

of recent months throughout the country. These signs are more encouraging and are sufficient to strengthen the hearts of those who, in these days, have to bear the heavy responsibilities and cares of office.

It might be mentioned also that the last Federal election in Three Rivers was a by-election; that it occurred several months after the general elections and culminated in the capture of the seat which had been a Liberal stronghold for years; and that, therefore, the present administration may, in justice to themselves and their policies, as carried out in parliament, attach to it a significance implying a well defined vote of confidence.

In bringing these remarks to a close, Mr. Speaker, and leaving aside all party consideration, I would like to appeal to my fellow citizens of every creed, race and condition and have them say heartily and cheerfully: "Wake up Canada." We are not ruined. We are not bankrupt. We are not despondent. We are not downhearted. Men and women of the east and west; catholics and protestants, Canadians of old Quebec and old Ontario; of the maritime and western provinces; farmers of the St. Lawrence Valley, of the great prairies and of the Fraser river; merchants and bankers of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, men of capital, men of management and men of labour; men of all professions; we have still our fields, our forests, our rivers, our mines, our fisheries, our railways, our ships; we have still our great institutions, the treasures of this wonderful country of ours which await our renewed endeavours to make it happier, more prosperous and glorious than it ever was.

Lastly, we have ourselves our everlasting hopes and aspirations, our energy and courage and above all our duty to God and country, I say steadfastly "Canada wake up."

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member perhaps is not familiar with the rule which limits his speech to forty minutes. I direct his attention to the fact that he has exceeded his time.

Mr. BOURGEOIS: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Stitt) that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, to thank His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, at the opening of this session.

Mr. JAMES H. STITT (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, as I rise to second the motion of

the hon. member for Three Rivers—St. Maurice (Mr. Bourgeois) I realize the inadequacy of language in which to express myself as a humble Canadian let alone as one possessing the sentiments proper on such an occasion as is this. On such an occasion when we meet in this honourable assembly not only to try to promote the progress and prosperity of Canada, but if possible to rehabilitate the welfare of the great commonwealth of nations to which we belong, to try to give social justice to all classes, and, perhaps higher and better still, to promote peace in a world which has been blasted by and is, at the present time, almost on the verge of war, I would not be quite human and less than kind if I did not thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) for the honourable place he has given me in this debate. I do so, however, with the humble realization that this is because of the great constituency which I have the honour to represent and of the great central province, Manitoba, of which it forms a part.

"Manitoba" is a word to conjure with and perhaps delight the fancy. The word "Manitoba" is derived from the language of the original inhabitants of this continent: "Manitou", meaning the Great Spirit, and "Woban", meaning the narrows. The original inhabitants, as they listened to the wind blowing through the narrows of lake Winnipeg, which also happens to be a part of my constituency, believed it was the voice of God speaking through the narrows and they were wont to say "Manitou woban." The original settlers in that part of the country, who were also the original settlers in my constituency, the settlers of Lord Selkirk, took this fancy from the Indians, and our province was called by them "Manitoba". Is it therefore any wonder, when this name was derived in this way, in this place of unparalleled and mystic beauty, when the original settlers believed it was the voice of God speaking in mystery to the water, that I regard the honour of the position which I occupy at the present moment as an honour to my constituency and to my province?

I well recognize the fact that there are many members from the central province who are more eloquent and gifted than I am. I would like to advise the house that only recently, I believe yesterday, three members on this side from the great province of Manitoba and on whose desk the laurel wreath is resting at this moment, won for Canada and for Manitoba the curling championship of the world. Under such circumstances I can well be humble, because there is no doubt that if they had not engaged in carrying the