

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: Preparations are being made for it.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: All right. God speed the man who is making the preparations.

Hon. G. LACASSE: Honourable senators, may I be permitted to speak once, and very briefly, when so many honourable senators have been allowed to speak at length and repeatedly? I do not want to say much; I do not need to, because there is very little new in what we have heard to-day as compared with what we have been listening to since the beginning of this session. This kind of "oratory"—and I emphasize the "Tory" end of it—will never dislodge the Germans from Poland, which, after all, was one of the primary aims of this war.

I am surprised, and almost amused, to note the lack of confidence in and admiration for the present Minister of National Defence on the part of our honourable friends opposite, who were so generous in their eulogies of him when he was Minister of Finance. That a man who was so efficient a few weeks ago should become of so little use to his country now is amazing. I am more consistent than my honourable friends. I trust the Minister of National Defence to-day as I trusted the Minister of Finance yesterday. He is still in the service of his country and is giving of his best efforts to win the war.

So far as information from the Government is concerned, I do not know why there is so much complaint in this House—on one side particularly, if not exclusively—about the people at large and members of Parliament not being informed. As I stated before, I happen to be in the publishing business, and I may say that not one day elapses that we publishers do not receive some information and documentation as to the progress of the present Administration in fighting the war. I hold in my hand at this moment—

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Just because the Public Information Bureau—

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: I did not interrupt the right honourable gentleman when he was speaking, and I hope he is not going to interrupt me now. I hold in my hand a long document which was sent to the daily and weekly Press of Canada a few days ago for immediate publication. Believe it or not, even this slow-moving Government is one step ahead of the impetuous leader of the present Opposition in the Senate. Believe it or not, we have here in this document all the information which my right honourable friend is so eager to get, and for which

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he has been asking ever since the beginning of this session. I cannot read the whole document. It would take too long, and it is in French. I had an English copy, but I cannot lay my hand on it just now. I shall not therefore undertake to translate the French version as I speak. I would gladly do so, though, were we not at so late a stage in this session.

May I be permitted to declare here, in passing, that no force in the world, not even Hitlerian tyranny, will ever silence the resounding echoes of the "verbe de France." The French language will continue to be heard in Canada, where it is official, and it will remain universal throughout the world.

As I say, this comprehensive document is in French, and because of its length I will not attempt to translate it. But I have all the information here, and I beg my right honourable friend to believe me.

Hon. A. L. BEAUBIEN: He should learn French.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: He made a very laudable effort to do so in the past, and I compliment him on it.

I ask my right honourable friend to believe that there is no man who is more interested in the youth of the country than I am. I do not say more. I do not wish to be more personal than necessary. I ask him to believe that I have an interest in these things at this time as a true citizen of Canada and as the father of a family. I ask him to believe that I have read this document with the greatest interest possible, and that after having done so I am fully satisfied that I have been given all the information that is necessary or desirable. This is the only opportunity left me to speak on this subject in the Senate, and I believe I am using it legitimately.

Everything is here. I will read it if the right honourable gentleman wants it.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: What is it?

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: Complete information—

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The regulations?

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: Complete information from the department as to the means which will be adopted to carry out the intention of the Government as far as military training is concerned.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I want the regulations, and nothing else.

Hon. Mr. LACASSE: This is the explanation of the regulations, the explanation in