

generally called for the mail on his way home from work at six o'clock, was given only one card. What about the boys?—there were none for them. In a dozen municipalities where I have asked: "Have you received your National Service card?" I have received the reply: "No, I do not know what it is." It seems to me that, as we wanted a thorough inventory of the resources of the man power of Canada, there should have been some other way of delivering these cards. There are voters' lists; why should not they have been used and a card addressed to every man on the lists? We could then have exercised a check on those who received the cards. But when it comes to inquiring from different men throughout the Dominion, "Have you not received your card? Why have you not sent back your card?" the answer will invariably be, "I never received one;" and if you persist and say, "Yes, you did," the answer will be, "Prove it;" and how can you prove it when the postmasters have kept no registers? I specially inquired at the post office in Montreal if they had any envelopes, or if they had the necessary papers, and the answer was, "We have not received them yet." We in Quebec are ready and anxious to do our duty to the utmost, but we want the means of doing it. Do not allow the only chance we have of making effective our resources throughout the Dominion to slip by through a lack of organization.

The Speech from the Throne refers to the coming year as the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Dominion of Canada. I quite concur in the sentiments expressed with regard to having a national celebration of this event, but I quite agree with my hon. friend from Halifax (Hon. Mr. Power) that there should be no celebration until victory in the war has been achieved. I should like to see our boys brought back victorious from the old country to join in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Dominion of Canada. They have done wonders for us; they have made illustrious the name of the Dominion throughout the world; and they should not be left out of the celebration. If we are sure that the war will be over by the date set for the national celebration, well and good; but, if not, I would humbly beg the Government to postpone the celebration until all the Canadians abroad are brought back to join in it; and then with a mighty shout we may say to the world, "See what a young nation, only fifty years of age, has done."

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I have a very good piece of news to impart to this honourable House with reference to the celebration. We all regretted the burning of our House of Parliament in the unfortunate fire which took place on the 3rd of February last. I particularly regretted the destruction of that huge canvas, the work of Mr. Harris, which hung in the Railway Committee room. It was what one might call a national manuscript; it contained a true portrait of each and every one of the men who were sent by the different provinces to set their seal on the creation of the Dominion of Canada. Sir Robert Borden, on the recommendation of Sir Joseph Pope, wrote to the Advisory Art Council asking if it would be possible to secure from the artist the original drawings of the picture, and I may tell the House that the Advisory Art Council has been successful in securing from Mr. Harris those original drawings. Unfortunately Mr. Harris is too advanced in years to remake the picture; but we must rest satisfied in possessing once more the portraits of those men who laid the foundations of the Dominion of Canada, whose fiftieth anniversary we are preparing to celebrate.

The Address was adopted.

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED SENATORS.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, almost each session of Parliament brings with it the melancholy fact of vacancies in our ranks made by the grim hand of death. Since we last met death has been busy amongst us. The grim reaper has garnered more than his usual harvest. No less than seven of our members have reached the bourne from which no traveller returns.

With the exception of one they were with us during the last session of Parliament, interested with their colleagues in the proceedings of this Chamber, and thus practically active in their duties until the last call sounded. As long as I have been in this Senate I have no recollection of so numerous a group during the recess having to answer to the last call. They were all men who for years had been active in the public life of Canada. With the exception of two, all have been prominent in political life, had enjoyed the confidence of their electors and had sat for years in the House of Commons, afterwards coming into this Senate and bringing with them the activity of the lower Chamber.

Senator Derbyshire was the first to precede his fellows. He was in continuous at-