

freedom and, by their gallantry and their fortitude, will focus on our country the attention of other nations. Those now on the battle front enjoy our unqualified admiration; we wish them success and we pray to God that they may vanquish the enemy. I salute in a special manner the 3,200 women serving with the R.C.A.F.

(Text):

Honourable Senators, His Excellency the Governor General has appointed the honourable gentleman from Shelbourne (Hon. Mr. Robertson) as Speaker of the Senate. We know the excellent qualities which the honourable gentleman displayed as Leader of the Government in this chamber. I am sure that during his term as Speaker the members of the Senate will receive from him the unfailing tact and courtesy which characterized his predecessor, the honourable gentleman from Rougemont (Hon. Mr. Beaugard).

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Jodoin: Mr. Speaker, I am also sure that I speak for all Canadian women when I ask you please to accept the expression of our respect. It is, I believe, a unique accomplishment in the world, for a people speaking two languages and possessing divergent opinions, to build up a nation such as ours through mutual understanding and respect, as well as through co-operation in enterprise and action. Because of our relatively small population our country is no doubt regarded abroad as a small nation, but with its immense resources, rich territories and large industries, Canada is steadily assuming much wider proportions in the eyes of the world. And if we all follow the example of His Honour the Speaker in the faithful performance of our duties, Canada must inevitably develop into a great nation. And here, honourable senators, will you permit me to say that I believe the appointment of a French-speaking lady senator will strengthen the bond which unites Canada's two races in the very distinct entity that we present to the rest of the world.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Jodoin: May I take this opportunity of paying my respects to our two lady colleagues—the honourable senator from Rockcliffe (Hon. Mrs. Wilson) and the honourable senator from Peterborough (Hon. Mrs. Fallis) who have so efficiently represented the women of Canada here for many years. I do not think this Upper House has had any reason to regret their appointment. I trust that with them the new appointees of our sex—the honourable senator from Fredericton (Hon. Mrs. Fergusson), the honourable senator

from Victoria (Hon. Mrs. Hodges) and I—will endeavour to prove to our male colleagues that nowhere on earth is it good for men to live alone—even in the Senate—

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Jodoin: —and that they will find us eager always to assist them in their decisions on questions of the day, while at the same time we study and discuss these questions from the woman's point of view.

Also I should like to express my compliments to the honourable senator from Brantford (Hon. Mr. Macdonald), the newly-appointed Leader of the Government in this house. I am sure that he fully possesses the ability and the diplomacy which that important position demands.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

(Translation):

Hon. Mrs. Jodoin: May I be permitted to recall now the memory of my predecessor, the honourable Athanase David, who formerly represented Sorel in this house.

That gentleman, who was idealistic and realistic as well, will ever be remembered in the province of Quebec for his many achievements in the realm of arts and education. I wish to pay a tribute to his memory and I hope that I shall be of help to that division of which I am now the representative, where so many huge industries have developed and have attained a degree of improvement that is quite comforting.

When one glances at the achievements of the government, one feels proud to note that its leaders are doing their utmost to shape the future of our country. The trade relations between the United States and Canada are carried on in an atmosphere of friendliness. "Everyone has faith in a common goal, but difficulties arise sometimes as to what method should be followed to attain that goal," stated the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, at the international meeting of mayors in Montreal. "In short, trade is a means to attain an end and this end is a standard of living as high as possible for those who participate in that kind of international co-operation."

In addition, we must indeed congratulate our government upon its substantial and tangible achievements in the field of public health. Every effort has been made to fight mental diseases, tuberculosis, cancer, especially during the last five years. Similar improvements have been recorded in the realm of health: specialized services, services for diagnosis, clinics, rehabilitation units, and all kinds of organizations for improving