

God grant that we shall never see
 Our country slave to lust and greed;
 God grant that men shall always be
 United for our nation's need.
 Here selfishness has never reigned,
 Here freedom all who come may know;
 By tyranny our flag's unstained!
 God grant that we may keep it so.

And in conclusion, sir, the people of Canada may feel assured of the future progress of our country, under the able policies which are being carried into effect by the sagacity and determination which have characterized the present government and won the confidence of the people in the short time which they have had for the introduction of their principles.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, the House of Commons always listens with great interest to the maiden speeches of its new members, particularly so when they are the mover and seconder of the address to His Excellency the Governor General, who in this instance happens to be His Excellency the Administrator, thanking him for the speech which he has delivered to parliament.

Speaking in the House of Commons is not an easy matter at any time. It is a particularly difficult one to those who come into the house for the first time, and the difficulty increases where the occasion is, like the present, an important one having relation to the particular resolution which has just been moved and seconded. Parliament allows the fullest latitude in discussions on the address, but distinct limitations are placed upon the mover and seconder. They are expected to have regard primarily to what appears in the address itself and they are chosen because it is believed they will endorse everything the address contains and that they will say nothing but good of the administration. These are very distinct limitations, particularly with respect to the address which this year has been given to parliament by His Excellency, as I think I shall be able to show when I come to point out the extent and more particularly, the nature of the legislation which is set forth as that for consideration during this session.

Having regard to these circumstances, I can say, and say with all sincerity, that those of us who sit on this side of the house, though we do not agree with much that the hon. gentlemen have said, nevertheless can accord to them very warmly our congratulations on the manner in which they have presented their views.

The hon. member for Restigouche-Madawaska (Mr. Cormier) has set an example such

as we get, I think, only, certainly mostly, from those of this house who are of French descent and all of whom seem to be able to speak with equal fluency in the French or in the English language. I think he is to be congratulated and commended for having made use at this time of both languages. He has had much experience as a public man and in the administration of affairs also in his profession at the bar as well as in other ways, and it was to have been expected that he would present his argument in an able manner. I wish he had not read his speech although that is perhaps quite excusable in the circumstances; but I hope it is a precedent that will not be followed. I believe in his case, it was unnecessary, because after listening to him I am sure there is every reason to believe that had he attempted to speak without notes he would probably have been even more eloquent than he was with the aid of manuscript.

May I say to my hon. friend from North Grey (Mr. Porteous) that while he may not have had the experience which the mover of the address (Mr. Cormier) has had in public affairs, he has the advantage of youth and he will find that to be more and more of an asset as he continues to play a part in the affairs of this house. We congratulate him very cordially, especially on many of the sentiments to which he gave expression.

In listening to both speakers I could not but be impressed with the sentiments, with the aims and with the object which they have in view. We on this side of the house can give to many of the sentiments expressed most hearty assent and accord. I fear, however, cherishing the sentiments they do, they will have to get their leader to change more than one of his policies or they will never be able to see their ideals realized.

With these words, Mr. Speaker, may I repeat how cordially we of the opposition congratulate the hon. member for Restigouche-Madawaska and the hon. member for North Grey on their maiden addresses.

Reference has been made in the speech of the mover of the resolution to the circumstance that this year parliament was opened by His Excellency the Administrator, in the person of one who is a distinguished citizen of our own Dominion. That calls to mind the fact that this is due to the approaching appointment of His Excellency Lord Willingdon, who still is our Governor General, to possibly the most important office in the gift of His Majesty's government in Britain, namely, that of Viceroy of India. I am sure that all citizens of Canada, irrespective of party, will