

hope of all Newfoundlanders that the province will, in the not too distant future, become one of Canada's "have provinces," and be in a position to contribute to the great future that is Canada's.

However, having indicated Newfoundland's satisfaction with the union and her hopes for the future, I must caution that in the meantime when the Premier of Newfoundland meets with the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada he will probably greet him by using the classic line of Oliver Twist, "Please, Sir, I want some more."

I regret I cannot speak to you with authority on any subject. I am merely an ordinary "general practitioner" in the ranks of the legal profession.

While, therefore, I welcome the proposal to introduce a national fisheries policy, I will not now attempt to make any extended comment on this suggestion. Every second Newfoundlander is an expert on some aspect of the fisheries, and being a highly vocal people, no doubt much more will be heard on this subject.

Among the many other important matters mentioned in the Speech, the one which I think will be the most beneficial, and which will promote the greatest happiness of the greatest number, is the Canada Pension Plan. In my opinion, the pension plan will be a major step forward in Canada's welfare legislation, and will guarantee to many more Canadians some share at least of the "good life".

It is a very big undertaking, and like all big undertakings will, of course, require careful study and consideration. It is difficult, however, to appreciate anyone having any serious objections to the plan in principle. Many of those who have expressed concern have done so because they fear it will adversely affect private plans now in force. Surely they do not seriously think the Government hopes to do some measure of justice to the 70 per cent now without any protection by creating injustice for the 30 per cent who now enjoy some protection.

I feel confident it is not beyond the ability of men of good will to work out a formula to meet each particular case without imposing unnecessary hardship on any group.

It would, however, be unfortunate if those who now make available this type of protection, and those who now have this type of protection, which in a very limited way the legislation seeks to provide for all, should object to the enactment of this legislation.

I understand that some people oppose the Canada Pension Plan because of its costs, and because of the burden it will impose on the economy. This makes me think of the objections raised against the Earl of Shaftesbury's efforts to achieve some reforms. For 14 years

Shaftesbury led the fight in Parliament against child slavery in factories, and he was as responsible as any man for the passing of the Ten Hours Act of 1847, in the face of bitter opposition from such mill owners as the Quaker stalwart John Bright, who argued that it was in the last two hours of the working day—nay, in the last half-hour of the last two hours—that they made their profits.

Honourable senators, I thank you for your patience in listening to me. I have already been overlong, and will not therefore weary you by making any further references to the contents of the Speech from the Throne, particularly as an opportunity will be given us to debate each proposal in due time.

(Translation):

Hon. Azellus Denis: Honourable senators, my first words will be to thank the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. John J. Connolly) for the privilege he bestowed upon me in asking me to second the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. I also want to extend to him my best wishes in the discharge of his new and important duties, which his predecessor, Senator Ross Macdonald, fulfilled so competently.

It is with a great deal of attention and interest that we listened to the magnificent speech of our new colleague, Senator Cook, and I wish to offer him my most sincere congratulations.

Being new in this chamber myself, I want to take this opportunity to extend my special thanks to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, who is mainly responsible for my appointment.

By bestowing this honour on me, he intended no doubt to acknowledge the undying loyalty of the electors of St. Denis riding to the Liberal party and its leaders. To the people of St. Denis who are thus being honoured, I wish to convey my deepest gratitude.

It is a great pleasure for me to meet once more my good and still youthful friend, the honourable senator who presides with such dignity and efficiency over the proceedings of the Senate. We sat together in the other place for over twenty years. I hope he will continue to fill his important office for a long time, and I extend to him my congratulations and my best wishes.

As I look around me, I recognize familiar faces from the years 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945, 1940 and even 1935, and among others, the genial Leader of the Opposition, Senator Brooks. I feel younger when I look back over the wonderful years I spent in the House of Commons with the former colleagues I am happy to find here. It proves that the Senate does not kill anyone.