

have ever sat in this house when more rapt attention was given a speaker than was accorded that lieutenant-colonel. Let me tell the house something of the spirit of the youth who have left Fort William. One of our boys, who was a great helper to me—how I miss him!—a splendid young musician, got his wings, but he was not satisfied to stay in a training centre though his mother wanted him to remain there. He said, "The struggle is bigger than I am", and I think that is typical of the youth of Canada. I know what it felt like after the last war when returned soldiers could not get twenty-five cents an hour, and we did our best to find employment for those who were refused work. After this war is over, whatever government may be in power, if work cannot be found for the returned men and others, whether I am in this house or out of it, I shall be leading these men in an effort to obtain employment and to impress upon the government the needs of the community.

I understand, Mr. Speaker, that there are to be some changes in the house. Well, there is one change I should like to see. When you are opening this house in a very reverent way, only the members are present. I think the house should be thrown open, at least to the press; I think the press should hear you when you lead us in prayer and ask for victory. They may not appreciate it, but in our press gallery we have many gentlemen whom I consider to be very fine, Christian characters.

In one point I disagree with the Minister of Labour. I think every toiler should have his Sunday off. He will do more work; he will be a happier man, and he will be able to make a better contribution to the welfare of the country at large if that is done. I should like to quote from "The Common Problem," written by William R. Yendall, in which he quotes a philosopher whom I knew and whose works I have read, John Watson of Queen's:

Gentlemen, a serious thing has happened in Europe. Official Germany has abandoned a spiritual interpretation of the world and has adopted a materialistic interpretation. History does not always repeat itself, but it has an uncanny habit of doing so and if it does so in this instance I would say that rivers of blood will flow before this wrong in the world of thought is righted.

That was written in 1912. We all know what happened after that and what is happening to-day because of materialistic Germany.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have to inform the hon. gentleman that his time has expired.

Mr. McIVOR: I could finish in three minutes.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Go on.

[Mr. McIvor.]

Mr. McIVOR: Thank you. Sunday observance was recognized by the great Gladstone as the bulwark of the nation, and I think it is the business of the church in Canada in all its branches to work and fight for freedom. The great apostle to the Gentiles said, "He is free whom the truth makes free, and all are slaves beside." The church to-day and the governments of Canada stand at the cross-roads, where error and selfishness drive men to confusion and conflict, speaking the right word, offering sympathy, dispelling darkness by the alluring vision of a grander conception of the Master Workman. It is littleness that makes people unhappy and afraid. It is the sense of kinship, of the Power and Wisdom of the universe, that drives out fear and greed; and when a man knows the ground on which he stands and practises his faith every day, whether he is the Minister of Labour or the leader of the Progressive Conservative party he is doing something that will contribute to Canada that which will be vital to the welfare of our country.

Mr. SPEAKER: During the course of his remarks the hon. gentleman wished to place a table on *Hansard*. That can be done only with the consent of the house, since it is a practice which should not be followed because of the possibility of abuse. With the consent of the house it may be done.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. SPEAKER: If objection is taken, the table may not be placed upon *Hansard*.

Mr. GRAYDON: We are not sure what the table is.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. gentleman read a comparative statement of the pay and allowances of soldiers in our country and those in other countries.

Mr. COLDWELL: Is the table accurate, up to date and authentic; and by whom is it compiled?

Mr. SPEAKER: I take it that there is not the unanimous consent which is required.

Mr. GRAYDON: We are not anxious to place any obstacle in the way, but there is a suggestion that the table may not be entirely accurate.

Mr. G. K. FRASER (Peterborough West): Mr. Speaker, this is the fourth debate of this kind in which I have had the privilege of taking part, and I do so to-night in the hope that I may be able to offer the government one or more constructive suggestions in order