

quite a tale of woe. I will not say that I actually cried in my soup at lunch, but I very nearly did. He appealed to us to try to get something done for the Maritimes. After our meetings our hosts began to entertain us: They took us to receptions and dinners at the yacht club, on trips on magnificent yachts owned by millionaires, and to evening affairs where the ladies wore their diamonds and other jewels. I became bemused.

Well, honourable senators, I think the truth about the Maritime provinces is that the people there like their part of Canada so well they do not want the rest of us to get on to how good it is, because we might go down there and crowd them out. I personally do not think there is any cause for worry about the future of the Maritimes. I believe there are more millionaires per square mile in that part of Canada than in Ontario.

I should like to refer briefly to a news item which appeared in the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald* about a speech made by my old friend Bob Rankin. In part it reads:

He told a Kiwanis Club meeting Monday the section of the report dealing with the transport of Maritimers to other parts of Canada has been "misinterpreted, misquoted and misunderstood". He said it would be "a pretty tragic situation" if residents of the seaside provinces believed the report held nothing for them. He said the Gordon report intimated that the Maritimes can develop their resources to a point where their standard of living equals that of other provinces if the necessary ability and incentive is present.

Let us not forget the great tourist attractions of the Maritimes. We have only to mention the Land of Evangeline and our ladies all want to go there right away. In my opinion Brackley Beach in Prince Edward Island is the finest beach in the world. I never visit that magnificent spot but I am reminded of these words of Rupert Brooke in his poem *The Old Vicarage, Grantchester*:

But Grantchester! ah, Grantchester!
There's peace and holy quiet there.

That was the feeling I had as I sat on the beach with the late Dr. Wallace of Queen's University and we thought and talked about great things.

The Maritimes have an abundance of very fine hotels. I have travelled widely and stayed in many hotels, and I consider some of those in the Maritimes to be unequalled anywhere.

A famous Maritimes attraction is the well known Magnetic Hill in New Brunswick, which gives the traveller the illusion that he is going uphill when he is actually going down. No doubt many honourable senators have been fascinated by this interesting phenomenon.

In short, honourable senators, the Maritimes are such a grand place that I sometimes wonder if I would not have been wiser to have settled there than in Ontario. Certainly, one unforgettable quality of the people of that area is their boundless hospitality. If you are thinking of visiting the east coast, my advice is to indulge in plenty of sleep before you go, because you will not likely get much while there. The Maritimers are a wonderful, warm-hearted people, and I hope the future holds for them much more even than they have had in the past.

Honourable senators, I hope I have not spoken too long. However, in a multitude of counsellors there is wisdom. I have said what I had to say, and I trust you will find something of value in it. If you have enjoyed listening to my remarks as much as I have enjoyed delivering them, we have all had a good time.

Hon. F. Elsie Inman: Honourable senators, it gives me much pleasure to join with those who have preceded me in congratulating the mover (Hon. Mr. Bois) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Smith) of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. The subjects discussed were interesting and the delivery eloquent, one in French and the other in English. Both our official languages were used, and that is as it should be in this country of ours. I hope it will not be too far in the future when every one in Canada will be bilingual.

May I at this time extend a hearty welcome to the four honourable gentlemen recently summoned to this chamber.

Honourable senators, it is my intention to speak for a few moments about the preliminary report of the Gordon Commission. First may I, on behalf of the Maritime provinces, thank the honourable senator from Kingston (Hon. Mr. Davies) for his high praise of that part of Canada and the people who live there. Really, I felt so overcome by all the fine things he said about us that I wondered whether I would be able to go on with my own speech.

I think perhaps there has been some misinterpretation or misunderstanding of the Gordon report in so far as the Maritime provinces are concerned, and maybe that phase of it has been too widely publicized. But as to the suggestions it makes, I am reminded of the maiden lady of uncertain age who, though having had no experience at all with children, attempts to give advice on the bringing up of children to a mother who has successfully reared a large family. While I have every respect for the opinion of experts, I sometimes think they miss the point. They are somewhat like the man who repeatedly had a flat tire: he kept