

ted by mail. All went according to schedule and all the hearings were instructive and well received. The committee retained the services of Mr. Jean Baroux as the French language editor, and Mr. Joseph Sacroug as translator.

This was the mechanism which produced our report, *Retirement Without Tears*. The cost involved was far below that of a royal commission.

On behalf of the special committee, may I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Baroux and Mr. Sacroug, as well as to their staff members, for their devotion and long hours of work in order to meet certain deadlines.

My sincere thanks also go to all members of the committee for their continued interest and effort. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by non-attendance at any of the committee's meetings because of other important meetings being held at the same time.

Senator Croll and I wish to express our thanks to all members of the committee. I am sure they are proud of the work that was done. All of us in time will pass on, but the Senate records will exist in the future.

I should now like to pay a personal tribute to Senator Croll, the chairman of the special committee, who engineered and master-minded the whole operation. At times I have been asked by members on both sides of the house: "How do you get along working with Senator Croll?" Perhaps I can best answer that question with the familiar reply: "Birds of a kind nest under the same roof." We are both early birds, being in our

offices as early as 7 a.m. practically every day. Long hours mean nothing to us. I should perhaps add that we do not always agree, but our arguments have always been settled in a friendly manner and in the best interests of the committee. For my part, I always kept in mind Senator Croll's immense experience in both public and political life.

I am sure that many senators have little or no idea of the work done by Senator Croll on behalf of the committee during the past two years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with him and to have had the opportunity to participate in the preparation of the report *Retirement Without Tears*. Never, in all my discussions with my colleagues on the committee and with other honourable senators, did I meet anyone who did not have great admiration for Senator Croll. Not everyone agrees with his politics, but that is to be expected. We all respect Senator Croll and admire him for his many years of devotion to both his province and to Canada.

On April 30 the special Senate committee will present to you, Mr. Speaker, an oil painting of the Honourable Senator Croll in recognition of his devotion to the Canadian people. That painting will place Senator Croll among the many outstanding senators of Canada. I again extend my thanks.

[Translation]

I thank you for your kind attention.

On motion of Senator Deschatelets, debate adjourned.

[English]

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.