

The Address—Mr. Applewhaite

miles from Stewart, from a property owned by one A. L. Phillips. This was a small shipment and it assayed 1,896 ounces of gold and 2,386 ounces of silver per ton. A small shipment which weighed 40 pounds netted after smelter costs \$1,306. Mr. Speaker, I am not claiming that these values are usual but they do indicate that the mineral is there. At Tide lake this winter, ore is being mined which is so valuable they can afford to fly it from Tide lake to Stewart by chartered planes equipped with skis.

When the real Alaska highway is built up the western route from Hazelton to Whitehorse and that district has land connections with the rest of Canada, there will be more wealth produced from "them thar hills" than has as yet been dreamed of. When that happens, Stewart will take its logical place as another important north Pacific port.

I should like to turn my attention for a few moments, Mr. Speaker, from the physical aspects of the district to the reactions which we may expect from the people I represent to the speech from the throne. The people of Skeena, and I think I am capable of speaking for them, will welcome and receive a lot of comfort from this speech from the throne. My people happen to take quite an interest and a deep concern in matters of more than purely local interest. We are naturally interested in the outcome of the dominion-provincial conference because we realize that the final solution of many problems which are worrying us today must depend first upon some working formula between dominion and provincial governments. The people of Skeena riding, therefore, will welcome those words in the speech from the throne:

This conference marked a promising beginning in working out a satisfactory procedure—

And again:

Agreement was reached on certain general principles and a continuing committee was established to further the work of the conference.

I do not think it would be letting any secrets out to say that we rather feared for the future of the conference. We are now extremely happy to know that it is working, and working as well as might be expected.

It would not be the truth, Mr. Speaker, if I were to claim that the people of my district are happy about the international situation with regard to the security angle. It is not surprising that the district which borders upon Alaska and the north Pacific ocean, and upon what is advertised in so many sensational and not so sensational magazine articles as the highroad between Russia and the United States, should be somewhat worried. They will therefore welcome the evidence in the speech from the throne that this government

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is conversant with the necessity of doing two things at once, of taking every possible step to prevent threats of aggression and yet at the same time taking the necessary steps to do what we can to avert that aggression should it take place.

I wish to read from the speech from the throne certain words which will be of great comfort to the people of my district:

... our country continues to give full support to the charter of the United Nations.

Again:

The cold war nevertheless still continues and imposes on all the free nations heavy burdens for the provision of defence forces and modern armaments. Preparedness to meet any sudden onslaught is essential and the means must be provided.

And again:

In the development of Canada's defence forces, constant attention is being given to the best use of our resources, to the encouragement of joint research and experimental development and to the co-ordination of Canadian efforts with those of the other signatories of the North Atlantic treaty.

It would be surprising, Mr. Speaker, if the people of a riding situated where mine is did not get comfort from such a clear statement and such clear proof that this government realizes the situation.

There is another aspect of the speech which will also bring comfort—admittedly it may be delayed—to the people of my district. Representing a riding which produces almost entirely primary products and which will pin its hopes for the future to quite a large extent on building up international trade and providing the seaports for such trade, these words will be of comfort:

My ministers will continue their effort to secure reductions in trade barriers. To this end preparations are actively under way for further multilateral trade negotiations later in the present year.

If the people of Skeena riding had been given the opportunity to write one sentence and put it in the speech from the throne, I think that is, to all intents and purposes, the sentence they would have written. But all cannot be perfect. I regret, as I think they will regret, an omission from the speech from the throne. In spite of suggestions which have reached us from various quarters in this house that one who occupies an obscure position on the back benches of this side of the house dare not raise his voice in criticism at any time, I still propose to express my regret that the speech from the throne does not contain some definite statement of intention with regard to a coastguard service. I speak, of course, particularly for the Pacific coast. I realize that a subcommittee of the Canadian maritime commission on search and rescue has been doing some work upon this matter, and I dare say further action will depend upon their submitting a report. But, Mr. Speaker,