

of Canada in the maintenance of the war waged for liberty and lasting peace, will, I am sure, meet with the approval of this House, and said measures, when before Parliament, will receive its careful attention.

The issues involved in this war are so momentous and far-reaching in their consequences that no effort should be spared on our part, and no sacrifice should be regarded as too great, for the accomplishment of the purpose aimed at. We owe it to the Mother Country, to whom we are indebted for all we have and are; we owe it to her Allies, who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with her to maintain our common rights and defend our common liberty; we owe it to the people of Belgium, whose country has been despoiled, overrun and ruined, and whose citizens have been butchered and their helpless women and children mutilated and massacred; we owe it to humanity the world over, and, lastly, we owe it to ourselves, our country and our homes, to see that nothing is left undone that can properly be done to vindicate British rights, maintain British supremacy and punish the aggressors. I move:

That the following Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Royal Highness for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament; namely:—

To Field Marshal His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, Earl of Sussex, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Duke of Saxony; Prince of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India; Knight Grand Cross of the Most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; His Majesty's Personal Aide-de-Camp; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

May it Please Your Royal Highness:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Royal Highness for the gracious Speech which Your Royal Highness has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: The loftiness and happy strain of the remarks you have just heard, honourable gentlemen, increase the hesitation, I should say the embarrassment of one who, realizing all the importance of this honourable Chamber and the worthiness of its members, rises to speak for the first time.

I bless the custom, honourable gentlemen, which requires that on this occasion at least, I should speak in my mother tongue, for if I have never more than to-day felt deeply loyal and grateful towards Great Britain, I must say that never also have I felt prouder of my ancestors' country sweet France which never ceased to be heroic France.

My first utterances in this House shall express all the gratitude I owe to the eminent statesman who guides the destiny of this country, as well as to the Ministers of my own province, for the honour conferred upon me when I was selected by them to sit among you. I wish also to convey my appreciation of your kind and cordial welcome and for the gracious compliment your distinguished leader paid me when I was invited, in spite of my parliamentary inexperience, to join this veteran of public life, honourable Senator Sproule, and second the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

When I rose to speak, honourable gentlemen, I felt that your eyes naturally sought the statesman whom I was called here not to replace, but to succeed, and that is a very high honour. You may well believe that more than ever at this moment, I bear his memory in mind.

The honourable member for Montarville was one of the most remarkable figures in our political life. Stalwart and straight in his physical appearance as well as in his moral and intellectual qualities, he left us the example of an honest life inspired by deep and sincere convictions and always guided by a broad and enlightened patriotism. I knew him from my childhood and all my life I have been honoured by his friendship.

When, approaching by the river, and landing on the shores of the beautiful town of Boucherville, one sees, reflected in the calm flow of the St. Lawrence, the pretty white cottages of the village, surrounded by verdant fields, and rising in its beautiful landscape the steeple of the parish church.

Every time I came in contact with this man, so open and clear souled it seemed to me that I saw in him, reflected as in a mir-