

*The Address—Mr. Bourdages*

in its citizens. To them indeed, Canada is a nation with two splendid cultures, a nation which commands respect, because it is a self-respecting nation.

Such is the thinking of this government, Mr. Speaker. In this society, various classes live together without any clash between one another. That is because they are not so unhappy after all. Man is the basis of every society. He has certain duties of course, but he also has certain rights. Our Prime Minister has sealed them forever in a masterly way in his bill of rights. Let praise be given to whoever deserves it.

The speech from the throne read by His Excellency the Governor General has pleased all Canadians. The new measures which this government intends to introduce prove in a tangible way and unequivocally that, it definitely intends to improve the standard of living of all citizens in the ten beautiful provinces forming this nation whose future looks brighter and brighter. By his brilliant leadership and, above all, his foresight and the clearness of his judgment with which he leads the Conservative team, our present Prime Minister has proven one of the greatest prime ministers in the history of the Canadian confederation.

One of the most popular measures announced by the government is that concerning the construction of a railroad from Matane to Ste. Anne des Monts in the province of Quebec. Ever since the last century, the Gaspé peninsula, left to her own means, in spite of a generous and resourceful population has been economically isolated from the rest of the province of Quebec and even from the country. Previous administrations repeatedly deceived the people of Quebec. Because of their inconsistency, they have lost the confidence of Quebec.

It is only after the Conservative party led by a great Prime Minister had taken over that the Gaspé peninsula could hope for something. Only a Prime Minister who has modern and dynamic ideas could, in less than four years, do what generations had not been able to achieve.

I already see mines being developed, industries being built up. I can see carload after carload of all kinds of products coming from that land with a promising future. That measure is both a tribute to and the recognition of the gigantic job done by the untiring member for Gaspé (Mr. English). Before long, Mr. Prime Minister, we shall be able to say, thanks to you: "Gaspé peninsula, the land of tomorrow, because it is the land of today".

The pensioner, who has given his best years to his country and who, on account of his

age, must withdraw from the workers' front line, the man or woman who is perhaps alone in this world, those are the ones whom the Conservative government did not forget. It looks with sympathy upon the situation of those wonderful people who are the wisdom of this nation. It wants, in a noble gesture, to give them hope for a happy old age.

So, our invalids, our veterans, and the blind, and all those who are in a sad plight, will know better days and, thanks to a measure taken by a Conservative government will have brighter days in their ill-fated lives. The Conservative government's action, it can readily be seen, indicates clearly that it is bringing to Canadians of all age groups, and especially to those who are less fortunate, better days, greater comfort and a most promising future.

The Conservative government, fully conscious of its role in the continuing betterment of the comfort of all Canadians, will see to it that a Canadian welfare council be created. I am delighted with this news, which represents a very important step, taken by the Conservative government, toward a better life. Although the structure of that council will only be discussed at a later date, I am convinced that the Conservative government, thanks to that measure, will improve the fate of all Canadians. May I be allowed to express the hope, Mr. Speaker, that our young people will also benefit from such a measure.

Our young people in fact—the hope of our nation—form a class on which are focused all the objectives aimed at by a people that wants to be great and strong. Our young people, I am sure, have not been forgotten by the Conservative government. Hardly a month after the setting up of the sports council—an initiative which has been so widely acclaimed across the country—the Conservative government is not sitting back. It has already announced the setting up of a welfare council. I welcome this measure, Mr. Speaker, which, again I hope, will, through its results, pave the way to a still better future, in giving our young people the ideal which must be the shining beacon of the coming generation. I strongly hope that this measure will also contribute to stop juvenile delinquency, which is not without causing some concern to our psychiatrists and educators.

Ever since May 14, 1930, when the Jacques Cartier bridge was inaugurated, its users have been forced to pay substantial sums to cross over that bridge which connects Montreal with the south shore. As for Victoria