

The Address—Mr. Y. Leduc

ployment during the winter, and I hope that the benefits will be commensurate to the number of people in the same family, without abuse.

In this respect and, also, in respect to other measures mentioned in the speech from the throne, we may expect some lively debates, but I am confident that the members of this house will show no mercy to false principles and will devote all their efforts to the defence of the sound ones.

The philosophy of laws advises the legislator to recognize the immutable principles based on truth, justice and charity for the common good. These principles must be applied not only in the family, that basic element of our social structure, but also by the state, and even by a community of states. That is why it is wise and desirable for each and every one of us, in public or private life, to see to it that our individual or collective acts are perfected through our attitude and our conduct. The union of the members of our Canadian family will thus be made easier and more efficient. And the same holds true of the various peoples with whom these modern inventions keep us in daily and permanent contact.

Is this not, Mr. Speaker, the surest way to make this Canada of ours a mighty nation? Yes, mighty through the duality of its languages, its cultural heritage and its respect for its traditions. Ours will be a mighty nation since we shall have retained the courage of the pioneer who takes pride in sowing the grain and handling the tools. It will be a mighty nation since, in the light of the directions left for us by the makers of this confederation, we have had the wisdom to institute a healthy and efficient parliamentary system. It will be mighty too through peacetime labour and the sacrifices of two wars, since we have ceased to be as lowly ivy grafted to the trunks of other and more powerful nations to become a noble oak in our own right, a mighty nation, then, since, in the words of my father: "Canada has grown at the call of its own summit and will climb high along the road to the great destinies envisioned by the fathers of Canadian confederation."

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, seconded by the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Carrick), I have the honour to move:

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C. H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada:

May it please Your Excellency:

[Mr. Leduc (Verdun).]

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

(Text):

Mr. Donald D. Carrick (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, in seconding the address in reply to the speech from the throne I should like to congratulate the hon. member for Verdun (Mr. Leduc) upon the very excellent address he has just delivered. He has demonstrated that his reputation as an able speaker is well merited.

May I also thank the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) and the cabinet for the honour they have conferred upon the people of Trinity which I represent and upon myself by inviting me to second this motion.

It is a pity that the rules of the house do not permit hon. members to hear at this time the other recently elected members on this side of the house. I am sure they could discharge my pleasant task a good deal more ably than I can. However, hon. members will have the pleasure of hearing from them later on and no doubt it is a good idea to save some of the best things for the last.

My presence here as the member for Trinity will recall to the minds of some of you the late member for that constituency, Lionel Conacher. Lionel will be greatly missed in this house. He was most popular and had a strong feeling of affection for his fellow men. Many of us can recall watching Lionel when he was at the height of his athletic career distinguish himself in one of his many lines of athletic endeavour. What we admired was not so much the success he attained as the spirit and courage behind it. Lionel never quit in anything he did, and when he passed from our presence he was still giving the best that was in him.

When I think of the great men and women who have served this house in the past and their successors present at this time I am deeply conscious of the great honour it is to participate in this great work. A person not familiar with our parliamentary system and not realizing that it contemplates differences of opinion might be somewhat surprised at the sparks, not to use a stronger word, which sometimes fly from the pages of *Hansard*, but anyone familiar with our system knows that no matter how hon. members may differ in the means of attaining it, the object desired by all is the welfare of Canada.

The hon. member for Verdun has dealt so ably with general economic conditions in