

*The Address—Mr. Marceau*

Canada needs strong federal and provincial governments which must all co-operate constantly.

The range of action of governments nowadays is so wide and problems are so numerous that there is no contradiction in using those words.

I think that the main reason justifying this balance is that personal freedom will likely be best preserved if neither level of government is able to arrogate itself any preponderant power over the citizen.

There must be a fair balance between those powers given to the federal government and those given to the provincial governments, keeping in mind that Confederation was made by the provinces and that anything that might weaken them or unduly increase the powers of the federal government would only worsen the situation and make impractical a new constitution containing any one of these trends.

Having been tested on this continent and increasingly accepted throughout the world at large, federalism, when jurisdictions are adequately distributed, seems to be the system which might ensure the greatest stability, a better co-ordination and a higher standard of living for a group of citizens who want to build up a country as huge as ours, while safeguarding their linguistic and cultural diversity.

• (3:40 p.m.)

[*English*]

We may well find ourselves writing a new page of Canadian history during this session.

[*Translation*]

I hope that we shall work together during this session, that it will be remembered as a decisive step towards the unity and prosperi-

ty of all Canadians through open and sincere co-operation by every representative of the people.

In order to refresh the memory of my colleagues, I would like to repeat the words spoken in 1905 by a famous conservative, the Honourable Thomas Chapais:

If need be, let us not fear to widen the scope of our political horizon. Let us always put our country before our party, our traditions before our alliances, our principles before our ambitions.

I just remembered the precious advice given one day by an English humourist to the Speaker:

[*English*]

Stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard, but sit down to be appreciated.

I conclude by saying, rather than singing, in order not to awaken those who might be dozing, the moving words taken from the refrain of a song that is too little known:

[*Translation*]

Canada has a heart bigger than its vast expanse. Canada has a heart beyond its twenty million faces.

Canada is the heart of its town and country people.

The heart of Canada will win the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore with great pleasure that I second the motion of my hon. friend, the hon. member for Sarnia (Mr. Cullen).

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

[*English*]

On motion of Mr. Stanfield, the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), the House adjourned at 3:50 p.m.