

I ask honourable members not only to discuss this problem in the interests of Canada, but also, in the end, to support the motion, so that we can contribute something constructive to this most perplexing problem.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Cape Breton), debate adjourned.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Haig, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche), for an address in reply thereto.

**Hon. Norman P. Lambert:** Honourable senators, already the lively sound of words from another corridor of this building is beginning to resound in our midst, and before its echoes completely envelop this chamber, I am desirous of taking early advantage of the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne to share at least in some of the amenities which were so adequately and appropriately expressed in the early days of the session last week.

I should like, Sir, to address you with great respect and with warm felicitations and best wishes on occupying the Chair as Speaker of the Senate. It is an appointment of which I am sure we all approve, coming as it does to one who has given such full measure of service to this country, both within and outside the halls of Parliament.

To my friend the new Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Brooks) I also proffer my sincerest congratulations, for he too has contributed a full measure of service.

To the mover (Hon. Mr. Haig) and the seconder (Hon. Mr. Fournier, Madawaska-Restigouche) of the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I should also like to tender congratulations for their graceful and appropriate maiden efforts in this chamber.

Regarding the other recently-appointed members of the Senate, I should like particularly to refer to those whose designations are connected with my own province of Ontario and with this capital city of Ottawa. As they were presented to us in this chamber on the first day of the session I was reminded of another occasion, in 1956, when the circumstances of seating were much different from what they are today. The late Senator John Hackett, who was appointed at that time, took the opportunity while the Speech

from the Throne was being debated to acknowledge the honour that had been conferred upon him in moving the address. During the course of his remarks he said:

It is not often that the flowers of sentiment are found to bud and bloom in the thorny paths of politics.

It occurred to me that possibly these words applied to the experience of more than one member of this chamber in connection with his appointment. Possibly, too, they apply to associations which have long antedated and enveloped the political scene in which later the role of an actor had become a reality.

This I can say with all truth has been my own experience in connection with at least two of the members whom I have referred to as coming from the province of Ontario. One of these originally came from the far-flung shores of Quebec but has spent the last fifty years in the chosen profession which I had the privilege of sharing at one time, that of journalism. His distinguished position in that respect has been characterized, as one might describe it, the status of a double first—proficiency and appeal in both written and spoken word; and I think he has added to and extended widely the interest of this nation in the public affairs of the country in which he has been an active participant for that length of time.

My associations with another old friend, the distinguished senator from Gormley (Hon. Mr. McCutcheon) have not been so intimate, but because of his earlier background his career has been a source of real interest and pride to me. I refer with pleasure to the fact that his forebear was a distinguished teacher in the high school in the area where I was brought up in western Ontario. Not only was he a good teacher of mathematics, but he also had a most salutary and wholesome influence upon the teenagers of my generation who sat under him. For that reason I feel the new senator comes here, not as a great financial pundit from Bay street so much as one whose record already has shown an authentic desire and impulse to be of some public use to this country. His achievements in that connection are well known to those who have had any awareness of his activities during the past twenty years, and I fully expect that whatever may be in store for him as the head of a Department of Government he will, because of his practical wisdom and experience, give this country valuable service.

To those other new senators from my own province of Ontario, I extend my warmest good wishes and compliments on their appointments to this chamber.