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their high standards of living unless our countries make some effort to alleviate the suffering that is present in other parts of the world. The United States and Canada have approximately 160,000,000 people who have a very high standard of living and we must do our part. This is the atomic age when we are no farther from Asia or China or from many other countries than one province was from another fifty years ago. These things should be done for security reasons if we do not want to do them from humanitarian motives. Let us give immediate consideration to what is happening in other parts of the world and let us produce as much grain and other products as we can so that as many as possible in these other countries may be cared for.

We ask that consideration be given to these things. One other disability that we face is the differential in freight rates. There are in the freight rate structure gaps which have not been closed up in certain sections of my constituency and the result is that farmers have to pay a cent or more per bushel to ship out their grain. This is due to back-hauls and other factors that enter into the cost of operation.

It has been demonstrated by the university in that area it costs \$5.37 to prepare an acre of land for cultivation. This would include the cost of the seed, the cost of preparing the land and all the rest of it. That may be small when compared with the cost in other parts of the country, but I point that out for one reason. Because of our lower costs we can make an enormous contribution to the welfare of Canada. We could make great advances in a short period of time and for this and other reasons I submit that we are entitled to consideration.

I believe there are over 600 returned soldiers who have taken up land in that area. It may be asked why they did that. They did it because they felt there was something there in the future. Even the returned man who risked his life for his country was able to see that. He is usually a pretty bright fellow. When he returns he is familiar with the experiences of his father, and he would hesitate to settle in that area if there were not a future there. He sees the same vision that many other people of that area see. He is trying to do his bit to bring about the progress of the country, and at the same time his own progress, so that the area will be an asset to the whole country.

We like to present the situation in the west, but that does not deter us from trying to understand the situation in the east. If you understand our problems and we understand yours, there is nothing that can stand in the way of the Canadian people and their

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parliament or prevent them from achieving the stability and permanence which are their objectives.

I should like to discuss another subject for a few moments. References have been made to the large number of members in the house and coupled with that regret has been expressed in various parts of the country that there are no women members. I am sure we all regret that women are not represented in the house, but I have not heard any of the members say that they are willing to resign to make room for a woman, nor have I heard myself say so. There are no women here, but that does not mean that the influence of women is not present. We can certainly say that the maternal influence has been much in evidence in Liberal governments of the past. Women have intuition and men have not, but because of their influence did we not introduce family allowances specifically for women? There are other social measures which affect them, and I do not believe any other country in the world has anything comparable. Women's influence is present in the house, and I know it is here with me because I have not said anything since I have been a member of the House of Commons that my wife has not told me to say. We want the influence of women to continue, and as time goes on we want it to grow so that all the people of Canada, women and men, will be satisfied with this government.

I think most people were pleased this afternoon to hear the wonderful expression of good will towards Canada from our distinguished visitor. I think he hit upon one secret of success for Canada in the attempt he made to speak the French language. I believe that is expressly what this country needs. I think the French-speaking people of Canada are to be congratulated on the wonderful attempt they are making to place their situation before us, and their ideas about what they believe the policies of Canada should be. The successful manner in which they present their views is a compliment to them. Many hon. members are making an effort to learn French, and it cannot do otherwise than add to their culture. It certainly takes nothing away from an individual and always enriches him. I should like to see that carried on further. I should like to see us learn what we can from the French people so that we may understand their ideas and their culture.

(Translation):

Allow me, Mr. Speaker, to join other members of the house in addressing you briefly in French. The wonderful and successful effort made by the French-speaking members in the use of our language should