

what he told me in reply? He said that the supervisor was only acting in an advisory capacity. Well, I guess he did sit in there in an advisory capacity.

I hope that someone will take up this question and try to improve the methods by which young people are taken into the Civil Service. The kind of thing I am referring to, the placing of the brightest young men at or near the bottom of the list of successful candidates, has been going on in my province for twenty-five or thirty years.

Honourable senators, the Speech from the Throne dealt largely with the serious international situation, and after listening to orations such as those delivered by the senators from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen), from King's (Hon. Mr. McDonald), from Cariboo (Hon. Mr. Turgeon), and others, I do not think I should be so unwise as to add my remarks on that subject. I am delighted, however, to note from the Speech from the Throne that our aged citizens are to receive adequate pensions without being subjected to the means test nuisance. Honourable senators, considering its relatively small population, Canada today is the greatest country in the world.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Grant: In conclusion I want to express my conviction that despite communism, paganism and all other means of the devil, the powers of light shall yet prevail over the powers of darkness—

Hon. Mr. Duff: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Grant:—and that what was forecast in the closing lines of one of the illustrious Bobby Burns' poems shall one day come true:

For a' that, and a' that,
It's comin yet, for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that!

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Gordon B. Isnor: Honourable senators, I do not propose to enter into a controversy with the honourable gentleman from Montague (Hon. Mr. Grant) as to the merits of appointment or election of future senators. In rising to take part in this debate I do so largely for the purpose of dealing with one portion of the Speech from the Throne that has not yet been touched upon.

But first I wish to join the speakers who have preceded me in offering congratulations to those who have already spoken in the debate, and particularly to the mover (Hon. Mr. Stambaugh) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Dessureault) of the Address in reply. I wish especially to associate myself with the

remarks made by the seconder in the course of his very fine tribute to that great Canadian, our present Prime Minister. I also wish to refer—and I want to come back to it later—to one paragraph in the seconder's speech, where he dealt with the resources of the province of Quebec. He said, as reported on page 14 of *Hansard*:

My own province of Quebec will, I have no doubt, be playing an important role in this expansion of production for defence purposes. The rapid increase in industrial production and capacity in the province of Quebec over the past few years has been highly remarkable.

I leave it at that, intending, as I have said, to return to it later when I am dealing with the question of the production and resources of the province of Quebec.

I also congratulate the mover of the Address upon the interesting word picture that he painted of his province of Alberta, and particularly upon his story of the development of the oil fields in that province. I visited Alberta last September and had the privilege of seeing some of the oil wells in operation on the outskirts of Edmonton, within twelve miles of the city. I was reminded of a trip I made some years ago to the areas of Southern California where oil development was taking place. I recall vividly the operations at Signal Hill, where oil was being pumped from a great number of wells, to bring tremendous wealth to that part of the country. I believe that community eventually became so prosperous that there was no such thing as taxes. In Alberta today the future is very promising by reason of oil developments. I was disappointed, and I feel that other honourable members were too, that the honourable gentleman from Bruce (Hon. Mr. Stambaugh) did not give any tips on oil stocks, with the assurance that if we invested in them there would be no slump in the particular development he suggested. Perhaps at some future time he may give us that information privately. Seriously, we are very pleased that Alberta is enjoying such prosperity from her resources.

I was most interested in my honourable friend's reference to Alberta's coal production. As you know, Alberta and Nova Scotia produce coal for the rest of Canada. The operations in the two provinces are, however, quite different. Alberta's coal mining is more or less a strip operation, at low cost, while in Nova Scotia operations are expensive by reason of the depths to which we must dig, and the production per man per day is consequently much lower than in Alberta. However, offsetting this disadvantage is the fact that the coal of Nova Scotia is of good quality, and we find it as far inland as Montreal and