

the hands of the already affluent, and how little has been given to those people who need housing the most, those in the low income groups and those living in rural districts? Housing is just as important to a person living on a farm or in a village as it is to those living in penthouses. Unless my information is wrong, most of the money has been going into mortgages for the building of high-rise apartments where money was not required in the first place. The affluent have always been able to build themselves penthouses and villas on the edge of great cities. It is to the medium and low income groups that this money should go.

Not only is money needed but much can be done in setting down regulations to stop the explosion in the price of land. We should have looked into the question of the sudden increase in the price of land long ago and should have prevented this disgraceful gambling with people's lives by way of mortgage money. When I lived in Ottawa 20 years ago many a lot could have been bought for \$200. Today similar lots are selling for \$7,000 or \$7,500. This kind of money is not available to people with small incomes, to people living on civil service pensions, nor to our old people generally.

If we believe in a just society, this would be a good place to start. Let us stop worrying about whether or not Quebec will turn into a ghetto. I cannot control this. But I do stand here and beg the government to do something about housing, about mortgage money, and about transportation to and from our resources areas. Let us take a proper stand in NATO and in the United Nations to defend, support and protect the kind of just society which I was raised to respect and admire.

I remind the government that they received only 43 per cent of the total vote in the election.

Mr. Woolliams: It is a minority government.

Mr. Bigg: In the minds of the people of Canada, this government does not have a working majority. It is a minority government and the leadership of the Liberal party is a minority leadership.

I warn the Liberal party that it will take much statesmanship to hold that party together and for it to receive the co-operation it needs. We have all been lectured on our delinquency in this regard, and there is some reason for it. But let me say that a minority leader of a minority party should give heed to

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the finer instincts of the Canadian people because the same press which worships him today may not do so tomorrow. The press is alive and alert and wants to keep in touch with the Canadian people up to a point. But when the government and its leader go beyond a certain point let me assure them that the gentlemen of the press will continue to be the greatest security of the Canadian people. The fourth estate is not there by chance and when the breakdown occurs its members will be ready to interpret to the 43 per cent what the 57 per cent think. The 57 per cent are not thinking right now the way they did on June 25. They are looking for action and, as I said, they are not looking for this unknown object to appear from behind the clouds and indicate exactly what coloured light he will flash on the Canadian scene. It will not be good enough just to say:

I know you all, and will awhile uphold the unyoked humour of your idleness:

We can all quote Shakespeare if we want to, if we want to know how Prince Hal became Henry V and stood in the breach himself. Never mind telling me what my duty is to the crown. I want to know what kind of leadership the leader of the Liberal party will give to the country. Let him tell his party of their duty to the crown. Today the crown does not mean some obsolete institution across the ocean. Queen Elizabeth is the Queen of Canada by our choice, and at least 57 per cent of Canadians still feel that way about her. Make no mistake about that. It seems to me also that a great many in the ranks opposite feel exactly the way I do, and silence is not enough to convince me otherwise. We do not want silence. We want a clearcut stand on this matter. I do not think it is too late for the Prime Minister himself to take a clear stand, not in the offhand way he is so used to adopting as if he did not think it mattered much. I am telling him it matters a great deal.

I would be very pleased if he would add a postscript to the Speech from the Throne and send it to Her Majesty the Queen telling her that his loyalty, the loyalty of his party and the loyalty of the whole country are so immense as to be lost in blindness of devotion. I would be more than pleased to sign that document. Then I would go on into the next four years assured that one of the anchors of our very freedom would be upheld by a man worthy to be the successor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.