

in a number of countries, and has won for its author praise from many quarters. For instance, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President of Harvard University, said:

One sees clearly that the Canadian action on the labour problem has been and still is the most intelligent and successful in the world.

From such an authority as Dr. Eliot, this was high praise indeed.

In his outstanding contributions to the solution of social problems Mr. King was always guided by the same thought. I quote again from the introduction to his work that I cited a few moments ago:

An industrial system characterized by antagonism, coercion and resistance must yield to a new order based upon mutual confidence, real justice and constructive good will. The change will involve patience, but nothing short of it will solve the problems to which industry gives rise.

Mr. King told me, as he told many others, that in his search for a procedure to obtain industrial peace he received his most direct incentive from a statement of the great French scientist and humanitarian, Louis Pasteur. This statement, which was quoted to him by his own brother, the late Dr. King, was as follows:

Two contrary laws seem to be wrestling with each other nowadays: the one, a law of blood and of death, ever imagining new means of destruction, and forcing nations to be constantly ready for the battlefield—the other, a law of peace, work and health, ever evolving new means of delivering man from the scourges which beset him.

Will industry continue the struggle and antagonism dividing its essential partners, or will it seek to establish between them the co-operation which is indispensable to their common welfare? This question, which still confronts us, can be answered most favourably by following the doctrine of co-operation which Mr. King advocated and practised throughout his life. That doctrine was based upon the deeply Christian faith of the great statesman, who always firmly believed in the brotherhood of all men and in the divine fatherhood of God.

Honourable senators, those of us who were present at Mr. King's funeral service in St. Andrew's Church will always remember with deep emotion the singing of his favourite hymn, whose concluding words expressed the theme underlying all his social policies, namely, that we are all brothers and all children of the same Father. This is a very simple but immortal thought.

*Industry and Humanity* is more than a book, it is a living message which Mr. King delivered to us in his lifetime, and which he has left with us as his last will. We shall continue to hear his words beyond the grave. They will ring forever in our hearts. May all

Canadians understand and listen to the earnest call of Mr. King for co-operation without distinction of faith, race or class.

(Translation):

**Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt:** Honourable senators, I feel that the voice of a French Canadian should join those already heard, in a last tribute to a great prime minister who has passed away.

If Canada has been fortunate in having such a prime minister, French Canadians had no small part in this good fortune.

When I first entered this Chamber, I met Mr. Mackenzie King and mentioned how hard a task it must have been for him to administer such a large country where conditions vary from East to West. He answered: "That is true, but a vast country like Canada can be administered by compromise, as there is such a wide difference between the needs of the various provinces along the Atlantic, in Quebec and Ontario, as well as in the West and British Columbia". He also added, and this will serve as a personal guidance for the rest of my life: "You know, when you have a problem never forget that it has several angles, just as a medal has two sides. Those who only consider one side are unable to judge impartially. Always look at both sides. As no problem is ever all black or all white, try and find the answer which will serve the greatest number of people in our nation".

Some have claimed that Mr. King was a man of compromise. It may be so. But if his compromises were made to benefit the greatest number of people in our country, we can congratulate ourselves and praise their author.

The late Mackenzie King happened to be prime minister during peculiar and sometimes difficult times. Therefore, he had to resort to certain manoeuvres. That is where a navigator shows his ability, and we can say that our former leader navigated well indeed. If Canada has emerged from the last war with more greatness than ever, it is due to the fact that our country was headed by a man whose very name of King was a majestic symbol.

(Text):

**Hon. J. H. King:** Honourable senators, I regret that I have not the ability to properly express my feelings with regard to the departure of a great Canadian, Mr. Mackenzie King.

It was my privilege to serve as a minister under Mr. King for a period of years, and I have intimate knowledge of his ability as a leader and of his capacity to face problems close to the people. I realize that as time goes on his proper place in the history of