

Canadien des Comptables Agréés". I think this request is a reasonable one. It would not change the legal rights or privileges of the association under the Act.

The explanatory notes to the bill indicate that the association seeks to have its name changed in order to facilitate its dealings with international bodies of accountants. If there are other reasons for this change, honourable senators could be so advised in committee, if the bill is given second reading.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Lambert moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from Thursday, February 8, consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Stambaugh for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Mr. Grant: Though the order for resuming the debate stands in my name, I am unable to proceed tonight, and would ask that the order stand until tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Burchill: Honourable senators, I have a few remarks to make and should like to proceed now, if it is agreeable to the house.

The Hon. the Speaker: Has the honourable senator the leave to proceed now?

Some Hon. Senators: Yes.

Hon. G. P. Burchill: Honourable senators, I do not intend to extend the debate at any length, but as this session of parliament is concerned with weighty matters which are vital to all of us, and because the program to meet the urgency of the situation which the Speech from the Throne has outlined will be so far-reaching in its application as to touch the lives of almost every Canadian citizen, I feel that we are more or less obliged on such an occasion to at least record our sense of the seriousness of the times and express our opinion of the government's plans and proposals.

The mover and seconder of the Address in reply (Hon. Mr. Stambaugh and Hon. Mr. Dessureault) acquitted themselves well, and I congratulate them. I also extend my congratulations to their provinces on the almost

boundless sources of new wealth in oil wells and mineral deposits which they told us about. My friend, the honourable senator from Lethbridge (Hon. Mr. Buchanan) keeps me supplied with information about the phenomenal development and growth in Lethbridge and southern Alberta. As a Canadian I rejoice with my western colleagues. I am only sorry that I cannot match the discoveries in the West by reporting something of a similar nature from the Maritime Provinces.

While forest products, such as lumber, pulpwood and pitprops, are very much in demand, adverse weather conditions handicap operations and restrict woods production. Continuous soft weather in the fall has seriously interfered with our fishermen. The potato market has been disappointing. We have no new sources of wealth to report. Our greatest export has not been oil, iron or even wood or pulp, but brains—

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Burchill: —which we have sent all over Canada and the United States, where boys brought up in Maritime homes and educated at Maritime schools and universities are leaders in the fields of religion and education, are presidents and general managers of banks and trust companies, and occupy executive posts in commerce and industry.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: And on the bench.

Hon. Mr. Burchill: Our young people are our greatest asset, and we do not like to see them obliged to leave their homes in their native provinces to seek a livelihood elsewhere because there are insufficient inducements in the way of satisfactory employment to keep them in the Maritimes. This is the big reason why the representatives from the Maritimes in parliament are asking the government to give the provinces by the sea an opportunity, as far as it is possible to do so, to produce a share of the national defence requirements.

In the sphere of international affairs it is difficult to add anything to the excellent speeches which have already been made by the leaders on both sides of this house, and by the honourable senator from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen), with whose sentiments, I take it, we are all very much in accord.

I have just finished that most admirable book by the Right Honourable Winston Churchill, entitled *The Hinge of Fate*. In this book Mr. Churchill has made several references to Mr. Averill Harriman, confidante of the late President Roosevelt, who acted for the President and not only was present