

I am a Canadian, a free Canadian, free to speak without fear, free to worship God in my own way, free to stand for what I think right, free to oppose what I believe wrong, free to choose those who shall govern my country. This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind.

Fundamentally, we are a Christian and democratic nation. Let us therefore not forget that all men are born in the image of God. Believing in the Fatherhood of God, we also believe in the brotherhood of man and the brotherhood of peoples and nations. Our faith in freedom, equality, justice, co-operation, truth and love as the antidote to tyranny, hate, fear, bigotry, prejudice and discrimination has been the strength that has brought about and maintained Canadian unity, which has produced peace, progress, prosperity and happiness for Canadian citizens. This faith and work has built a great and dynamic Canada. With continuing mutual understanding and goodwill and adherence to these high principles we will build a greater and more dynamic country. Let us look to Canada's future with the faith of our Founding Fathers, of our pioneers of various origins, and of our great leaders.

**Hon. Edgar Fournier:** Honourable senators, after hearing the magnificent speech of Senator Yuzyk, given in three different languages, I hesitate to follow him with my broken English and my bad French. I understand that another senator is to follow me in the debate tonight, so I will dispense with the traditional opening remarks and say that I endorse all the good words which have been said about you, Mr. Speaker, and about Senator White, Senator Connolly (Ottawa West), Senator Macdonald (Brantford), and Senator Brooks—all of the nice things that have been said about everybody.

However, I would like to express a word of congratulation and of welcome to the newly-appointed senators, especially to the new senator from New Brunswick (Hon. Mr. Rattenbury). I am sure that those in this new group will find the same friendship, regard and understanding that was offered to the group in which I was introduced to the Senate two years ago.

I congratulate the mover and the seconder of the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Senator Cook and Senator Denis, on their speeches. They performed their duties with high dignity. A special mention should go to Senator Cook who was sworn in only a few minutes before he was called upon to speak. We were all impressed by the ease and sincerity with which

he spoke. We know that Senator Cook will make a very great contribution to the Senate, and so will Senator Denis.

(Translation):

I consider as a personal friend the seconder of the Address, honourable Senator Denis of St. Denis, whom I met in the other place three years ago. True, I have not always shared his opinions, but anyone who has given 30 years of his life to the public service, in the field of politics, deserves congratulations, and I am pleased to do so tonight.

I am happy to see him here and I wish both Mrs. Denis and the senator many years of health and happiness.

Senator Denis carried out his task as seconder with dignity but especially with great experience. Realizing that the Speech from the Throne had practically nothing to offer, he chose to by-pass it and read extracts of a Liberal epistle inspired by the prophets of that group. I am sure it was not inspired by St. Denis. Being a good Catholic, I have great faith in all the saints, even St. Denis. However, honourable senators, if I were to learn that it is St. Denis who inspired the speech of Senator Denis, I would immediately take him off the list of the saints I prefer.

(Text):

Honourable senators, with regard to the speech by honourable Senator Denis, I have made a few notes which I will go over very briefly. The honourable senator mentioned that 32,000 applications had been granted for building homes this winter. With that possibly I could agree, but he omitted to mention that there is an 11 per cent sales tax on the construction materials going into those homes, which represents \$1,100 on a \$10,000 home.

He also mentioned that 275,000 new jobs had been created and that unemployment had declined by 75,000. Then he added, "Of course, we are not yet satisfied." We, too, are not satisfied, because that leaves a gap between 275,000 and 75,000 indicating a difference of 200,000 missing somewhere.

The honourable Senator Denis also mentioned the federal contributory retirement fund. However, he forgot to mention that this is not all rosy and is not yet accepted by all the people, by any means.

He also mentioned the \$75 a month pension plan, with which we agree; but I do not remember having heard that we would have to be taxed to pay this \$75 a month pension.

The honourable senator got jumpy then. He was referring to page 17 of the last Liberal election program and then he skipped to page 21. I wonder if his reason for skipping