

and I immediately wire it to them, because they have worked faithfully for me. But the high wage system enforced by the unions has put a stop to that kind of thing, and today we are short of farm help. What a desirable position we would have been in now if four years ago, when I advocated the idea, displaced Germans had been permitted to come here.

Last session I made the statement that we were spending large sums of money on military exercises in the north country when our troops could have been more usefully located in Germany. What sort of protection have we at present?

One thing I am deeply concerned about is Canada's lack of trained diplomats. Since we have adopted, at great expense, the policy of having representatives, both ambassadors and trade commissioners, in almost every country, I think we should begin at once to select young men with the proper background, train them thoroughly, give them a full knowledge of the language of the country to which it is proposed to send them, and appoint those so qualified, instead of political has-beens, as our representatives abroad. To my mind that is an urgent necessity.

It appears now that one of the bulwarks of our democracy is to be Japan. I feel that were I able to speak the language I would be a fitter representative to send there than some of the men who demanded during the recent war that Canadians of Japanese origin be removed from their homes, and that their ships and other belongings to be taken from

them. As a Canadian I am ready to plead guilty to the charge that these people were ill-treated. There is no doubt in my mind that if we hope to escape being overwhelmed by Asiatic peoples we must treat them with absolute fairness. I recommend honourable senators to read the official report of what happened to Japanese property. I was in the West myself, and actually saw some of the belongings which had been taken from their owners and sold at perhaps one-tenth of their value. In addition, Japanese property valued at \$200,000 was "lost, stolen or strayed". One of our colleagues has referred to the loss of a few Bren guns, but let me remind him that here is evidence of the disappearance of a great deal of private property which cannot be traced. Surely, if these people are to be our willing allies, such wrongs should be righted. All I would emphasize is that these Japanese Canadians must be so dealt with as to remove all suspicion of unfairness.

I have not much more to say. We should open our doors to immigration. Let us get rid of the fear of the labour unions that these people are going to deprive anybody of a job. That is one of the fears which has been holding back the development of this country. In my opinion there is no country in the world which could use immigrants to better advantage than Canada.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

The Address was adopted.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.
