

The Address—Mr. A. C. Stewart

always an international view on something, but that international view has always changed along with those of Sir Stafford Cripps. I have here the report of the view the hon. member expressed at Halifax, but I do not know whether he will subscribe to it today. This reads:

Mr. Coldwell is quoted by the Canadian Press as saying in Halifax that he wished "there were an ocean between Canada and the United States." The neighbouring republic, he said, was "the last citadel of capitalism," and contained the seed of another depression and possible war. "Practically all the leading economists," he added, "agreed that the United States would pull the world with it when its financial structure collapsed, and herein lies the danger of a future war."

In wishing for isolation from the United States, Mr. Coldwell takes a view precisely opposite to that of the British Labour government. Within a few days of Mr. Coldwell's Halifax speech, Mr. Bevin was pledging the fullest co-operation of his government with the United States in the reconstruction of the world economy. Mr. Coldwell wishes for an ocean between Canada and the United States. The British government, separated from the United States by an actual ocean, is trying to span it with a bridge of friendship.

That was a statement he made on international affairs, but, as I say, he changes his views from day to day and from year to year. He has changed them ever since 1914. He has said that we should not participate in a war, that we should do this or that we should do that. Thank goodness we have in this country a government that does not change its mind on every one of these problems from day to day.

In conclusion, I am sure that members of the House of Commons are all enjoying themselves, and I hope I have helped to wake them up because the debate has been rather quiet so far. The Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) has already made a move towards streamlining our constitution. An amendment has been introduced affecting the rules of the house. Reference was made to it by the previous speaker, and I presume I am also in order in referring to it. The new procedure will speed up consideration of the estimates. Members will have a chance to study them and will be able to say that they did not pass millions of dollars in a day without knowing what they were voting for. I think it was a good move. I think the Prime Minister will streamline a lot of other things before he is finished.

Certain remarks were made by the previous speaker about the last dominion-provincial conference. I am sure that those of us who have studied the proceedings of the conference carefully will agree that the Prime Minister should be congratulated on the urbanity, cleverness and decency with which he presided over it. I will go further than the member who just spoke and say that in my

opinion the premier of Ontario adopted the right attitude, and made a much better contribution than the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) when he was premier of that province. Some of you are older than I, and possibly the duties of the opposition are much better known to you. We have a marvellous country. If you pick up a map of Canada you will see a little triangle running from lake Superior over to Sherbrooke, Quebec, and in that area live most of our people. I would suggest that members representing constituencies within that triangle travel over the rest of Canada and see what it is like just as some of us from without the triangle have travelled over the rest of the dominion. You will then have a better feeling in the house and a better knowledge of the country.

Canada needs development, and before we have further immigration the development of our north country should take place. You have cities such as Flin Flon in the northern portion of our country with a population of twelve thousand. With proper access to the northern section of our country we will be able to develop it, and cities will grow up which will help to consume some of our own products. Probably you have drawn the inference at least that I am not in favour of the amendment to the amendment and will vote against it.

Mr. Ross (Souris): The hon. member for Yorkton (Mr. Stewart), who has just taken his seat, insisted on misinterpreting or misrepresenting my remarks as recorded in the first column on page 108 of *Hansard* with reference to the gigantic loss to Canadian agriculture. I do not suppose I have the privilege of repeating them, but any hon. member who cares to check up on the matter can do so by referring to the first column on page 108 of *Hansard*.

On motion of Mr. Knight the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. St. Laurent: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the Acting Minister of Labour has been discussing with the leaders of the several groups the possibility of taking up tomorrow, notwithstanding the special order made in respect of this debate, resolution No. 10 on today's order paper dealing with unemployment insurance in an effort to have that resolution considered and the legislation enacted so that the payments it would authorize could be made as from the first of March. I understand that the Department of Labour, anticipating that the amendments probably will be enacted, has all its preparations completed and will be ready to pay the supplementary