

I hope there will never be any division between the East and the West, for I agree with the honourable senator from Boissevain (Hon. Mr. Schaffner) that each part of the country needs the other. Up to the time that I came to Parliament, ten years ago, I had spent thirty years in the West, and my mind was filled principally with Western ideas. But no one can remain for long a member of Parliament without having his thoughts and sympathies broadened, and one soon finds that it is necessary to give and take. In each successive Parliament Western members learn that they cannot expect to have everything their own way, and that the East, as well as the West, has its special problems.

I heartily desire that Canada shall always remain one big united Dominion. I believe that there is a great future for this country among the nations of the earth, not only in a material sense, but because of the influence that we as a people may exert towards the betterment of the lot of humanity as a whole. It is my hope and prayer that nothing may interfere with the union of this great country, from East to West, for all time.

On motion of Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Thursday, March 19, 1931.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL

RESOLUTION OF REGRET AND CONDOLENCE

Hon. W. B. WILLOUGHBY moved:

That a humble Address be presented to His Majesty to express the deep concern of this House at the loss which His Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal; and to condole with His Majesty and to assure His Majesty that this House participates with the most affectionate and dutiful attachment in whatever concerns the feelings and interests of His Majesty.

He said: My motion is that we concur in this address, which is a joint address with the one already passed in another place. It expresses my views and does not require any amplification on my part.

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable members, I need not add that the honourable the leader of the Government in this

Hon. Mr. FORKE.

Chamber was expressing the sentiment of every member of the Senate in proposing the resolution, in which we heartily concur.

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Administrator's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Schaffner for an Address in reply thereto.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Honourable members of the Senate, I would not if I could, and I could not if I would, violate or evade the long established traditional practice, never honoured in the breach, but always in the observance, of extending felicitations to the mover and the seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

My mind goes back in somewhat reminiscent mood in the present instance, and I almost arrogate to myself the position of a well experienced judge as to the quality and force of these addresses. On my entry into Parliament, in 1883, I heard for the first time the proposal and the seconding of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. I was a new member then, full of ideals—and maybe full of illusions—and I remember quite well the interest with which the speeches at that time were heard. Young Tupper, as he was called—afterwards Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper—and Josiah Wood, of New Brunswick, were respectively the proposer and the seconder of that Address, and both of those gentlemen lived to bear out in their subsequent distinguished careers the promise that was shown at that time.

Since then I have attended forty-six openings of Parliament, and have listened, consequently, to twice that number of speeches delivered by respective movers and seconders, and I can confidently say that my two colleagues stand excellently well in the long historic procession. I have, moreover, been struck with one peculiarity. In the first addresses to which I listened, as in the latest which I have heard in this House, I have never heard an expression of criticism of either the personnel or the policy of the party in power.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: That is a well established custom, the very letter as well as the spirit of which has been faithfully adhered to. Sometimes I wonder what would happen if, in the jerky move-