

came. The man who stands up to-day to play this miserable little game of politics that is played in our Province and in other places will not be in evidence. He may stay here and harp away as long as he likes. Old England, the mother of our Empire, the mother of our liberty—the mother of the world's liberty, if you like—never again will be allowed to be attacked. Never again will she be obliged or expected to call upon the offspring in the different parts of the world who do not desire to go to her rescue. They may all stay at home. There will be plenty of men ready to fight her battles. And when the fight is over the soldiers will remain, as true men ought to remain, in the country that made the trouble, and will there levy taxation upon the people, so that those who made the trouble will pay the bills. Our organization is supreme; it is world-wide; we have no fear.

So I do not care about the little game of politics you are playing. It is not honourable for you to play it. It is not fair to your people, when you have great events requiring attention and action on your part. However, if it amuses you to play that game, do not ask me for money to support you. You may fool away in this Parliament long enough to create a sentiment in favour of a dictatorship. That sentiment is being created to-day, and I say without hesitation that the time may arrive, and may not be far distant, when a dictatorship for Canada may be the only escape. If we were discussing dictatorships a few years ago we would not have included Canada with European countries—Italy, Spain, Greece, Rumania, etc. I tell you frankly and honestly that you must give this country relief by wise, constructive legislation; you must remove from political agitation those elements of dissention; you must unite the two nationalities, French and English, on the common ground of commerce and trade. If you fail to do that, permit me to say to this honourable body, you will be surprised at how early a period in the future of Canada the form of responsible Government will change from what it is to-day.

I do not suppose it is of any use, honourable gentlemen, for me to say more. I cannot tell you that I intend voting against this Bill; I shall not have a chance to vote, because there are not enough honourable members who will rise and demand that a vote be taken; but I wish to record my absolute opposition to the granting of a single dollar to an administration that has failed to administer—an administration that is inefficient, full of intrigue, and surrounded with corruption.

Hon. R. DANDURAND: I would like simply to remind my honourable friend that he has lived long enough to know that prosperity and adversity come in cycles in this country. We are moving on towards more prosperous times. All the statements of bankers and financiers are to the same effect. I would like to comfort my honourable friend from Bedford (Hon. Mr. Pope) by telling him that after obtaining a certain perspective abroad, one finds on returning to this country that, if it is not the happiest country in the world, it is by comparison a very happy country. And I would like to remind him that the good old Province of Quebec, from which he hails, like myself, is the envy of other provinces and states nearby; that it is prosperous; that it knows when it has a good Government. The Province of Quebec has maintained one since 1897. We have shown surpluses year by year. Our trade is improving throughout the Province. Strangers flock to our cities, which are growing. The population of Montreal, the metropolis, is increasing by 50,000 a year, and large hotels are being built to receive visitors, who feel happy in our midst.

I may tell my honourable friend that this Supply Bill shows a considerable improvement in the matter of reductions. The first paper that I laid my hand upon when last Saturday I returned to Montreal from abroad, was that of a confrere of ours, the Montreal Gazette, and it commended the Supply Bill for showing considerable reductions in many respects.

Our exports are increasing. Apparently there are some people who are working. Yes, there are some who are unemployed, but the people generally, whether on the farm or in the shop, are working diligently, and I am convinced that from month to month and from year to year the reports will continue to show improvement and conditions in Canada will be a source of great satisfaction to our people.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

PRIVATE BILL FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act to provide for changing the names of certain Pension Fund Societies.—Hon. Mr. Béique.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor-General's Secretary ac-