

you do not hang together you will hang separately”.

The present occasion, for one in my position, is a touching experience. In the spirit of the occasion we see a manifestation of the spirit of parliament. Those who know not parliament do not realize that in the cross-fire of daily parliamentary life we, and I am speaking for all of us, form an immense admiration for those who sit opposite us. We may disagree on the course that should be followed; our views on many matters may differ, yet there is one matter on which we all agree: There is no institution to compare with parliament for the preservation of values and truth.

It is not for me to judge the quality of Mr. Horne's portrait or to offer my opinion about it. I may say that, considering the subject matter the artist had available to him, he did a magnificent job. I thank the Prime Minister for his courtesy. It may be appropriate to say that perhaps some measure of masculine pulchritude made it possible for the placing of my portrait here. The efforts of those who in the past produced portraits, drawings and caricatures of me will be obliterated by the realistic skills that Mr. Horne has brought to bear in producing the portrait that is before us.

Parliament is the place where we form deep and abiding affections for those who sit opposite us. We know the contribution they are making and the responsibilities they bear. I want to say to you, Mr. Prime Minister, that though you, who in common with 14 other men who have been termed prime minister of Canada, are adept at asking questions, in the last few weeks you have shown an adeptness at answering them that does

honour to you, and perhaps not so much to those of us who have put the questions.

I wish to thank all who are present here, our leader for his kind words and Mr. Speaker for that capacity which he possesses in such abounding measure—his kindness and courtesy. To you again, Mr. Prime Minister, from the bottom of my heart, I express my appreciation.

After all, we are here for one purpose, whether we were raised in humbleness, or in circumstances which no one could expect would lead to the highest office of state. Whatever our background, to sum up the situation in a way which appeals to me, each of us in this country without regard to race, religion or colour, has an opportunity for service. It is up to us in our day and generation to play our part in bringing about a greater, more wonderful Canada such, as in our imagination, we can see today.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, allow me to thank you for your cordial welcome.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Before closing, ladies and gentlemen, may I transmit to you the regrets which were sent to me earlier by the Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson that he could not be here today because of a long-standing invitation to address the Canadian club in Toronto. It will be his turn to be honoured very soon; we hope this ceremony will be held next week, but you will be advised in advance.

I take the opportunity to extend an invitation to my colleagues; I hope to see them in the railway committee room at seven o'clock, when we have another important function to perform.