

rather more encouraging promise at this time than we had anticipated at an earlier period during the session. I express the hope that this may continue, and that we may all have an enjoyable and profitable rest, to return with the same vigour we have displayed during this session when we meet again for the forthcoming session.

**Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I think we all would wish to join in the expression of appreciation of the various gestures that have been extended to us by way of hospitality on the part of Madame Beaudoin and yourself, and perhaps it is appropriate that you have indicated that this hospitality will be extended beyond the formal termination of this session within a short time.

I concur in what the Prime Minister has said about the fact that there has been much accomplished during the session. Our views as to what may have been the successful aspects of the session may differ, but may I suggest, however, that in any event we all leave this session with that rather priceless heritage of our parliamentary system, the ability to differ in the views we express and at the same time build and maintain the friendships that have been established here on both sides of the house. I know that all of us in leaving today will extend to everyone else the hope that there may be a well deserved holiday after the end of this session and that when we meet again all those who are now here may return in good health and ready for another session of the parliament of Canada.

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart):** I merely want to say, Mr. Speaker, that I agree with all that has been said in relation to yourself, as Speaker, and the atmosphere in the house; I am sure we all share that view. One other thought comes into my mind, however, as we are about to prorogue. Perhaps I might say this now as a somewhat senior member of the house. In the number of sessions and their prorogations that I have seen, there has always been a good atmosphere in this chamber in spite of what are sometimes sharp differences of opinion. We have always been well served by the staff of the House of Commons, from the page boys and the men who look after the security of the building right up to the Clerk himself.

What I really had in mind was this. I should like to extend, I am sure on behalf of all members of the house, congratulations to the chief whip of the Liberal party today and to couple with that the name of my own very good but absent friend, Mr. Angus MacInnis. There are perhaps others, but these two members who have been with us and have served

their constituencies so well were elected 25 years ago today. I want to congratulate them upon achieving the quarter century. I was going to say may we all do so, but that would not be quite frank or quite proper. I am going to say, however, quite frankly that I hope to do so.

**Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River):** I am sure no words of mine could possibly do justice to this occasion, any more than has been done. I am very glad to say to you, sir, that the words spoken by the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew) and the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell) express adequately the sentiments we feel. I should like to say again to you all those things that have been said. It is gratifying to me to see a session like this terminate, as it is terminating today, on a note of good will. You know, when we start our sessions it reminds me of nothing so much as the first bell in a good boxing match, where the men come out of their corners fighting. I think they have done that. You wonder if, when the final bell rings, they will go out fighting. But in this case they finished up the match, which has been a good one and a long one, on a note of good will. I want to say that I join in expressing the good will we feel toward everybody in this house for the work that has been done.

**Mr. W. G. Weir (Portage-Neepawa):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think I should allow this opportunity to pass without saying a word of appreciation, and thank you, to my friend the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell) for his reference to me. I was very pleased to note that he coupled with that the name of Mr. Angus MacInnis. It is true that it was 25 years ago today that we were both elected to this House of Commons for the first time, and we have continued to be re-elected in succeeding elections since then. There have been, of course, a good many changes during that period of time, but on the whole this has been a very enjoyable institution. The fellowship has been the best you could find anywhere in the world. It has been a most enjoyable and profitable place to be. For any little contribution I may have made I am profoundly grateful, and more than repaid by the good fellowship I have experienced with my fellow members in this House of Commons.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I just say a final word of thanks to the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent), the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Drew), the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell) and the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Low) for the kind words they have addressed to the occupants