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Canada Council to administer funds to assist Canadian university construction. I understand that the Government also proposes to ask Parliament to double the federal grant to universities. On a previous occasion, when the annual grant was set at \$8 million, I argued that it should have been at least doubled. Well, now it is to be \$16 million, and I am sure it will be doubled again in the lifetime of most of us in this chamber. As to the amount of \$50 million for university construction, I feel this will be far from sufficient. I am not exaggerating when I say the amount should be \$500 million. I know something about the administrative problems of universities. I happen to be Chairman of the Board of Regents of a certain college which is affiliated with the University of Manitoba, and I know of the problems facing that university, which had to turn away a large number of students this year.

I am not enough of an artist or a musician to make any comment about the university scholarships and bursaries that are to be provided to help Canadian painters, musicians and dancers.

Another subject with which I would like to have dealt is inflation. Now, I do not think anyone should criticize a Government about its handling of a certain problem without making a reasonable suggestion for solving that problem. I have heard a lot of suggested cures for inflation, and I have thought of many myself, but I am not offering any at this time. Inflation affects people in every walk of life, particularly elderly pensioners

who find that their financial burdens increase proportionately with the diminution of the value of the dollar.

Honourable senators, I am not going to talk about any of these subjects tomorrow. Instead, I shall deal only with the matters discussed by the mover (Hon. Mr. Wall) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Fournier) of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Incidentally, this afternoon when the seconder used the words "the honourable senator from Winnipeg" in referring to the mover of the Address, I was reminded of the first debate I heard in this house. That was in January of 1936. There was then a certain member of this chamber who for many years had been known as the honourable senator from Winnipeg. I, too, was from Winnipeg and when His Honour the Speaker had occasion to point out that "the honourable senator from Winnipeg said so and so"-meaning me—the other gentleman from Winnipeg rose and said, "Your Honour, I did not say so and so. It was the junior senator from Winnipeg". Again this afternoon it was the junior senator from Winnipeg who spoke, and he made a very good speech indeed.

I thank the house for allowing me to make these preliminary remarks today. I will continue the debate tomorrow afternoon.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Haig, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.