

the new horizons which open before Canada justify us to be, our nationalism may take different means of expression.

Let us not condemn our neighbour's form of expression because it does not fully coincide with our own. If both are sincere, if neither is inspired by selfish motives of local sublimation, both have their place in our spiritual economy and both should with time be merged into one common means of expression. Both should eventually have one sincere, one all-encompassing joint purpose, the happiness of all Canadians to whom religion, language and custom shall not prove an obstacle to a common interest, a common sense of citizenship, and a common flag.

The accomplishment of the duty which I have termed that of omission and remission has at times been difficult for the people of St. James; yet they took the opportunity offered by the last election to recall to the country at large that they saw their duty. Their overwhelming vote in favour of one who, in our minds, is the symbol of tolerant yet firm Canadianism, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), proves it. And, Mr. Speaker, many were there to influence them, in some cases to urge them that now was the time to mingle their voices with the cry for separation, with the cry for isolation of mind and of thought if not of corporeal presence, and that cry had not always found its accents from sheer selfishness. At times it may have been provoked by what seemed to some, and not the least enlightened, sound justification for their attitude.

The men and women of St. James proudly discharged their duty of omission, anxious to remain free citizens in a country of freedom. They were oblivious, if not forgetful, of the castigation of a few and of the blandishments of a fewer still, to whom Canada is not an end, not an achievement, but an instrument and a means. St. James, sir, did a magnificent job of discharging its duty of remission and omission, and it omitted all considerations other than the furtherance and aggrandizement of the destiny of our homeland.

I shall not dwell on the duties stemming from divine law, but all this country should be thankful for the family allowances act. The men and women of St. James are grateful for the family allowances act, and have accepted family allowances in the spirit in which they were proffered by this government: For the purpose of making the citizens of Canada who are in process of growth both physically and mentally, such as they may become wider in their horizon than the boundaries of St. James, than the boundaries of

their province; that they may become citizens of a closely knit yet far-reaching Canada, masters of the two languages which are recognized as the twin tongues of this land, masters of both mentalities which spring from this duality of languages, and above all masters of themselves in their own land.

May I now, Mr. Speaker, submit my views on our approach to the performance of our duty of commission. Here I say that full understanding of the importance of the duties I have outlined previously is imperative if we are to agree on our various duties of commission, and I submit that it is imperative for our future that we do agree. There are many in this land who have advocated in word, and others in thought if not in word, that the greatest tangible evidence of the discharge of one's duty of commission to this country is military service for war purposes. I agree that military service for war purposes is not only commendable but necessary; and that it definitely represents a duty of commission. But they in turn surely will grant me that this performance, no matter how heroic it may be, no matter how great its repercussions, no matter what it entails in loss of that which is dearest to man, his very life, is not necessarily given to each generation. Let us hope that it shall never be given to the generations to follow. They will also grant me that the performance of many other duties of commission is no less important to national life and survival. When I say this, it is farthest from my mind to detract one whit from the greatness of the sacrifice, the hardships that accrue, the sorrows that follow, to lessen the glory, the merit or the gratitude which they deserve, of those who a quarter of a century ago, and more recently in the last six years, have shed their blood or have given their lives in the accomplishment of their duty. To those with heads bowed St. James pays its debt of gratitude for their part in saving Canada. And so that I may be understood by all of those who shared in the battles for the survival of Canada as an entity, and for the safeguarding of our way of life, I say: *Nous vous sommes profondément reconnaissants.*

I regret I cannot repeat what I feel in the language of origin of every Canadian who helped to save civilization, but to every one of these goes my deepest admiration and gratitude in the knowledge that for minorities as to language the obstacles and the sacrifice were, of necessity, greater.

In St. James as everywhere else in Canada we have cause to honour a great many of our