

*The Address—Mr. Gauthier*

"R" but with a "C". That is why we want to see the "C" taking precedence over the "R" in the future.

We heard yesterday other speakers making wonderful speeches which really sounded at times like flights of oratory after the manner of Papineau. This makes for colourful debate, but I have just heard an experienced speaker, the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill), refer to the allocation of time in the house and he seemed to fear that if we maintain our present procedure, the members of the smaller parties will no longer have time available to express their views.

I must say that, while listening to him, I shared his fears, but when he said that if the Conservative party failed in its duty, eventually it would no longer have time to speak. Mr. Speaker, those very words reassured me, because the Conservative party is always failing in its duty. That is why I am practically convinced that, in the future, we shall have more and more time to make ourselves heard.

I certainly shall not comment, Mr. Speaker, every item of the speech from the throne which, in spite of its length, amounts to very little, namely: studies, study groups, study conferences, planning studies. In fact, for more than five years, we have been hiring students whom we call technicians to make plans, external aid programs for foreign countries to which interest-free credits are offered, while efforts are multiplied to find new loans to increase the debts of the Canadian citizen, all this to the tune of national unity, and we finally realize that the more the federal government emphasizes national unity, the more it acts in a manner causing national disunity.

Retraining is also mentioned. This reminds me of the various names given unemployment in the past. In my area for instance, we have training for carpenters, labourers, bricklayers, etc., without any concern as to whether they can find jobs once they are qualified.

I think we are afflicted with a new type of unemployment, namely the retrained unemployed. I know a minister who is very good at this type of discovery and, Mr. Speaker, in order to avoid extending my remarks over the whole speech from the throne, I wish to limit my remarks to the dairy policy.

Mr. Speaker, the amendment moved by the Conservative party can be paraphrased as follows: This house regrets that Her Majesty's advisers have failed to submit any program to give effective direction with regard to Canada's constitutional development in this

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centennial year and has failed to provide for the calling of a national constitutional confederation conference.

Mr. Speaker, I was very surprised to hear such an amendment being read, for it seems that when the last session was adjourned in April, I called on opposition parties, and especially on the Conservative party, to move an amendment on the farming problem.

A while ago, I heard the previous speaker say that the government feared an amendment or a nonconfidence vote on the farming problem. I wonder, however, which of the two was most afraid at that point, the Conservative or the Liberal party, because I feel that it behove the Conservative party to introduce an amendment in keeping with the promises made when the previous session was adjourned. Moreover, I believe the leader of the Liberal party was sincere when he promised to start the new session with the agricultural question.

As a result of the amendment of the Conservative party, we completely and intentionally by-pass the agricultural question. But in a while, I shall introduce a subamendment in an attempt, during this debate on the address, to tie in agriculture. But the amendment has been so well thought out, by a great politician, that it is almost impossible to slip in a word on agriculture and to introduce the subamendment all the farmers hoped for.

Mr. Speaker, I am simply saying that the Conservative party was not right, since the agricultural question is a problem, the urgency of which can be compared to no other. In fact, the Conservative party did not want to face the government—or it did not dare—through an amendment that would have permitted to force once again, the government to give the farmers what they expect.

● (12:30 p.m.)

In the speech from the throne, what do we find concerning agriculture? Just like in all fields, and more so than in all fields, more studies, committees, conferences, circumferences, which means that we are going around in circles. That is what we find in the speech from the throne. On page 4, we find the following:

One of the great challenges of the century will be our capacity to plan our urban development so that Canadians in the future will continue to enjoy the benefits of living in health and harmony with their surroundings. To this end, the government intends to propose to the provinces that a special study of urban development be undertaken—