

Senator van Roggen: I know you are not bound by our caucus, but that situation has been cleared up.

Senator Croll: Honourable senators, you see what happens. The honourable senator rises and says that all members of Parliament are invited "including senators." This is exactly what we object to. We are all members of Parliament. Let me say also that I cannot understand Senator Grosart. Any time we have a chance to freeloader on them we should take it. They have freeloader on us often enough before, so let's go.

Senator Walker: But aren't they selling tickets for the drinks?

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BRIEF PRESENTED TO MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF COMMONS—
QUESTION

Senator Davey: Honourable senators, you may not be aware of the fact—as would seem to be the case in the situation dealt with in Senator van Roggen's question—that *Time* magazine has within the last few days sent an extremely elaborate and expensive brief to the members of the other place. To the best of my knowledge this document has not been received by members of the Senate, and I just make the observation in passing that it is an interesting omission on the part of *Time*.

Senator Argue: They know not what they do.

Senator Walker: You won't have to make a speech this time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Administrator's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Senator Neiman, seconded by Senator Cottreau, for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Frederick William Rowe: Honourable colleagues, I join with those who preceded me in this debate in extending congratulations and good wishes to you, Madam Speaker, to the new Leader of the Government in the Senate, to the continuing Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate and to the other party officials on both sides of this chamber. I join also in expressing my appreciation of the contribution made to the Senate by your predecessor, Madam Speaker, Senator Fergusson, and by that dean of Canadian statesmen and public figures, Senator Paul Martin.

I welcome the two new members of the Senate and I congratulate the mover and the seconder of this motion. I know I shall be pardoned if I congratulate in particular my Newfoundland colleague, Senator Petten, on his appointment as Government Whip. I congratulate him not only because of this honour, but because of his willingness to assume this responsibility, which entails duties that are often difficult and sometimes thankless.

Senator Flynn: Usually.

Senator Rowe: I am sure that his honoured father, who sat with distinction in this Senate for so many years, if he

[Senator Flynn.]

were alive today would be happy and gratified that his son is filling this post.

The election that was held this past July proved two things, if nothing else. First, that the people of Canada wanted a stable government; and, second, they felt that the best person to lead the country in these difficult times was our present Prime Minister. They are difficult times. I suppose that all times are difficult in the life of a nation, but these are perhaps more difficult than we have known and experienced. I am not being unduly partisan when I say that the results of the election were of great satisfaction to me in a number of ways, but primarily in that the Canadian people confirmed my feeling regarding Prime Minister Trudeau.

It was also a source of pride to Newfoundlanders—I am sure honourable senators will pardon this little bit of parochialism—that our representative in the Government of Canada, the Honourable Donald Jamieson, received the highest percentage of votes in the entire nation—a tribute both to his ability and to his dedicated efforts to serve both his native province and the country as a whole. I am sure that our colleague, Senator Carter, who laid the groundwork in that district, and who served the area so dedicatedly for something like 15 or 20 years, must be happy at the result, knowing that in one sense the groundwork that he laid is still there and that his efforts are still bearing fruit.

Honourable senators, in speaking to the Throne debate, the big problem is not to find something to say but to select topics from a multitude of topics that concern us all, particularly when we have a new Parliament and a new administration.

Senator Flynn: Or what not to say—to select what not to say.

Senator Rowe: I thank the honourable Leader of the Opposition, and I am happy to see him back in his place after an absence of several weeks.

Like most Canadians, I was happy to see that the Throne Speech made reference to transportation problems, but before dealing with that subject, I want to say a word—I would like to say much more but perhaps I should await a more appropriate time—about Senate reform, with special reference to the points made by Senator O'Leary in this chamber last night. Senator O'Leary appeared to be very much concerned, I think unduly concerned, over the statement by the Prime Minister during the course of the debate on the Throne Speech in the other house. I have before me the remarks of the Prime Minister, which appear in *Hansard* of the House of Commons for October 2. I gained the impression from what Senator O'Leary said that he feels in some way or another that the Prime Minister has made up his mind about what he is going to do, and that whether we like it or not it will be shoved down our throats.

In my opinion, those fears are entirely groundless. Here is what the Prime Minister said:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a word about the Senate. I know that it is not for me to say too much about that subject, but I think that it would not be more than good neighbour policy to suggest that at least a few reforms should be considered, reforms