

toric Parks Branch, of eight canals with important historic links—three in Ontario, four in Quebec and one in Nova Scotia. Under that program the Canals Branch plans to work closely with the provinces to develop the recreational potential of these waterways and to protect their natural and historical values.

[Translation]

Honourable senators, during the last four years, the government endeavoured to accelerate smoothly the evolution process in Canada. It wanted to make of it a laboratory of individual freedom as opposed to mass mentality; it wanted to make of it a more generous and more open society able to promote *joie de vivre* and respect for all aspects of human dignity; it wanted to make of it a better balanced country, more assured of itself and of its destiny. It worked resolutely so that millions of men and women of different origin, language, culture, history and traditions would have the impression of being more justly treated and would feel more at home everywhere in this country. Such great social, linguistic and geographical diversity does not help in any way the governing authorities in their work, but the challenge is worthwhile. The coexistence of various elements, even if some clashes occur, can only enrich the Canadian heritage and bring new drive in this country which was meant for an exceptional role in this world.

Heraclitus said:

Where there is no struggle, there is decay; an unshak-
en mixture rots.

In spite of economical difficulties in 1971, which followed political hardships in 1970, is not Canada in general a country where one lives a better life? Such is the result of a statistical survey recently published in *The Economist*. And for the manner in which the government did foster development, control the rate of inflation and fight the effects of the American dollar crisis, London's *Financial Times* even awarded it its economic Oscar at the end of the year.

Everywhere Canada is recognized as an historic achievement. It always was and still remains an act of faith and tolerance. However, the answer on which hangs its immediate future, as well as its most remote future, will be provided not by politicians, sociologists, economists, experts or journalists; it will be provided by those millions of almost anonymous individuals who, having been free to state and even to cry out their grievances in any circumstances, will on second thought recognize the efforts made by the government to push them ahead, despite unavoidable obstacles, on the road to social and economic progress. Even those who in *La Belle Province* flirt with sovereignty will think it over, we believe, before dropping the substance for the shadow.

For those reasons, among many others, I support with pride the motion of Senator Buckwold, for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

[English]

On motion of Hon. Mr. Flynn, debate adjourned.
The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.