

The Address—Mr. Follwell

in life but who at the moment are unable to claim a pension or allowance of any kind. I am sure that every hon. member has constituents in the same position. Many have been stricken with arthritis or have been incapacitated through accidents and, as I say, are not eligible for old age pensions.

I am pleased to know that we can look forward this year to a dominion-provincial conference which will lay the foundation, not only for a contributory old age pension scheme but for a contributory health scheme. I think those two matters are uppermost in the mind of every Canadian, and have been for a long time. I am sure that those matters are uppermost in the thoughts of many hon. members who have sat through previous sessions of parliament.

With the streamlining of our constitution no doubt it will be much easier to work with the provinces and it is hoped that before too long these social services will come into being. But I think the people of Canada should be informed that the extent to which these social services can go and the speed

with which they can be brought into effect depend upon their ability to pay. All taxpayers should know that whether they are paying civic, provincial or federal taxes, all taxes are paid by the same taxpayers.

May I conclude by saying that I am still among the younger Canadians and I do not view with fear the future of Canada. I glory in its opportunities and I regret that our opponents are asking us to believe that we face disaster. I assure them that we look forward only to achievements. Canada is the greatest frontier now available to the world. We breathe optimism, not pessimism.

On motion of Mr. Weir the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Tomorrow we will continue this debate.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
