and readjustment over the years; and to preserve harmony that process goes on. Now the man-made fences have been removed, and we have come within the family circle. The family life, however, is new to us. To make the life happy, congenial and helpful, calls for a complete understanding by each of the other, and the application of the same process of adjustment and readjustment as we go along.