

speech the next day and came to one conclusion—that he is at least a friend of the Prime Minister of Canada.

If the honourable senator from Victoria had changed one word in her speech she could have covered the whole subject of Canadian affairs as she covered those of British Columbia. Those who were here admired the able address she delivered about the province in which she lives. In summary, what she said amounts to this, that a great deal of money has been spent in the development of the natural resources of British Columbia, that employees there are paid very high wages, and that there is now a great deal of unemployment because the goods they produce cannot be sold to the outside world. The honourable lady, who is a new member in this house, certainly outlined the situation in British Columbia correctly, as I understand it from what I have read.

I am not going to attempt to make a long dissertation on the Speech from the Throne. I should not try to do so even if I could. I do not want to hurt anybody's feelings, but I am bound to say that I was disappointed in the Speech from the Throne. I thought it was a poor summary of what has already taken place and a very scanty report of what is to come. Had the Speech merely stated that Parliament would be asked to amend the Statutes of Canada it would have covered everything. The Speech disclosed that the Government would propose the amendment of certain legislation. Whether it will actually do so I do not know, but the matters referred to are not vital to the business of the country anyway.

Honourable senators, I want to say how delighted the Canadian people were on the occasion of the Queen Mother's gracious visit to Canada last November. As members of the Senate, we were all invited to Ottawa to attend the luncheon given jointly by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in her honour. I know that all those who attended were delighted by the function and had the highest praise for the way in which it was organized.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Haig: The Speakers of the Senate and of the House of Commons need not take second place to anyone in acting as hosts at a formal luncheon of that kind. I have not been all over the world by any means, but I have travelled a little and read a great deal, and I cannot imagine a more perfect luncheon than the one we enjoyed on that occasion. The Speaker of the Senate, assisted by the Leader of the Government in this house (Hon. Mr. Macdonald), did credit to this chamber. I am sure that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth,

upon returning home to Britain, carried with her the kindest thoughts of the Canadian people.

As far as I was concerned, there was only one fly in the ointment. I really did not intend to come down to Ottawa, but the people of the city of Winnipeg seem to think that I am a public servant, and the minute some of them heard that I was not planning to be present at the luncheon they said to me: "Jack, you had better get on the train and get down to Ottawa right away. You can't tell what the Liberals, Social Crediters or CCFers will do." I replied that I could trust the Speaker of the Senate and the Leader of the Government in this house to do a good job, but they insisted that I should be present. They even said, "If you won't go on your own we will take up a collection and send you." Four days before leaving for Ottawa I received a communication, I believe it was a telegram, advising me what kind of clothes I was expected to wear at the formal luncheon. For one thing I was to wear a secretarial coat. Well, it seemed that no one in Winnipeg knew what a secretarial coat was, but finally I located an old tailor who knew and he made me one. Then I came on to Ottawa, only to find that most of my fellow senators did not have this coat. However, the good ladies of our Speaker and Government Leader quickly recognized that I was wearing the prescribed dress, and this made me feel rather proud of myself. The Queen Mother appeared to us to be a wonderful woman who had reached her zenith in life, and at the luncheon and other functions in Ottawa she gave a demonstration of womanhood that I am sure could not be surpassed anywhere. Like their fellow Canadians, the senators and their wives were pleased and honoured that such a gracious lady had come to this country to give us the feeling that we are an important part of the Commonwealth, and that she recognizes us as a nation which can be depended upon to stand four-square for freedom in the troubled world of today.

Honourable senators, I now want to refer to other matters of a different character altogether. First of all, I should like to deal with the labour question. There have been many complaints lately that labour forces are demanding too high wages for the amount of work they do. Now, I am neither pro-labour nor anti-labour. Like many other Canadians I started out in a small way, working up through different stages in life until I was in a position where I took on a certain measure of responsibility. As a result I know some of the problems that face men