

Honour the Speaker upon his appointment to preside over the debates of this chamber. May I wish him health and happiness to enjoy his new role for, I trust, many more years.

An equally pleasant task is to associate myself with my colleagues in congratulating the Government on its wise choice of the senator from Royal (Hon. Mr. Brooks) as Leader of the Government in this chamber. I would like to assure him of my loyalty, co-operation and support. If my colleagues from New Brunswick have hailed him as a native son of their picture province, I can draw personal satisfaction in that his son, daughter-in-law and three lovely grandchildren have chosen as their home the good old historic city of Quebec. It should be underlined that both of these honourable gentlemen, His Honour the Speaker and the honourable Leader of the Government are seconded, morally, socially and graciously, by two distinguished and charming ladies, Mrs. White and Mrs. Brooks.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Quart: It is extremely rewarding for the feminine element in the Senate to know that we have two such staunch friends at court, should at times we need someone to plead our cause.

To the former Speaker, the Honourable Mark Drouin, a friend of many years, I offer my thanks for having made me feel so much at home when a novice in this chamber.

My gratitude goes out as well to the former Leader of the Government, the Honourable Senator Aseltine, whose advice to refrain from biased partisanship in the Senate helped me cool down my Irish temperament and learn to smile, when some of the senators of the Opposition set a very bad example in the tempting sport of spiked partisanship. But, honourable senators, am I then, to surmise that the policy of the Opposition is, "Don't do as I do but do as I say"? Before becoming too provocative, I shall continue in a more genial mood, discretion being the better part of valour.

I should like to extend a warm welcome to our new senators. As the Honourable Senator Pouliot remarked, we not only have seven wise men, but eight—and with that I cease my reference to his remarks of that day. I am confident these eight wise men will excel in their contributions to the debates of this chamber. Those who have spoken so far have demonstrated outstanding ability, and I must confess to emotions of pleasure in hearing their vigorous appraisals of the sincere efforts of the Prime Minister

and of our Government for the welfare of Canada and its people.

May I add my name to the list of those senators who, in glowing tributes, deplored the loss of several of our esteemed colleagues since the last session, and extend my deepest sympathy to the members of their families. I express my most sincere condolence to Senator Ross Macdonald in his recent bereavement, and wish him to know that the loss of such a beautiful and charming lady will be felt by all of us.

I extend a special word of appreciation to the mover of the Speech from the Throne (Hon. Mr. Haig), a worthy son of an illustrious parent. He is treading in the footsteps of his father, as was obvious by the eloquent manner in which he presented a clear, concise exposé of the excellent legislation proposed by the Government and the logical reasons for its adoption.

(Translation):

Honourable senators, I also congratulate the honourable senator from Madawaska-Restigouche (Hon. Mr. Fournier), who seconded the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, for the magnificent way in which he discharged his responsibility. I particularly want to express my admiration for his deep understanding of the people of Quebec and the place this province fills in the Canadian Confederation. I understand and support the thoughts expressed by my colleague; they reflect views not only of a citizen of New Brunswick, not only of his neighbour in Quebec, but of a great Canadian.

I hope his contribution will mark another step toward real progress in cementing national unity throughout this country of ours.

(Text):

Honourable senators, as you know, there is a definite advantage in speaking in this debate, for one is not restricted to a discussion of any item mentioned in the Speech from the Throne. Therefore, when Senator Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche) was expounding his views about the people of Quebec and their good common sense, I experienced a compulsion to expound mine about my native province of Quebec.

Quebec is today undergoing a quiet revolution in thought, attitude and action. As in many other places around the globe, modern technology and industrial progress are stirring the very core of a peace-loving, pastoral folk, disturbing traditions in some phases, but everywhere challenging the direction of its hitherto clear-cut ambitions.

Placed as I am, a member of the small English-speaking minority of this large French-speaking portion of Canada, may I go on record as stating that nowhere in this imperfect world of ours has justice, tolerance