

over \$18½ million. I draw to the attention of honourable senators the fact that this does not include other services like educational services, assistance in farming operations, and that sort of thing, for our Indian population.

I am uncertain at the moment just what the exact Indian and Eskimo population of Canada is, but I think I am within the margin of safety by saying that it does not exceed 170,000. So what we are in effect doing in these votes is to provide for Indian and Eskimo health services over \$100 for every Indian and Eskimo man, woman and child in Canada. That is a very high average. At present I am merely drawing attention to these things, and I may have something further to say upon them if I should launch into a speech on the Address. The growth of our expenditures should be given sober thought by every member of Parliament, whether of this house or the other house; because there is not only a growth of expenditure by our federal Government, but also ever mounting expenditure by provincial and municipal Governments, and the combined total sum is very large indeed. I know there are economists who say: "Oh, we can handle this. We are for ever going to be on the up and up; we are for ever going to have an expanding gross national product and an expanding national net income." Well, honourable senators, the present time affords some evidence that our expectation in that respect may be built upon a rather shadowy foundation.

I will close by simply saying that there is no greater responsible duty on members of Parliament than to see that the taxpayers' money is wisely spent and none of it wasted. There can be no dispute about that. In the great surge forward, in the new conception of the welfare state, and in other directions, we go on spending, spending, spending, without serious thought as to what the consequences to the taxpayer may be.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, the question is on the motion for the third reading of Bill 11. Is it your pleasure to pass this motion?

Hon. Mr. Reid: On division. I was supposed to get some information.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed, on division.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—
DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of Her Majesty the Queen's speech at the opening of the session and the motion

of Hon. Mr. White, seconded by Hon. Mr. Méthot, for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators,—

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I cannot let this occasion pass without stating at the very outset how happy we all were to welcome to Canada our Queen, Elizabeth the Second, and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. It was not possible for Her Majesty to visit any other city in Canada than our national capital, but I am sure that all Canadians from coast to coast felt they were having some part in expressing to their Queen the deep loyalty, respect and affection which we all have for her.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, those of us who were in this chamber will never forget the colourful scene when for the first time a reigning sovereign was present in person to open our Parliament. It was a circumstance of deep significance and an historic occasion for all Canadians. It had been my intention to speak at length in connection with this great historical event, but last night I felt that the two honourable senators who moved and seconded the Address expressed our feelings adequately and exceptionally well. Therefore, I shall only add that I concur in all that they said in that respect.

Honourable senators, as the honourable senator from De la Durantaye (Hon. Mr. Pouliot) mentioned last night, I am sure that we were all pleased with the physical appearance of the Senate chamber on the day of the opening. It will be recalled that prior to the close of the last session we appointed a subcommittee to supervise alterations and additions to the Senate chamber, and the Senate agreed on what alterations and additions could be made. Perhaps I could not do better at this time than give an account of the stewardship of that committee. The subcommittee consisted of myself, as chairman, the Honourable Senator Connolly (Ottawa West) and the Honourable Senator Dessureault. We commenced our duties even before Parliament was dissolved, and the work was well in process by June 10. Notwithstanding the change in the administration that took place after that date, the subcommittee felt it should continue to function. I was at that time chairman of the Internal Economy Committee, and I continued to act in that capacity until Parliament reassembled. I could not do otherwise because, as you know, the new Leader of the Government was not appointed until a short time before the session opened.