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If ever anything made us suspicious of our leader, it was what the honourable gentleman from Halifax (Hon. Mr. Power) said to-night. I wanted to get some evidence on the matter, because I do not want to suspect my honourable friend the leader of the Government. I look upon him as one of the ablest men in Canada, and I do not want to change my view on that point.

I want to say to the leader of the Opposition that I was pleased with his speech. He looked at the Speech from the Throne—and I do not want anyone to be suspicious of me because I am going to fraternize with my honourable friend. Really, he should be over here on this side of the House. It is some kind of a mistake that he is where he is—one of those accidents that happen in the best-regulated families. He is not at home on the other side of the House and never seems just where he would like to be. The honourable gentleman did not say anything about the Speech from the Throne. He looked it over, and he knew he would have to go somewhere else if he was going to say anything about it. I want to say to him and to the honourable gentlemen on the other side of the House—because there seem to be two sides to the House, no matter what we try to do to make it only one side—that if there ever was a time in the history of Canada or the history of the world when every man who is a man was called to put forward the best that is in him, this is the time. This is a time to support Conservative policies. If there ever was a time to go slow and to be careful and to try to pull together to make this one of the best and greatest countries and our people one of the finest people in the world, this is the time. Is it not the duty of every fair-minded man, every honest Canadian, to join hands and do what he can to bring about such a condition in this country that when the next election comes round—and I hope it will not be too soon—the party that the people desire may be put into power? I am not going to say anything about the Liberal party, because no one can tell from one week to another what they are going to do. I want to see such a condition that when the people next go to the polls they will be in such a state of mind that they will vote for one of the parties, and that the party they desire will govern them for the next

term of office. Let me say this as a workingman, as a man familiar with the working class; that the minds of the people to-day are not in such a condition that they are ready for an election. The farmers are not ready for an election; they think they are ready, but they are not. Nobody in the Dominion of Canada is ready for an election to-day. The people who have the good of this Dominion at heart are hoping that an election will not be brought on until the people are ready to give an unbiased and fair mandate to the next Government. I trust that the honourable leader that we have to-day will live that long, and I feel sure that God will be good enough to permit him to do so—and I hope he will be the man to carry the colours of the National Liberal and Conservative party to the country; and if he does I am sure he will sweep the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Hon. P. E. BLONDIN: Honourable gentlemen, my honourable friend the member for Assiniboia (Hon. Mr. Turriff) intended to move the adjournment of this debate, but, as the remarks which I intend to make will be very short, he has agreed to permit me to speak before him and after my speech to move the adjournment of the debate.

I wish to join with the speakers who have preceded me in congratulating the mover and the seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Both of them have performed a delicate and difficult task with talent, broad-mindedness and thought such as one looks for in the members of this House. I should like particularly to congratulate my honourable friend the member for Stadacona (Hon. L. C. Webster) on the portion of his speech which he made in French. There was a time in Canada when some people thought the ideal motto for a united Canada was: "One flag and one language." The ideal contained in the last part of the sentence I am sure exists no longer, or, if it does, I have no doubt in my own mind that the achievements of the honourable member for Stadacona in every walk of life are a substantial proof that a knowledge of both the French and English languages is an instrument which every Canadian ought to acquire. May I go further and say that it seems to me that those who have charge of the education of the younger generation do not appear to have realized how great is the ability of young people to learn nearly as many languages as they like when they