

the subject and Sir John said, "You go down there and run an election in your own county and if you win we will probably look into the matter". Howlan took him up on it, went back home and ran a by-election, but was licked. Well, honourable senators, there was not very much more said about that tunnel.

However, along about 1904 we heard of another very clever and ingenious politician, the late Alexander Martin. My Island colleagues know of him, I am sure. Well, he went for a tunnel right and left during the four years he was in the House of Commons. He even went to New York and investigated the tunnel under the East River there. At that time it was estimated that the tunnel could have been built for about \$10 million. Well, heavens above! \$10 million was big money in those days, although now it is only looked upon as a comparatively small sum. Anyhow, that tunnel also was lost sight of.

Then came the car ferry and that was a wonderful moment. We have had three new car ferries since. There are two of them now in operation. But still we are not satisfied. And that is the subject that I want to labour, if honourable senators will bear with me for a few moments.

Our transportation is a sort of bottleneck at times in this respect, and that is unfortunate, because the tourist industry all over the dominion is looked upon now as big business. On the Island, as we have the facilities—that is, the climate, and this and that and everything necessary—we regard the tourist business as quite a source of income for the province. But the service given by our car ferries is not good enough, and there lies the trouble. For instance, if a wealthy New Yorker pulls up in his car at Tormentine and finds the boat has gone and he has to wait an hour or two until she comes back again, he becomes disgusted. He might wait and go across to the Island and run into the same difficulty when ready to make the return trip; and, if so, when he gets across to the mainland he says, "To hell with that"—excuse the phraseology—"that is not good enough."

So now we are advocating a causeway and, as you honourable senators know, you voted for a grant for a real honest-to-goodness engineer's survey as to cost, drawings, specifications and everything else. We hope that when that report is made it will be favourable, and I trust also that this honourable Senate will be sympathetic to our cause.

Now, honourable senators, I do not propose to bore you one moment longer. As you know, when a person stands up and shells off his first utterances there is a certain amount of tension, fear and so forth, so I think I will just leave it at that.

**Hon. A. B. Baird:** Honourable senators, many of you who are here today may remember the late Senator David. He once stated in this chamber: "The brain is a wonderful thing: it starts to function the moment you are born and does not stop until you get on your feet to make a speech." Well, I think that just about fits me.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** You are too modest.

**Hon. Mr. Baird:** I join with those who have already complimented His Honour the Speaker and the new members, and perhaps more especially the new Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Asetine) and the recent Leader (Hon. Mr. Haig), who are personal friends of mine.

Honourable senators, civilization could be a wonderful thing; it is too bad indeed that we never get a chance to try it.

On the hustings we have become accustomed to hear a lot about our wonderful Canadian heritage, the priceless gift of our forefathers. One of the traits we inherited from them was the good old habit of living within our means, of paying our own way and paying it as we go, and, if we could not afford a thing, to do without it. I have always worried quite a bit about the way we have been losing this ancient virtue and about the growth of the habit of trying to keep up with the Joneses—an idea that seems to have developed the vicious habit of buying whatever the fancy of the moment would indicate and putting off paying for it as long as possible.

But now, to the surprise, I am sure, of the members of this honourable Senate, our Government is deliberately and with intention proposing to budget for a deficit. Surprised? Nay, I should say shocked.

Parliament knows full well that deficit budgeting has never been the Canadian way, and to take such unprecedented action, merely because of the very minority of the Opposition, verges closely upon a veritable dictatorship—something none of us would like to see in Canada. Of course, it is easy to see that the Government has placed itself in a very precarious position as a result of its egotistical and extravagant pre-election promises to cut taxes, to relieve unemployment, to beat inflation, and so on *ad infinitum*.

Taxes represent the means of paying our governmental expenses, which must be paid by us or by our children and grandchildren, or even by their children. Putting off paying our debts is a sure way of building up future grief. There is only one way to cut taxes, and that is to cut the cost of government.

Now, honourable senators, I want you to look closely at the publicized proposals of the Government, as indicated in the Speech from the Throne. Can you find there any