

*The Address—Mr. Carrick*

supervise the limitation placed upon the size of the armed forces and the war potential. Hon. members will await with keen interest the explanation to be given for these developments by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) who has done so much for the cause of peace and security in the free world.

Canada has continued its quest for peace through the United Nations. There has probably been no field in which it has been more difficult to reach agreement than in that of disarmament. Russia's intransigence is well known to all hon. members. However, a notable event took place last August when agreement was reached among Canada, the United Kingdom, France, the United States, and the Soviet union to co-sponsor a disarmament resolution in the general assembly of the United Nations. No small part of the credit for this achievement is due to the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin), in his capacity as vice-chairman of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations. He initiated the resolution and negotiated it through to its conclusion. The resolution, of course, did not solve any of the substantive problems of disarmament, but it did remove what appeared to be an immovable roadblock in the way of further negotiations and discussions on disarmament.

I would now like to make a brief reference to the riding which I represent, Toronto Trinity. There are many things I would like to tell hon. members about my riding but I will keep my remarks very brief in order to fit into the plan of abbreviating the proceedings at the opening of parliament.

The predominant feature of Trinity riding is the mixture of races and peoples living within its boundaries. Up to about 20 years ago the population was composed largely of British families, with a substantial Jewish population, but great changes have taken place in the last 20 years. The main causes for these changes were the upheavals caused by Germany and Russia. People have come from every country in Europe to escape the persecution and mass destruction of the Germans and the tyranny and enslavement of the Russians. They have also come to Trinity riding from some of the free countries of western Europe, hoping to find in Canada economic opportunities and security which they could not find in their own land.

[Mr. Carrick.]

Housing is a pressing problem for the people of Trinity riding. There are, I regret to say, slum conditions and overcrowding, and what this house does on the question of housing will be of vital importance to my constituents.

Full employment is also a matter of considerable importance. Many people in my riding have not been able to put money aside for a period of unemployment. Many of them are newcomers. Though there is a certain amount of seasonal unemployment, it appears to be aggravated to some extent by general conditions. Unemployment insurance has taken care of physical needs, but it is to be hoped that if a person is unemployed through no fault of his own and is unable to receive unemployment insurance, some means will be found to see that neither he nor his dependents are left destitute.

Immigration is also a matter of great concern to the people in my riding. Many have come from the darkness behind the iron curtain into the light in Canada. Others have come from overcrowded countries in Europe. These people are good Canadians with a profound love for Canada. They have not, however, forgotten their loved ones, relatives and friends in the countries of their origin, and their greatest hope is that some day these people may be allowed to come to Canada to breathe the air of freedom and hope.

As indicated in the speech from the throne, parliament will soon be grappling with the tangled problems of welfare benefits, old age pensions, and war pensions, all of which are of great concern to the people in my riding. In addition to the older folk in their own homes, there are three institutions in Toronto Trinity which house about 1,000 people, dependent entirely upon old age or war pensions. Every hon. member in this house is in favour of increasing these pensions if only a way can be found to do so, and the money somehow obtained.

It has been an enriching spiritual experience to represent Trinity riding. On the Sabbath one sees Roman Catholics, Jews and Protestants going to their own churches to worship God in their own way, seeking guidance to live better lives and bear the trials and burdens of the day. One sees men and women of different ethnic groups mingling on terms of tolerance and friendship. The newcomers to Canada are developing a great love