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them. It is, as Arthur Meighen once described it, "a vital, spiritual force with an acute social conscience".

In this day and age of super sophistication and cynicism, it is good to find that there are still those whose real reason for being is to help their struggling neighbour.

The Army has changed quite significantly in its 107-year existence in Canada, as it has elsewhere. Yesterday's Army was small, struggling and evangelical. Today's Army is something quite different, but the zeal has diminished not one iota. The desire and determination to make a difference for the better are as alive as ever.

But the Army today is apolitical and conservative in nature. It takes no sides, endorses no candidates and refrains from attacks on the status quo. Nevertheless, governments at every level are pleased to be able to work closely with the Army on social work projects that benefit every segment of society. They realize the efficiency and effectiveness of this operation and they appreciate the devotion, determination and common-sense of the Army.

These are not social scientists with grand schemes to solve all the problems of mankind. These are not social workers with files and programs to minister to people's needs. These are not specialists who will only look to one area of hurt. These are the practitioners of a holistic medicine of the soul. They seek to help the whole man; body, mind and spirit. They are down-to-earth, well trained men and women who lead exemplary lives themselves. They prefer to deal directly with human suffering, treating each case individually and tailoring the help to the problem at hand.

Little do they care if a particular problems fits into a special category for which there is a prescribed program. They are not big on sending those in need to a variety of offices to fill in a multiplicity of forms. They, in fact, live the great commandment, to love God and to love thy neighbour.

I strongly believe, Mr. Speaker, that we as parliamentarians can do a small service to this very worthy group of people by passing this bill, a bill that simply helps streamline their corporate administration so they can continue to devote their time to helping others.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[English]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, the Speaker with the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

• (1720)

And being returned:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate Chamber the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill C-3, An Act to establish the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, to repeal the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts—Chapter No. 1

Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Energy Supplies Emergency Act and to amend the Access to Information Act in consequence thereof—Chapter No. 2

Bill C-12, an Act respecting museums—Chapter No. 3

Bill C-13, An Act to authorize the divestiture of Nordion International Inc. and Theratronics International Limited.—Chapter No. 4

Bill C-31, an Act to Amend the Governor General's Act—Chapter No. 5

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[English]

SALVATION ARMY ACT, 1989**MEASURE TO ENACT**

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Cole that Bill S-9, an Act to amalgamate the two corporations known, respectively, as "The Governing Council of The Salvation Army, Canada East" and "The Governing Council of The Salvation Army, Canada West", and to make necessary provisions regarding the charter of the amalgamated corporation, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.