

the rest of the people. The press, radio and television are giving particular attention to the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Commons. During the session, the Canadian people turn to Parliament in the hope of finding there inspiration and leadership reflecting their own confidence in their country. They hope to find in our words and actions the expression of a true Canadianism which will bolster their courage and their enthusiasm for the performance of their individual tasks. Therefore, it rests with Parliament to provide them with the inspiration and example they are seeking.

Any citizen may criticize the methods and legislation already introduced or passed. Such criticism, made on good faith and not out of personal spite, is accepted as a contribution to the welfare of the Canadian people. It has nothing in common with criticism directed against every government undertaking, casting reflection on all our administrators and which may go so far as to pit one section of the people against another.

For seventeen years as its mayor, I had the privilege to preside over the destiny of the city of Outremont, located in the province of Quebec. After all, a municipality is a miniature country. Its population is made up of various ethnic groups, various religions. In Outremont all kinds of national backgrounds, all sorts of interests can be found, but we all join in a common belief in our own city, first, and in our country, afterwards. We would not welcome in Outremont those forces which would divide us. We are not at all happy about seeing them at work in our country. We believe that in Canada there is room and opportunities for everyone, and we believe that it is desirable to make sure that those who live and work among us have equal opportunities.

As a newcomer to the Senate, after sitting in the other place for twelve years, I have much to learn. I appreciate the kindness and the attention bestowed upon me by all honourable senators. I was happy to be welcomed here as a loyal Canadian, anxious to contribute something to the welfare of this country. I have confidence in the numerous measures which have already contributed so much to the welfare and the happiness of our people as a whole. I believe in the spirit of the legislation passed and implemented so efficiently by the Government during those years.

Canadians never had a better opportunity to enhance Canada's reputation and prestige. Let us take advantage of it and, whatever

our own political views may be, let us all show our love for our country and work together to attain the same goals.

Honourable senators, I think that the many measures outlined in the Speech from the Throne which His Excellency the Governor General so graciously read to us, and to which I have the honour to move the address in reply, can be taken as steps leading our country's development in a spirit of Canadian unity.

I dare hope that when those measures are considered individually by Parliament, our debates will reflect that basic unity which we are all trying to preserve.

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**Hon. John B. Aird:** Honourable senators, my first words in this chamber are dictated by my great feeling of gratitude to all honourable members of the Senate who have extended to me such a warm welcome, and I am indeed grateful to each of you for your many kindnesses.

I will do my best to justify my appointment and dedicate myself to the full and proper discharge of my duties in this chamber. I am very well aware of the signal honour that has been paid to me by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Connolly, Ottawa West) in asking me to second the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. In this regard might I say that I have been most impressed by his leadership in this chamber and by the distinguished manner in which he performs his duties with skill and consideration. In addition, might I say that the dignity and stature of the Senate are greatly enhanced by the warmth and charm displayed on every occasion by His Honour the Speaker. I am particularly grateful to him for his advice and counsel to me.

I am advised that I am replacing the late Senator G. Peter Campbell of Toronto in this place. I do not know if many senators have had the privilege of succeeding a lifetime friend, but I do wish to record my feeling of deep humility in assuming the place of the late Senator Campbell who, for many years, was a close personal friend of my family, as well as being a mentor and adviser to me. He was a fine man and a great Canadian.

A cursory appreciation of the Speech from the Throne indicates that it contains many proposals which merit the close attention of Parliament. I do not propose to discuss these measures in detail at this time, as I know that ample opportunity will be given for