

sincere attempt to cut the cost of government? What stands out in my mind is the raising of all paternal pensions, no matter in what field—raising, raising, raising, without regard for who's going to pay, nor how, nor when!

It seems that for a time we are to be ruled on the basis of political expediency and extravagant pre-election promises, building a great day of reckoning for a Government probably for the Government which is due to follow the present one.

There is real danger indicated in the *Financial Post* headline of the past week: "Unemployment Fund gets new \$20 million slap." The Government has again stepped in and upset the security planned and built into the Unemployment Insurance set-up on an actuarial basis. The Government has a number of similar set-ups where particular projects are run on an incorporated basis, and I look for danger ahead if the Government continues to over-step management in the operation of these phases of our national business.

It is very easy for a new management in any industry or enterprise to cause grievous damage by hearkening to the pressure within or without the organization, and so it is with the business of government in these days of organized pressure groups. I note with regret the tendency already indicated by our Government to defer and promise regardlessly to these pressure groups—particularly to labour unions—which, heedless of the recession being experienced in business generally, are still seeking increases in wages and in benefits.

Higher costs in industry have succeeded in pricing our products almost out of the export market and have reduced our national purchases to a large degree. Organized labour should beware of forcing prices still higher, where still few buyers will be available.

Higher costs apply to most Government activities. Planned spending for social welfare is due to raise another \$94 million to a total of over \$880 million. Civil Service salaries are upped \$31 million to \$701 million. Public Works estimates are upped \$27 million to \$218 million, to say nothing whatever of the added cost of the South Saskatchewan River dam, the railway to Great Slave Lake and other unnamed projects well hinted by the Government, but not yet publicly declared.

All this cannot be financed by deficits. Some day, somebody, somehow, must pay.

If only the people of Canada could realize how their pockets are being picked by inflation, I am sure there would be a march on Ottawa.

Are we beating inflation? No! Building it.

Hon. William M. Wall: Honourable senators, before proceeding with the few observations I wish to make in the general context of this debate on the Speech from the Throne I would like to add my felicitations and best wishes to the Honourable the Speaker on his reappointment to this position of impartial trust and high responsibility, and to the honourable the Government Leader in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Aseltine), whose appointment has been so warmly received by all members of this chamber; and to congratulate the Honourable Senator Brunt on his appointment as Deputy Leader of the Government; and to express to the Honourable John T. Haig, P.C., the sincere sentiments of our mutual respect and our joint tribute for the contributions which he has made in this honourable chamber. We hope for the senior senator from Winnipeg many more years of health so that we may continue to benefit from his experience in public affairs.

Four new colleagues have joined our ranks, each bringing to the Senate his contributory gifts of wisdom, talent and representative experience, each adding to the sum total of the representative nature of the personnel of this chamber so that together we may be able to perform with greater effectiveness the legislative and other responsibilities for which this chamber was instituted. This is the first public opportunity I have had to bid them welcome and I do so most warmly and sincerely.

I regret that it was not my good fortune to be present to hear the speeches of the mover (Hon. Mr. Monette) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson) of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, but I have read them with diligent attention and I was deeply impressed by the substantive arguments which they presented.

(Translation):

May I congratulate them on their truly remarkable speeches. I wish I had sufficiently mastered the beautiful French language to express with fitting fluency my feelings of admiration and appreciation for the honourable senator from Mille Isles (Hon. Mr. Monette) and the honourable senator from Winnipeg-South (Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson).

(Text):

I confess that I was intrigued by this final statement in the speech of the Leader of the Government:

All in all, the Government program outlined in the Speech from the Throne may well be the most exciting and constructive in Canada's history.

It may, in fact, seem to be so; but "seem" is not "is", and time will provide us with more effective judgmental yardsticks. For