

for Senator Sinclair's ability and good sound common sense. As to the late Senator St. Père, for many years he and I were members together in another place. At that time he was very active in discharging his duties and responsibilities as whip for the province of Quebec. During all the years we were in that place, and since, he was a frequent visitor to my room, and I found in him an excellent friend.

I should also take this opportunity of joining with other honourable senators in extending a welcome to our new colleague from St. John's, Newfoundland (Hon. Mr. Burke). We are very happy that his province has linked itself with this dominion; and we wish for him every success in his new field of service.

(Translation):

**Hon. C. J. Veniot:** Honourable senators, I have the pleasure and great honour of seconding the motion of the honourable senator from Huron-Perth (Hon. Mr. Golding) for the adoption of the Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, in reply to the speech from the throne. My first thought in addressing you is to congratulate most warmly my honourable colleague for the skilful manner in which he performed his task. You all know that the honourable senator is not a newcomer in the Canadian parliament, and I cannot help but envy the ease with which he takes part in the discussion of the most important topics of the day.

I also wish to offer my most sincere thanks to the right honourable the Prime Minister, as well as to the leader of the government in this house for the honour they have bestowed on the population of my constituency in linking my name with that of the mover of the address.

No doubt they also wanted to honour the memory of two men who, for more than half a century, played an important part in the political affairs of Gloucester and New Brunswick and left their mark in those districts—I mean first the one whose name I bear, whose place I took in the House of Commons and to whom was given the name of "Father of the bilingual postage stamp"—and also the late Senator Onésiphore Turgeon, my immediate predecessor in this house and distinguished father of two sons who also were outstanding in the political affairs of Western Canada—my friend the honourable senator from Cariboo—and his honour Justice Alphonse Turgeon, Canadian ambassador to Ireland, and now chairman of the Royal Commission on Transportation.

It is the second time in less than a year that the Prime Minister has cast his eyes towards Gloucester county. You know of

course that last July, after an electoral campaign of unusual intensity followed by a victory unprecedented in the annals of Canada, the Prime Minister travelled with his family to the fine and pleasant beaches on the south shore of the Baie des Chaleurs a few miles from my home town of Bathurst, to spend there three weeks of well-deserved vacation. He found there all that a man may wish for his entertainment and rest: salt-water swimming on fine gray sand and velvety beaches; cod and mackerel fishing in the open sea; salmon and trout fishing in our rivers and lakes; and, incidentally, I may say that the catches were good and that the Prime Minister showed himself as skilful in fishing as in electioneering. Finally, he found in our district a splendid golf course, pleasant walks through enchanting scenery, first-class weather without extreme heat in the day-time and with cool and restful nights.

Hundreds of people crowded at the station to greet him on his arrival, but after this first public demonstration, they carefully and scrupulously respected his hours of rest and completely refrained from visits, interviews and receptions. He spent three Sundays in our midst and it was after the parish mass at the University of the Sacred Heart, the church of Sainte-Famille de Bathurst-Ouest and the church of Saint-Polycarpe du Petit-Rocher that our people were able to enjoy his presence and show not only their admiration but also their affection for this man who succeeded in winning so many hearts in every part of Canada. It was in those moments of intimacy with the good people of our parishes that he revealed the greatness of his soul in the most outstanding way through his frankness, simple manners and kindness towards them.

We wholeheartedly thank our Prime Minister and repeat to him our sincere invitation to visit us often.

The county of Gloucester, apart from its charm for those who wish to spend a pleasant vacation, offers many other attractions. Its 50,000 population—nine tenths of which are of Acadian origin, forming thereby the largest group of Acadians in America—engage especially in deep sea fishing, agriculture, lumbering, and paper-making in all its branches including pulpwood.

For many years, our cod fishing schooners formed one of the strongest fleets of the Maritimes, fit to compete with the famous Lunenburg fleet in Nova Scotia. Our fishermen of Caraquet, Shippigan, Lamèque and Miscou always rank among the best on the Atlantic coast. Their cold storage plants and canneries place on the market some of the