

Bill C-3, an Act for the relief of Edna Hall Power Tannahill.

Bill D-3, an Act for the relief of Marion Ruth Bronfman Hoffer.

Bill E-3, an Act for the relief of John Fraser McLean.

Bill F-3, an Act for the relief of Rene Dauray.

Bill G-3, an Act for the relief of Clarence Ronald John Emberg.

Bill H-3, an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Joyce Cole Fraser.

Bill I-3, an Act for the relief of Joseph Rolland Forest.

Bill J-3, an Act for the relief of Bessie Holmes Saunders.

Bill K-3, an Act for the relief of Sarah Spiegel Wigdor.

Bill L-3, an Act for the relief of Joyce Western Dolan.

Bill M-3, an Act for the relief of Christina Muriel Jean Leard Kowal.

Bill N-3, an Act for the relief of Pauline Marguerite Dastous Bourgon.

Bill O-3, an Act for the relief of Marie France Jose Therese Fasbender Rousseau.

Bill P-3, an Act for the relief of Mary Klodin Freeze.

Bill Q-3, an Act for the relief of Zigurds Berzins.

Bill R-3, an Act for the relief of Tobia Betze van Lier Franken.

Bill S-3, an Act for the relief of Marthe Brais Laurence.

Bill T-3, an Act for the relief of Miriam Fridman Herszlikowicz.

Bill U-3, an Act for the relief of Cleo Joseph Ladouceur.

The motion was agreed to, and the bills were read the third time, and passed, on division.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY— DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate continued from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session and the motion of Hon. Mr. Bois, seconded by Hon. Mr. Smith (Kamloops), for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Harold Connolly: Honourable senators, it is rather late in life for one to be making a maiden address, yet I find that I must revert to that winsome status if I am to make my voice heard in this chamber.

When, throughout the last session, I sat as mute as the harp on Tara's walls, there

were some who wondered why. A few, of course, concluded that, like all Nova Scotians, I am shy, unassuming and inarticulate. I confess to possessing some if not all of these virtues. Actually, however, there were other reasons why I had nothing to say, and among them are these. I am, in a sense, a fugitive from the legislative life of this country. I came into a chamber that was almost entirely unknown to me. I recall having been advised by many of my Scotch associates of other years that sometimes one is given credit for a wisdom one does not possess if one merely remains silent; and I thought perhaps there was something worth while in that advice. Actually I wanted to familiarize myself more clearly with the procedures and the activities of this chamber before saying anything. Now, however, the period of incubation is over, and so I inflict myself upon you, with your tolerance, for a brief period.

Before coming to the Senate I, in common with many other Canadians, knew very little about the activities of this chamber. I was aware, of course, of its purpose and function, but as to its activities I had only a superficial knowledge; and, frankly, I wondered what awaited me here. I want to say to you at the very outset that I have been pleasantly surprised.

To commence with, and in common with other recently appointed members of this chamber, I was received here with great kindness. Nowhere over the years have I encountered a finer reception. You may be interested if I tell you what, in addition, I discovered in this Senate of Canada. I found here men and women who were postgraduates from almost every sphere of human activity—from the professions, from labour, from business, from the educational life of Canada; and I found in them assets not possessed by too many people in any other legislative bodies across this continent. I found that these assets had been sharpened by experience and tempered by the years; and moreover, I discovered here something that to me was especially delightful, now that I am in the "sere and yellow" of my existence, that is, a political dispassion without which this chamber could not adequately operate.

I arrived, in fact, at two major conclusions: one, that most of the criticism that is directed against the Senate of Canada comes from people who know far too little about its purpose and its activities; second, that if—and I say "if"—there is need of Senate reform, one of the chief needs is that of adequate public relations, because, without appearing to be presumptuous, I must say that in this regard I have found a very serious deficiency.