

considered to be an answer to an alarm or a call and thereby served the people of this country well.

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** Do you think they should be given the five-day week?

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** I will leave that for contemplation to anyone who desires to propose it. I do believe, however, that a much stronger case can be made out for this bill than for any similar bill we have considered in the last month or so—and I do not mean to be invidious in that remark. But I rose to remark in particular about the Prime Minister.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** You are on dangerous ground.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** I feel that this is rather an appropriate day on which to refer to the position of the Prime Minister. I do not very often commend the *Montreal Gazette*, but I do so now, for this morning it carried a front-page despatch and a leading editorial giving adequate reference to and comment upon the words the Prime Minister spoke in India yesterday. All honour to him for having expressed Canada's relationship to the United States in world affairs, and for pointing out in India—following the statement by its Prime Minister—that every assurance can be given to the world of the good intent of the United States in its efforts to bring peace to the world. I think it is impossible to translate or measure that contribution in terms of dollars and cents. The import of it will, I think, be felt in the days to come, probably in ways that few people can now estimate.

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** I rather like what the Minister of Finance said in the other place, in dealing with this bill, that it is impossible to measure in terms of dollars and cents the satisfaction people get from service in public life, particularly by those holding ministerial positions. He said there were compensations in the form of friendships, contacts, experiences in the house, making speeches to the public, and so on, that could never be measured in terms of money. I think that is the note that should be struck in this connection at this time.

In raising the salaries of our ministers we can be quite certain that we are not rewarding them out of proportion to the remuneration paid to the heads of almost any branch of industry or business. I think this is a very appropriate time to give a token of appreciation to those who have to carry the real burdens of government and service to the people of this country.

**Hon. R. B. Horner:** The honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald)

and the honourable senator who has just taken his seat (Hon. Mr. Lambert) have spoken of tokens of recognition. That leads me to express a thought somewhat on the same line, and if in doing so I am out of order I hope honourable senators will bear with me. In an article which came to my notice the writer, whose name I believe was Woolston, put forward the idea that Canada might very well permit our Sovereign to honour, by the conferment of knighthoods, Canadians who have given outstanding service to the country. Surely we are now sufficiently grown up to throw off our former childish objections to these titles, and the fear that they might be disapproved here and there in the great country to the south of us. To my mind, the picture today is entirely changed; in fact our good friends, I believe, rather envy us our position and our achievements. It seems to me that if this change of view were made known to our Sovereign, now travelling in another great commonwealth country, it would delight her. Coming as I do from a farm family, and knowing many people who have lived lives of unselfish devotion to the public service, in medicine and many other vocations, I believe that we should reverse our present attitude, withdraw our objections, and allow our Queen to honour those who have earned these tokens of her favour. I am unalterably opposed to the hereditary principle; but that is another matter.

I concur with the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) and the honourable senator from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Lambert) in their praise of the Prime Minister's noble efforts. As I understand it, his purpose is to demonstrate to the world Canada's desire to do everything in her power to maintain peace and create better understanding throughout the world. I for one would be delighted if our Sovereign were allowed to call him "Sir" Louis St. Laurent.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Next sitting.

#### PRIVATE BILL

#### CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION— SECOND READING

**Hon. Norman M. Paterson** moved the second reading of Bill F-11, an Act respecting Canadian Nurses' Association.

He said: Honourable senators, I have been asked to sponsor this bill, and as it is of some interest to everyone here, in that all of