

they were living quite comfortably but it was obviously under conditions with which our people in Canada would not be perfectly satisfied.

### Rome

From there we flew to Rome. We got there late in the evening and came down from considerable heights to ground level rather quickly. I therefore found, when I stepped off the plane, that there was not much that I could hear. Then there was such an array of klieg lights that I found that within a few seconds there was not much that I could see. Hence for a moment or two I was, more than usual, in strange surroundings. But that condition disappeared and the warmth of the welcome that was accorded to us there was quite moving.

We were invited to meet President Einaudi, another university man whose whole career until recently has been in the field of study and teaching, and who certainly has no other desire than to see the whole world at peace and to see all the people of the world have the opportunity to pursue the kind of careers of which his own is one of the examples of what an intelligent man would prefer to do rather than engage in the horrible business of destroying each other. I met the new Prime Minister, Mr. Scelba, and several of his colleagues who are quite firm in their resistance to communistic influence in their country and quite confident that that resistance is and will continue to be successful.

Personally I had another disappointment in Rome, one that was shared by several of those who were accompanying me. We had hoped to be received in audience by His Holiness the Pope but the condition of His Holiness' health was such that he was not able to receive anyone at all. I went and paid my respects to Monsignor Montini who, as hon. members know, was here a little over a year ago. I also wished to see Monsignor Tardini but was told I might not be able to see him because he was at that moment closeted with the Pope. We went around to his office just the same to leave cards and just as we got there Monsignor Tardini was coming out and was able at that time to give us very encouraging news of the state of health of the Holy Father. Unfortunately there have been relapses, and the state of his health is still giving grave concern.

The next day was quite a memorable one. I was received by the Mayor of Rome, Mayor Salvatore Rebecchini at the capitol. They put on a great municipal demonstration at the capitol and pointed out to me where Tarpeian rock was and warned me it was not very far from the seat of the Mighty to this Tarpeian rock. They seemed quite conscious that under the democratic institutions as they existed 2,000 years ago and as they still exist the difference is perhaps no more than our colleague, the hon. member for Quebec South (Mr. Power) mentioned some time ago when he said that the transition from a private car to an upper berth was always something that could happen in politics. I was presented with a silver replica of the famous wolf with Romulus and Remus getting what would look from the replica to be a very welcome meal provided by the wolf.