

Business of the House

Here at this session of parliament, in order to secure an amendment to our constitution on a matter that is of national importance affecting the jurisdiction of both the federal and provincial parliaments and legislatures of our country, it is still necessary for us to seek an amendment from the parliament in the United Kingdom. My hope is that the time will not be too long delayed when as a result of an agreement between the federal and provincial authorities we will arrive at a point where this particular phase will be eliminated, to the end that we will be able within our own country to arrive at a basis for the amendment of our constitution agreeable to all and within the constitutional limitations of sections 91 and 92.

Such is the Prime Minister's sincerity concerning Canadian constitutional problems and it is to be hoped that federal-provincial relations will improve constantly so that the provinces may remain equal partners, anxious to co-operate with the central government to Canada's development and prosperity.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to appeal to every Canadian: Let us remember that our dual language, culture and civilization are an invaluable and priceless asset for this country, and to other international powers, an example likely to increase the strength, prestige and cultural and economic maturity of Canada, the finest and greatest country in the world.

The population of Quebec and other French speaking minorities were never treated with so much respect and fairness as by the present Prime Minister of Canada.

Simultaneous interpretation in parliament affords the necessary bridge for the meeting of our two cultures, one French, one British.

I was happy to find, even on my first days here, that all my colleagues had a sincere wish for a living national unity.

We are leaders of our people and, as such, we must be the fierce upholders of our national unity, on which surely rests our prosperity as a nation. A diversity of means and ideas should not go against a unity of purpose, so that Canada will once more be able to set before the world an example of the fullest respect for the rights of minorities.

Let us build a country equal to our high aspirations. Let each of us be faithful to his language, his faith and his culture and respect and admire at the same time those who act the same way. Let Canada be the stronghold of democratic liberties through a proper understanding of our national unity: *A Mare Usque Ad Mare*.

(Text):

On motion of Mr. Pearson the debate was adjourned.

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Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire from the house leader whether this debate will be continued on Monday, with the usual contributions by the leaders?

Mr. Churchill: Yes, that will be the course followed on Monday, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Diefenbaker the house adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
