

were allowed to go their own way and the league broke down. I wonder if we are witnessing a similar breaking-down at the United Nations today.

On this question of what constitutes wealth, I would say that we are barking up the wrong tree entirely. The honourable senator from Kingston (Hon. Mr. Davies) told us an interesting story of the training he received as a young man. Well, I can tell a bit of personal history too regarding training that I received as a boy on a farm 50 or 60 miles from this city. The school we went to was located a mile and a half from our home. One day my father bought some little pigs from a farmer a mile and a half the other side of the school, and my younger brother and I were told to go and pick up these little porkies after school. We had brought with us to school that morning jute bags—we call them sacks in western Canada—to carry the pigs home in. I may say we had horses that could have been used to do this chore, but it was considered good training for youngsters. The farmer took us to the pen where the pigs were, and when I saw the little fellows I asked "Which one can I have?" He said, "Take any one you like," so I immediately pointed to the biggest one, which would pass as a bacon-type today. When he saw the one I picked out he said, "You little scoundrel, you are taking the best pig I've got". Eventually we landed the pigs in the sacks and started for home, through the woods. A bad thunderstorm came up, and my brother was having a hard time handling his bag, it was almost touching the ground. I wasn't any better off, and I was thinking that I should have taken a little lighter pig, because it felt pretty heavy before we had gone the three miles. Back home my mother was uneasy and anxious, knowing that we were out in the storm, but everything turned out all right. I just wanted to mention that incident by way of showing the mighty good training we got. I honour my father for having taught us to work.

The other day the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) seemed to question the statement by the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) that our production costs are high. Well, every manufacturer in the country is complaining that our costs are too high for us to compete in the export market. I read an article in the *B.C. Lumberman* which stated that labour and other costs are so high that the export market for lumber is being curtailed. And high costs are restricting the domestic market for some products. I read in the press the other day that Italian textiles are being sold in Canada at low prices and making

heavy inroads into the Canadian market, thus adversely affecting the output of Canadian textile mills. So serious has the situation become that even the President of the United States said that he may possibly be forced to set wage levels in order to avoid a recession or depression. And no less a person than former President Hoover made a statement recently to the effect that conditions today looked to him very much like those of 1929, and he remarked that he would not like to see them return for he did not want to go through another depression like that of the early thirties. Honourable senators, I only hope that my fears as to what may happen are not well founded.

Now I want to say something about the Trans-Canada Pipe Line. How is it that we always seem to be so ready and willing to give away our heritage? As I remarked last year, there is no safer place for our oil and gas than where it is, in the ground, and it must always be remembered that these are wasting resources or wasting assets. Perhaps I will not see it, but our children will no doubt see the last of these wasting natural resources of oil and gas. Honourable senators no doubt read the figures published in a recent bulletin put out by the Bank of Nova Scotia on the amount of oil reserves in the world, and showing that reserves in Canada amounted to a mere one per cent of the total.

In spite of the fact that the production of oil and gas in Canada is steadily increasing, it seems strange, now that all farmers are equipped with gasoline-burning machines, that the oil companies should decide to raise the price of their products one cent a gallon. As a matter of fact, the prices of their products have been going up one cent a gallon occasionally of late. Diesel fuel and all other fuels are increasing in price, and there is no justification for that other than the fact that these people have control of the situation and are going to exercise that control.

The *Calgary Albertan* ran an article recently pointing out that Canada should receive a price higher than 25.8 cents per thousand cubic feet for its natural gas delivered at the United States border, and suggested we could get more than 30 cents. There was some difficulty about financing the project and the company had to renegotiate the contract. The renegotiation took the form of asking the Alberta gas producers to take a lower price for their gas at the wellhead, and it was said that if they did not the pipe line could not be financed. Honourable senators, I still maintain that the whole undertaking could have been accomplished by the use of Canadian money. This,