

Hon. Mr. Willis: That, honourable senators, is the direct quotation from a speech made in the other house on April 29, 1926, and when a friend—and Senator Pouliot is my friend, for I have known him for many years—asks a candid, friendly question and calls for a candid answer, I say to him what George Canning said as Prime Minister of Great Britain in the Mother of Parliaments:

Give me the avowed, the erect, the manly foe,

Bold I can meet,—perhaps may turn his blow;

But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send,

Save, save, oh, save me from the Candid Friend.

Honourable senators, I now want to speak on the record of the present Government and the Speech from the Throne. I want first to speak about something that all senators know—this Government gave Indians the right to vote for the first time in the election of 1962. Who got their votes, I do not know, but they voted. The man responsible for that, apart from the present Prime Minister of Canada, was one of our members, the honourable senator from Lethbridge, (Hon. Mr. Gladstone). I say, honourable senators, that was a laudable move.

I intended to say a word or two about the honourable senator from Norfolk (Hon. Mr. Taylor). I did not know him until I came to this chamber, but I accompanied the Prime Minister in October, a year ago, to the Norfolk County Fair at Simcoe, and if ever there was a man making political hay that day it was the same Senator Taylor, and I admired him for it.

There has been a lot of criticism about the Government's appointment of royal commissions. I have looked over the list of commissions which previous governments have appointed and I find, as the Prime Minister stated in the other house, we have been in power only six years and the Liberal Government for twenty-two, and we are still one commission behind. I do want to commend the Government on the Glassco Report. How the Prime Minister was able to get a man of the stature and ability of Grant Glassco to head that commission, and the able men he had with him, I do not know. I say that that is one of the finest reports that has been handed down in Canada since the days of Confederation. It is a splendid report and it should be acted upon.

May I tell another joke that the Prime Minister sometimes relates on the hustings about people who are appointed to this house? Sir John A. Macdonald was attending

the funeral of a late senator who had died in Napanee. Sir John was in, shall I say, high spirits as he was standing at the graveside. Another prominent gentleman, standing beside him, said to Sir John A., "I wish I could take his place." Sir John replied, "I wish you could, but I think it is a bit too late now."

I am sorry that the senator from Carleton (Hon. Mr. O'Leary) is not here tonight. I see that his Report on Publications is mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, and that some of his recommendations are going to be implemented. Senator O'Leary was appointed to head that commission before he became a senator. There again, the Prime Minister chose the right man for the right place in Grattan O'Leary, as we knew him then, the famous editor of the *Ottawa Journal*.

I come now to the Royal Commission on Taxation. I think this is a worthwhile study for the Government of Canada to undertake, because there are today so many taxes at so many levels—municipal, provincial, federal, all intermingling. To head that commission the Prime Minister has appointed a brilliant chartered accountant.

Then in the Speech from the Throne there is evidence of the continuation of this Government's agricultural policy. I refer to the Farm Credit Corporation Bill now being considered in the other place. It is good legislation for both the farmers and the people of Canada. Also there has never been a minister of agriculture who has sold more wheat than the present minister, the Honourable Alvin Hamilton. For years there has been talk about the surplus of wheat in Canada and questions have been raised as to how we would ever get rid of it. Now we have a young, brilliant Minister of Agriculture who comes along and does a remarkable selling job.

Honourable senators, I have read that some people are deriding the Government, but I also read the other day in the *Toronto Telegram*—I suppose there will be laughter at that reference, but it is still a good paper—an article by Edwin Mahoney, headed "France Bullish On Canada". There are many people who are bullish on Canada because of the political policies this country is adopting.

I come now to another matter dealt with in the Speech from the Throne, which may fall rather hollowly on ears opposite. I refer to the matter of closure. We heard a lot about closure in 1956, but make no mistake about it, the election of 1957 was won on that issue. The Government, in the Speech from the Throne, says that it is going to