

occupied third place in Senate seniority at the time of his death. A man of outstanding legal eminence, he was one of His Majesty's Commissioners for the settlement of the Alaskan Boundary in 1903. He was elected to parliament in 1905; became Postmaster General and Minister of Labour at once, and Minister of Justice in 1906. He retired from parliament with the defeat of the Laurier administration in 1911. He was created Knight in 1911, and summoned to the Senate in 1923. We shall miss this grand old man from this chamber, and will always think of him with pleasant, kindly remembrance.

Since the King's death, his elder daughter has become our Queen. Only a few short months ago, she with her young husband, paid us a joyful visit in all parts of Canada. Wherever they went they gladdened the hearts of Canadians—and they said that Canadians gladdened their hearts too. We all liked our young Princess and her dashing, stalwart young consort with a warmth of regard verging on love, and we now grieve with her in her deep sorrow in the loss of that fine man, her father. There shall never be any question of our loyalty to her. So long as she displays towards us the same kindly friendship that was in evidence during her visit with us, we will eagerly stand by her to the last ditch and to the last man.

This chamber was the scene of a great historical occasion a few days ago, when the first Canadian to hold that office was installed as Governor General. It was something of which I think we should all be proud. It is a sign of "growing up" and putting on the garments of nationhood. I think it is the idlest of talk to say that this constitutional departure, which every other nation in the commonwealth had previously made, tends in any way to weaken the ties with the Crown. It did not so do in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa, nor will it here. On the contrary, I feel the ties will be stronger and more intimate.

In the new Governor General we have a distinguished diplomat of wide experience, who knows full well the duties, privileges and prerogatives of his position. His choice met the ready approval of the late King who knew Mr. Massey well and was happy to confer upon him this exceptional eminence. When the time had come to have a Canadian Governor General, a better choice could not have been made.

The world situation continues to cause concern, to be sure, as stated in the Speech from the Throne, and well it may. The war in Korea alone has been raging for the past two and a half years, and we seem to be little nearer the finish than when we started.

Thousands of fine young men on both sides of the conflict have been destroyed, and untold suffering has overtaken the people in the sphere of hostilities. And why? Is it because one nation seeks to force a false ideology upon the rest of the world? I think not, because already that nation of itself has forsaken that ideology. Is it because, as with Caesar and Alexander the Great, one nation seeks world conquest? Well, that may be, but there is another very potent force constantly at play. Maybe I am "sticking my neck out", but I believe that over-population has been the underlying irritant that has set the war gods going in most of our troubles in the last half century. Jealousy in an overcrowded South African republic started things frying there in 1899. Overcrowded Germany burst her bonds in 1914, and the same was true of Italy and Japan in 1939. I believe that we face the same thing today in Eastern Europe, but in a somewhat different way, perhaps. No doubt Eastern Europe is envious of the great American progress and the superiority of American industry, American machinery, American agriculture and American land. There seems to be nothing we can do about it—well, not much at present, but try our best to relieve the distress of starving Chinese, starving Indians, starving Japanese, and perhaps starving Russians. This will not help much, for still they come; but by painless and harmless means the birth-rate could be controlled, and when countries can furnish their own people with food there will be fewer wars. Prime Minister Nehru of India is reported to have said that birth control is the only solution for India's over-population.

Redistribution of seats in the House of Commons is not a matter of direct concern to this chamber. Nevertheless, the subject is of general interest and importance. It comes about every ten years, subsequent to the decennial census. In proportion to their gains or losses in population, the different provinces lose or gain seats in the House of Commons, and this necessitates some change in allotment. No difficulty should be experienced in applying in a fair and equitable manner the new unit of representation. I feel sure that will be done through the co-operation of all parties.

We will be asked to ratify the Japanese Peace Treaty. The more such treaties we have, the greater will be the prospective calm and stability in this much troubled world. It is true that Japan entered into the last war in an act of treachery, but she paid the price. She was completely vanquished. Against any resurgence of her militarism the treaty provides adequate safeguards. It may even well be that this