

when free men, while not ignoring the demands of science and technology, maintain undiminished their faith in ethical and spiritual values.

(Translation):

We are grateful to the Prime Minister for his constructive and courageous efforts for the maintenance of peace. It is undoubtedly interesting to hear fine speeches on peace but deeds are more effective, and I believe the suggestions made by our Prime Minister as representative of our country are more important than mere theories on this subject.

Mr. Speaker, the speech which His Excellency the Governor General so eloquently delivered a while ago in the upper house casts in the heart of all Canadians unlimited hope in the immediate and distant future of our country. Our national economy will certainly be greatly improved by the commonwealth economic conferences soon to be held and by means of which our trade relations with other countries will be diversified and developed.

Everyone in this country will be happy to see that this government intends to intensify the development of our natural resources in co-operation with the provinces and to see to it that, as far as possible, our raw materials are processed in Canada, to the greater advantage of our own people. Other conferences will be held with regard to our commercial relations.

I am happy to see, Mr. Speaker, along with most of the young people of this country who are about to marry, that the government is determined to amend the national housing act so as to put more money into the hands of taxpayers. We were all sorry to see the credit restrictions which were, in a large measure, responsible for the unemployment crisis, in so far as they paralysed the building of homes throughout this country. It is with pride today that we can hope for an ever increasing development of private enterprise through the easing of credit restrictions. Do I need to mention here to what extent the extensive program of new public works has been appreciated, particularly by the manual workers who make up such a large proportion of the population of this country?

Mr. Speaker, there is one matter which is very close to the heart of every Canadian, whatever his or her origin. It concerns a relationship between the federal government and the provincial legislatures. Since the present government has been in power, praiseworthy efforts have been made to foster understanding and harmony between federal and provincial authorities. During the last parliament \$81 million in all were distributed to the various provinces of this country. In

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fact \$19 million went to the province of Quebec which I represent more particularly. That money was made available to the needy mothers of my province.

Those higher authorities will hold other conferences and such conferences will lead to financial agreements which will be of advantage also to all municipalities of Canada. Several members have had experience in municipal councils and they are aware of the problems facing municipalities. Municipal governments are the cornerstone of democracy. They get their powers from provincial legislatures and, as the financial situation of the provinces improves, the financial burden weighing so heavily on the municipalities will be lightened accordingly.

May I now, Mr. Speaker, express the earnest hope that this government will direct its attention to the problems besetting at this time the workers of the Canadian textile industry. There are many of those workers across Canada and their problems are also of particular interest to an important part of the people of the constituency of Quebec-Montmorency which I have the honour to represent in this house. It is highly advisable that appropriate measures be taken in this regard in the very near future by this government.

The speech from the throne also mentions the fact that the house will be called upon to amend the Transport Act. In view of the wide expanse of our country and of the natural wealth to be found in the most isolated corners of Canada, the government shows great foresight in promoting transportation, so that the inhabited areas of our country may be extended as rapidly as possible. Let me point out at this point the initiative and driving spirit of the minister responsible for that department. The National Parks Act will also receive particular attention from the government. If I may, I should like to point out to the house that the federal government, thanks to the Prime Minister, has granted to the city of Quebec the Jacques Cartier park which will soon be turned into a national site.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to remind the people of Canada of the great honour graciously granted them last year by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, when for the first time she opened a Canadian parliament. This historic event will be an imperishable memory. We, of the province of Quebec, were particularly moved when, in the speech she delivered in both languages, she said she was proud to say that the French Canadians had remained faithful to their language and to their faith. This year again Canada will