

towards national unity in this immense country of ours, made up of numerous minority groups.

This vital issue, of serious consequence for our Canadians, deserves to be brought up again before the Senate for a thorough examination.

As for the unrest among young people, the protest and the violence that have become part of the scene, it can be said I think that in Canada all reasonable Canadians disapprove the excesses to which such things lead.

For many months, the government circles—federal, provincial and municipal—have been discussing unofficially increased violence and vindictive group demonstrations in certain areas of this country.

As a matter of course, responsibility for the disorders, and in most cases for their due settlement, is being ascribed to the federal Government. Some people blame the so-called culprits, but provide no proof or evidence whatsoever.

First of all, I should mention that these things are not purely regional, provincial or even Canadian, but rather international and even universal.

We could draw up a long list of countries where the situation is more serious than in Canada for in our country such instances have so far been sporadic. This naturally does not allow us to renounce our duties or slacken our efforts to check the acts of violence occurring all over Canada.

[English]

Canada must nevertheless combat extremism. Rejection of any form of discipline will not build or extend this nation. It would be a poor foundation on the quicksand of bad ideology. Yet, Canada has been paying for some of this nonsense a handsome public grant of a few millions a year. If ever the words "priority of projects" are used, let any organization's or any company's achievement in Montreal or in the Province of Quebec or in some of the other provinces or cities be the guide of our governments in their behaviour and in their generosity.

[Translation]

Another step is also about to be taken to bring the main elements of Canadian life closer together. The Government is expected to initiate programs intended to abolish disparities which, in the past, have been responsible for frictions and injustice.

The legislation passed during the last Parliament, which provides for the use of French

and English in the agencies and departments of the Government, in spite of the difficulties it might cause, will have historic effects and a significant impact on our country. This is a legislation of emancipation and justice for Canadians which gives Canada a new dimension.

The Speech from the Throne implements the recent interventions made by the honourable senators John Nichol and Charles McElman who so properly emphasized the dangers of pollution in our natural environment and the very serious consequences which could arise from that situation for our people. The Senate is the right place for a thorough study of this current and major problem.

It is most urgent for the Government to take a stand to prevent the overall contamination of water and air in populated areas.

Pollution is a matter which concerns everyone; individuals, companies, municipalities, and the provincial and federal governments.

It is, besides, an international question since our people inhabit a narrow track of land along the boundary between the United States and Canada and we can just as well become affected by the pollution from the American territories—especially from the territory immediately confined to the Canadian boundaries—as we can affect the American territory bordering Canada.

The Government will therefore propose several legislative measures that are essential to prevent pollution in the Arctic seas and will establish also the means necessary to protect the other maritime coasts of Canada. Besides, it asserts to this effect that it will attempt to obtain, at the international level, a service of protection of the oceans against the pollution which, on this planet, threatens so many forms of life.

Despite his intelligence, man is perhaps also in the process of contaminating fruits and vegetables with pesticides and meat as well by injecting chemical products in order to make it commercially more acceptable—this becomes a general practice—but also, as we hear, so much more harmful.

The idea of making an inquiry and senatorial investigations in this field seems to have real value in view of the possible preparation of federal legislation and in order to stimulate federal-provincial meetings and international agreements towards an efficient control of pollution.

This is for us, I think, a prime responsibility,