

what is more important, freely used. They influence our institutions profoundly. They affect the developing genius of our people, especially our young people. And each element shall continue to develop its own ideals and achieve its own aspirations alongside the other. To this original establishment has been added, from Europe especially but in increasing numbers from many other countries of the world, other peoples with other tongues, with other national and ethnic traditions, all of them born of centuries of sophisticated cultural development.

(Translation):

Honourable senators, I sincerely believe that the cultural heritage of the citizens of Canada is of great value. Allow me to add that my own experience as a lawyer strengthens that conclusion.

I have been a member of the Bar of the province of Ontario for 30 years. Nevertheless, in the first place, I am a member of the Bar of the province of Quebec. I will always be proud of the fact that I read civil law in French at the University of Montreal. Consequently, I have a deeper appreciation of Quebec, its people, its institutions and its aspirations. I have many friends among the French Canadians.

When I became a member of the Bar in Ontario, I found that the intellectual wealth of civil law and common law was one of our wonderful national resources. I would like to believe that a great number of our young compatriots—of our students—French and English, could benefit throughout their lives from such a training, not only in the study of law but also of science and the humanities.

(Text):

Honourable senators, in McGee's time our people spoke the language of Shakespeare and Bossuet. Now in our cities, as a commonplace, we hear the tongues of Goethe, Dante, Shevchenko, Patoki, Bialik, van der Vondel, Ibsen, Stiernhielm, Halberg, Sturluson and many others. What a boon to a new country these are! What an earnest they can be for our future stability! People we have always needed and we shall continue to need. Space and resources and opportunity we have. Let us together, then, dare to be prudent as we plan and manage a promising present for a beckoning future.

On motion of Honourable Mr. Willis, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.