

side of the line. If our hopes are borne out, vast sums of money that are now going out of the country each year for the purchase of petroleum products will be expended in Canada, and we shall have the benefit of the expenditure.

Mention is made in the Speech from the Throne of the report of the Commission on Maritime Rights. Since we in the West have our problems, and since there has been much agitation concerning them, I feel warranted in expressing some sympathy with the people of the Maritimes, and I voice the hope—and I think it is the hope of Western Canada—that, based on the report of the Commission, some solution of those problems will be found. On the other hand, I think it is correct to say that the solution of most of the provincial problems rests with the provinces themselves rather than the country at large. Thinking of the movement of the products of Western Canada by rail and by water to the British market, one naturally wonders why it is not possible for the agriculturists of the Maritime Provinces to devote themselves to the raising of the products most in demand in Great Britain and in Europe—live stock, dairy products, and other commodities—when all they have to do in order to reach a market is to put their products on a vessel at Halifax or St. John. It seems to me that a solution of at least some of the problems of the Maritime farmers might be found in concentrating in that way. At any rate, we ask for sympathetic consideration of the problems of the Maritime Provinces, and we hope it will not be long until they enter upon the prosperous era that we feel we have reached on the Western plains.

Now I have dealt with the subjects that I particularly wanted to mention. In closing I would urge upon you the view that the great need of Canada at the present time is not only unity on the part of its people, but also faith and vision. If we have a people with faith in the country and its resources, and vision as to its future destiny, we need not fear for the welfare of Canada.

Hon. O. TURGEON (Translation): Honourable gentlemen, it was not without misgiving that I accepted the task of seconding the motion for an Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, being well aware that, under the circumstances, a member more capable than I could better describe the financial and economic conditions of the country and more effectively direct the attention of the people of Canada to the present situation.

But before entering upon my subject I desire to pay my respects to His Excellency the Governor General, who for the first time has convoked the Canadian Parliament and laid before us a program for the study of the most important questions affecting the country. May I assure His Excellency that his arrival in Canada is a source of pleasure to all. The great services which he has rendered to Great Britain and the Empire in the various public missions with which he has been entrusted are such as to command our admiration, and we are already certain that his sojourn among us will be an increasingly pleasant one. It gives me pleasure to join with the mover of the Address, especially in the name of the people of the eastern provinces of Canada, in extending a cordial welcome to His Excellency, as well as to his noble and gracious consort, who has likewise succeeded in winning the sympathy, respect and admiration of the Canadian people.

I desire to associate myself with the mover of the Address in the tribute of admiration which he has just paid to our former Governor General, Lord Byng. I, too, have admired Lord Byng's love for our country and the interest that he has manifested in all our relations. Indeed I may say that no Canadian appreciates more highly than the humble representative of Gloucester the work which Lord Byng has done, not only throughout his term in Canada, but especially during the war. With the exception of Marshal Foch and one or two British generals, he certainly contributed most towards bringing the conflict to a close. His name and achievements will always be remembered by us and by our posterity, and will forever occupy an honoured place in history.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to say that Canada has for some time past been enjoying an era of prosperity which is already remarkable and gives promise of increasing from year to year. We see evidences of this in the spirit of the masses of the people, who, instead of expressing discontent, and fear for the future, are now exchanging smiles expressive of happiness and prosperity.

Statistics show that there is hardly any unemployment at present, and that industries are daily increasing their output. These reports are confirmed by statements from persons and firms who are in the best position to know the industrial and economic conditions of the country; and they are corroborated by the directors of our principal Canadian banks, one of which, the Royal Bank of Canada, in its recent annual report,