

the knowledge and experience he gained in his association with Sir Robert Borden when conferences on peace and security were held after the last war. As is well known, my honourable friend has had a long career in Parliament—in the House of Commons and in the Senate—and his acceptance of the invitation to go to San Francisco would have been most gratifying, I am sure, not only to the Prime Minister but to the other delegates who will accompany him.

The honourable gentleman's inability to accept has necessitated the selection of another senator from the party opposite, and I know that all members of this Chamber are pleased that the honourable senator from La Salle (Hon. Mr. Moraud) has been chosen.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. KING: In him I shall have a distinguished and able colleague who will share with me the honour and responsibility of representing the Senate of Canada at this important and historical conference. I believe we all feel that although the individuals composing the delegation may vary in their political views with regard to affairs in Canada, the delegation as a whole will go to the conference united in its endeavours to realize the hope that is in the mind of the Canadian people, namely, that out of this international organization will come better conditions, world security, and the avoidance of warfare.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I am rather overwhelmed by the kind references to which the honourable leader has just given expression, and I want him to know that I sincerely appreciate what he has said about me. As my letter to the Prime Minister stated, nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to be a member of the delegation to the San Francisco conference. But insurmountable difficulties that I do not need to go into here made this impossible. I take pleasure in informing you, honourable senators, that I was received in a most gracious, friendly and courteous way on two occasions by the Prime Minister, who certainly did his best to prevail upon me to attend the conference; but, as I have already said, it was impossible for me to accept.

I know I speak for all other honourable members of this House as well as for myself when I say that the Prime Minister is fortunate indeed in having the honourable leader of the Government in this House (Hon. Mr. King) as a member of the delegation. It was right and proper that he should have been selected, not only because of the position he

holds in this Chamber, but because of the fact that he has had a long and distinguished career in public service, first as a member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and since as a member of Parliament and as a Minister of the Crown. The knowledge that he has accumulated and the ability that he has developed during his long years of service eminently fit him to go to the conference as the senior delegate from this Chamber.

May I be permitted also to extend my congratulations to my honourable friend from La Salle (Hon. Mr. Moraud), who has been selected as the second delegate from the Senate. The Prime Minister was good enough to call me at Montreal by telephone and say that he was desirous that the delegation from Canada should not exceed seven members, and inasmuch as a French-speaking member of the other House was a delegate, in the person of the Minister of Justice, it was thought only right and proper that a French-speaking member of the Senate, and especially such a distinguished one as my honourable friend from La Salle, should be chosen from our side of this Chamber. I speak, Senator Moraud, not only for myself, but for every honourable senator on this side of the House in wishing you a safe and pleasant journey and a successful mission.

Before I sit down may I join with the honourable leader opposite (Mr. King) in again expressing the hope so often expressed in this Chamber during the debate that the San Francisco Conference will result in the laying of a sure and lasting foundation for world peace and security.

Hon. LUCIEN MORAUD: Honourable senators, I wish to thank the honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. King) and my own leader (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) for the kind words they have just spoken about me. I must say that when we adjourned last week I had not expected that this honour would fall upon me. I was only advised of it on Sunday last.

I am very sorry that the honourable leader on our side, who is so well qualified to be a delegate to the conference, could not accept the Prime Minister's invitation—and, without false modesty, I should like to add that many of my colleagues are better qualified than I am to be included among those who are to go to San Francisco. However, I understood that whatever might be my deficiencies it was my duty to serve, and I feel greatly honoured. I can assure honourable members that I am fully aware of the obligations which I have undertaken, and of the consequences which