

The Address—Mr. Morison

we are unwilling to defend freedom, when 18 months ago you fellows wanted to reduce the air force to a bunch of bird watchers. I find it difficult, Mr. Speaker, to retain parliamentary decorum when speaking of these things.

Mr. Speaker: I would advise the hon. member that as long as he applies this language to a party and not to a person he is in order.

Mr. Bigg: I feel we should set up a national transportation policy to co-ordinate our roads, our railways and our airways. I have spoken about this before. I believe, too, that we should reassess our national parks system. I am tired of some people in this country telling me it would be wrong not to retain 17,500 square miles of parkland for the whooping cranes. There are only 28 of them. Yes, there are natural resources in Wood Buffalo park. There is enough gypsum alone to replaster every building in the world, yet this is denied to us because of the whooping cranes.

Do you not think it is time we as a nation and as a group of provinces got together to develop Canada for the good of the little people, whom the Liberal party are so fond of saying they represent? Now they are going to pretend that they came up with the idea of portable contributory pensions. I suppose this is an excuse for not giving the \$10 to our old people, an offer which was made on every Liberal platform across the country during the election campaign. Once they were going to give them six bucks. I wonder if they will come through with the \$10. They only gave the armed forces \$4, so perhaps they will give our senior citizens the full \$10.

I think I have made my position clear. When the Liberal party acts for the good of the little people of Canada I will vote for every single constructive measure they bring forward. But I am tired of double talk and gobbledygook, and I am tired of this terrible hypocrisy, which 18 months ago would have left us naked to our enemies. Today a whisper from Washington means more than the will of the people. I say to the government, beware of the steps you take.

Mr. J. B. Morison (Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to address the house for the first time. I wish to add my congratulations to you upon your election to the demanding office of Speaker. I am sure that with your capabilities and well known talents, at the end of your term of office we shall all congratulate you just as warmly as we do now. I should also like to congratulate the right hon. Prime Minister upon having earned the right to form a government in this twenty sixth parliament. I am sure, because

of what I have seen in the last three or four days, that his decisiveness and enthusiasm will make this an excellent parliament. If I may quote the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam (Mr. Douglas) on Monday last, if he is correct in the Freudian slip of Mr. Kent, the Prime Minister will still be prime minister in the forty first parliament. I do not intend to be arrogant, Mr. Speaker, when I say that we Liberals are an indestructible lot, but the thought was prompted by the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam.

I should also like to congratulate the Leader of the Opposition and wish him a long and brilliant career, if it does last to the forty first parliament. The preceding speakers should also be congratulated upon the excellence of their speeches. They have inspired me to rise today and address the house.

I represent Wentworth, which is a riding that surrounds the ambitious city of Hamilton, Ontario. Our biggest centres of population are parts of Hamilton, Dundas—my home town—Ancaster and Stoney Creek. The Burlington-Aldershot area is referred to sometimes as the bedroom community of Hamilton, and I am happy to say that we have done a good job; the population is now three times what it was 15 years ago.

The riding has changed since its inception in 1904. At that time it was predominantly rural, the farmers were a hard working lot and there was a very small population. The riding now consists of approximately 70 per cent urban dwellings—most of them are single family—30 per cent rural and a small amount of commercial and light manufacturing. Our farms still have many fine orchards. We have tender fruit farms and beef and dairy farms.

As I say, the area has changed greatly. My predecessor, Mr. Sams, in campaigning continually stressed that he was going to continue in the manner of his predecessor, who was elected to this house in 1935. I am glad to say that our constituents realized that a change was necessary, and they gave me the honour of representing them in this parliament. I believe I am unique amongst my colleagues in that I appear to have very few problems from my constituents. Whether they have been lulled from long habit into not complaining, or have been uninformed that it is our wish to serve them here, I do not know.

An hon. Member: Wait till the end of the 60 days.

Mr. Morison: I hope I do not have to wait until the end of the 60 days. Whatever the reason may be, the sooner they realize that we are here to serve them, and the sooner they realize that we would like to help them