

the health of the people of Canada. The mothers of Canada are grateful to the government which protects public health through wise hygienic measures, childhood by means of family allowances, and old age by means of pensions which give security.

Those beneficial social security measures that the Liberal party improves constantly are evidence of its solicitude towards the masses which, in all parts of Canada and according to their needs, await help and encouragement from their leaders. Our government was wise enough to call to its leadership an outstanding personality, admired and respected by all the great men of the world, and who presides over the destiny of his country like a "good father" anxious to make everyone happy.

The future of our country seems to be assured, judging by the Speech from the Throne, which contemplates such splendid plans as the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway. That important endeavour will facilitate shipments of commodities and goods, will be of great help to agriculture and to industry and commerce. It is our duty to develop our electric power resources through the harnessing of our powerful river. The St. Lawrence Deep Waterway meets indeed a pressing need for the whole North American continent, and all the people of Canada should approve such a project and co-operate in every possible way.

What about housing improvement? That tremendous problem is responsible for many sufferings which in turn are often the cause of family breakdown. It is the woman who, more than anyone else, suffers from such circumstances. Our government tries to provide, through loans, the funds necessary for the financing of new houses. Low-wage earners and young people as well will be comforted by other provisions. They provide practical means to build their own homes, which will add to the wealth of our country and increase the number of home owners who will live happily.

National unity was featured recently on the occasion of the unveiling of the monument erected in Montreal to the memory of our great statesman Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The history of nations contains moments of exceptional grandeur. We lived such a moment while attending that ceremony. One could feel a spiritual relation between Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that great Canadian, admired by everyone, and the man who was paying him tribute on behalf of his people, the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent.

—both champions of national unity and sincere workers in the cause of international peace. Thanks to them, Canada will hold a leading place among nations; its economic expansion will attain to unpredictable heights. Our country, with its forests, its agricultural and industrial resources, its huge territory, will soon become the most beautiful country in the world, thanks to its government and its able leaders. Canada has set an example for all nations by the effective way she has solved her economic, domestic and international problems, said Mr. Camille Gutt, Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce. May I conclude with these words: Let us build, erect and safeguard the future of Canada. This country built on rock will withstand any foreign attacks, and its sons will proudly stand under the national flag which our government will no doubt give us in the very near future.

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Hon. Muriel McQ. Fergusson: Honourable senators, it is a very great privilege for me to have the opportunity to second the address of the honourable senator from Sorel (Hon. Mrs. Jodoin) on the motion for an Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. I congratulate her on her eloquence, her charming presentation of the part that women can take in this house, and I admire her very much for being able to speak to you in both of Canada's official languages. This privilege, I feel, is a tribute to the women of Canada, and I thank our Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, who, I am very happy to know, will again be the head of our government for the next few years, and who will undoubtedly lead us toward peace, and more prosperity and higher esteem amongst the other nations of the world than he has done even in the past.

Although I am new in this house, so new that it almost seems presumptuous on my part to do so, I would like to congratulate His Honour the Speaker, (Hon. Mr. Robertson) and the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) on their recent appointments.

Honourable senators, I feel deeply honoured to be one of the three women recently chosen for appointment to the Senate, one of whom comes from the West, one from our central provinces and one from the East Coast, to represent women and to sit in this house as representatives of women, together with the honourable senator from Rockcliffe (Hon. Mrs. Wilson) and the honourable senator from Peterborough (Hon. Mrs. Fallis). Like the