

The Address—Mr. Corbin

[English]

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure how much grain the Canadian Feed Grain Board had to bring into eastern Canada by rail while the strike was on at the Lakehead but I know they were taking steps to make certain that a sufficient quantity of feed grain was on hand to meet immediate requirements. They have also advised me that they are taking steps to make sure that sufficient quantities are in position to take care of the ensuing feeding season.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in view of the time and considering that the house would normally rise at one o'clock, I think there might be general agreement in the house not to rise at one but to permit the hon. gentlemen to complete their customary speeches even though that may mean that we sit beyond the customary hour of rising. Perhaps that could be made an order of the house.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. EYMARD
CORBIN AND SECONDED BY MR. LEN
MARCHAND

The house proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, first of all I wish to congratulate you on your election as Speaker of the house. The remarks made yesterday by the right hon. Prime Minister Mr. Trudeau, by the hon. Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) and by the leaders of the other parties showed beyond any doubt that you will have the wholehearted support of the members of this house in the discharge of your duties.

Mr. Speaker, the honour which is mine in moving the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne is reflected upon the proud population of Madawaska-Victoria, which I represent here, and upon the whole of New Brunswick. I therefore thank my colleagues for the welcome they gave me.

[Mr. Dumont.]

The right hon. Prime Minister probably entrusted me with this task partly as a result of the warm welcome which he received in June from the people of my riding. He was only the second prime minister of Canada to come to Edmundston to meet the constituents; the first one was Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the end of the last century. I wish to join my colleagues and my constituents in congratulating the right hon. Prime Minister on his victory and that of the Liberal party at the June 25 election.

The number of new people and young faces which we see for the first time in the house today makes us realize that the June election brought about a welcome rejuvenation in Canadian politics. This perhaps establishes a precedent, but it is also a sure sign that Canadians of all ages are anxious to take an active interest in the affairs of the country. I think that the youth of our Prime Minister, his dynamic personality, his tenacity, and the courage with which he faces our many problems as well as the sincere determination of the members of his cabinet to work for the country have given us a new confidence in Canada as it enters into its second century.

I must also offer my best wishes to the hon. leader of the official opposition and congratulate him upon his personal victory. I am sure that I will find in him a good colleague from the maritimes.

Allow me, on behalf of my colleagues from New Brunswick, to congratulate my predecessor who represented Madawaska-Restigouche for six years and is our new Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Dubé). I am pleased also to call attention to the presence among us of the young 23-year-old member for Gloucester (Mr. Breau) who inherited the riding from the former minister of fisheries (Mr. Robichaud) who is now sitting in the other place.

Mr. Speaker, the short time at my disposal does not allow me to praise my riding as I would like to do. I will therefore summarize my thoughts in words used so many times by other hon. members in praise of their own ridings and fellow citizens: "You could not find a more beautiful region in the whole of Canada."

My riding is adjacent both to the American border and the Quebec provincial borders, so that we do not think of ourselves as being