

deserve and which gives recognition to the part that women must play in the management of the affairs of the nation if they are to look after the interests of the Canadian family. We were looking forward to that event, with a broad spirit open to the comprehensive ideas of the needs of the Canadian family now replenished by the excellent and controlled immigration of people of different races, religions and languages, but who, while learning to love our country and to appreciate its generous hospitality, will become the source of true Canadians who will settle our immense country. Thus will be realized the hope which Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, expressed in a recent letter in which he wrote that "every individual is entitled to a piece of soil in countries where there is an over-abundance of land".

The tribute which I am paying the Right Honourable the Prime Minister reflects in a small way the feelings that the whole of Canada expressed to him on the occasion of the general election, last August. An atmosphere of contentment, a wave of enthusiasm, followed him throughout the country. Men and women were asking for a look of approval and encouragement, while the small children received from him a kind attention which strongly impressed their young minds. The greatness of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister flows from the frankness, the righteousness and the honesty of his heart.

The country expressed its admiration for him by the vote of confidence which has carved in history the name of Louis St. Laurent.

At the Coronation we admired again his dignified personality in an all-important rank; his distinguished silhouette showed up among the notable guests and helped further to feature in an outstanding way among the representatives of the world the greatness of our beloved Canada. We must not fail to associate with his success the name of Mrs. St. Laurent, his distinguished wife, whose qualities we admire and whom we shall imitate in her worthy life as the First Lady of Canada.

Our Prime Minister will soon depart again for far-off countries where his prestige will be beneficial to our own country. His fascinating personality radiates indeed an assurance of good will and no one will have any doubts about the future and the character of a nation which has chosen such a leader. May this impression spread to Korea, may it give heart to our soldiers, stop if possible this awful war which is destroying whole

generations, mowing down youth and setting bounds to the expansion of a better world. Mothers everywhere rise against war, which snatches away their children; they oppose that more awful and threatening war, the atomic war, which would not spare anything from destruction, neither women, nor children, nor the old people; it would annihilate civilization as well as all hope. May the United Nations keep their eyes open to the production of these fiendish weapons which are the cause of the anguish and the distress of our times.

The members and representatives of the U.N.O. must soon convene and discuss world problems in an effort to solve them. Is it not the right time, honourable senators, to express our own ideas and make the best of them for the good of humanity? We are assured that the Minister of External Affairs, who leads the Canadian delegation, and the Postmaster General, one of the members of the delegation, will do all they can to obtain for us a lasting peace which, we hope, will last for ever. Such is the wish of the mothers of the world, and they have faith that their representatives will obtain this supreme blessing.

To enliven this hope, we had the honour to welcome the President of the United States, Mr. Eisenhower. We feel confident that his visit, a milestone in our parliamentary history, will open an era of co-operation and friendship, during which will be built up a solid wall against the invader who wants to achieve mastery of the world. With the support of this powerful President, the leader of a nation of 140 million inhabitants, let our hope grow, let our country enjoy greater liberty and look again to the future with confidence. While waiting for that complete freedom, we may admire the adroitness, the tactfulness and the concern for security which our government has shown on the national and international level, when consolidating our defensive forces in order to thwart a surprise attack. Our military power is now the strongest and our forces the best equipped we have ever had in peacetime. The Right Honourable the Prime Minister has personally found out that the newly organized St. John Military College has already yielded very fine results. The cadet officers there know both languages, and that is a great asset to them. They will become invaluable leaders and give us strong support, especially in these critical and uneasy times. After undergoing military training on a voluntary basis, our young men will develop into leaders and defenders of our