

It was a sound and sensible Speech from the Throne, admirably delivered by Her Majesty's gallant representative, His Excellency, Major-General George Philias Vanier, D.S.O., M.C.

Honourable senators, without wanting to be accused of political thinking today I should like to quote one short passage from the Throne Speech which I am sure will bring aid and comfort to everybody in this chamber. It is this:

Comprehensive measures to put into effect my Government's economic policies were enacted in preceding sessions of this Parliament. The benefits flowing from these policies are now evident in record levels of employment, of production, and of export trade. There has been a substantial improvement since last year in the unemployment situation. As the result of the efforts of my Government through its municipal winter works incentive program, notable progress has been made in meeting the recurrent problem of seasonal unemployment.

Then it goes on to say that better things are going to be done along the same lines this year, and I am sure that must give some of us, at any rate, some comfort.

Honourable senators, we all know what these measures were, and in case anyone should still doubt the truth of that paragraph referring to the progress made in the past year, I would refer you to recent statements and headlines appearing in the press and elsewhere. Here is one, for instance, by Mr. Meyer, the financial editor of the *Montreal Gazette*:

For the first time in post-war history the economy was launched upon a period of growth without the usual accompaniment of price inflation.

Growth without inflation and a devaluation of the dollar, in Mr. Meyer's opinion, are the most significant developments in this latest stage of our evolution towards economic maturity.

The President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Crump, feels convinced that the recovery in business conditions that became apparent in 1961 will continue during 1962.

Again, Mr. H. G. Hilton, Chairman of the Board of the Steel Company of Canada, says:

The Canadian Steel Industry made great strides in 1961.

And he predicts an increase in production in 1962.

Here also are a few headlines from recent issues of the press. In the Annual Commercial Review and Forecast of the *Montreal Gazette*:

Port tonnage sets the record in Montreal as her best year in history.

1961—Seaway season—good.

Outlook for the shipyards for 1962—promising.

Montreal Exchange—buoyant.

Recovery gains—outlook good.

Upsurge in car sales and hope ahead for textiles.

Mineral exports hit a record.

One could go on quoting headlines from experts in our Canadian economy. I am proud to see them. Even if I were sitting on the other side of the house, I believe I would like to see headlines like that, because they refer to this great Canada we have inherited and for which we have worked hard to make prosperous.

Honourable senators, I believe that these comments and headlines will cheer us all, for you in the Senate are, indeed, partly responsible for this upsurge of prosperity. You were a part of the Government which initiated some of the monetary and industrial policies which, indeed, aided and abetted the upward march in our economy. True it is, so I am informed, that there are honourable members here who offered criticisms at the time, and, who will deny that criticisms are essential at all levels of government? But even today, I believe they would be inclined to agree that the Government, including of course this honourable chamber, did take the proper steps to help along that expansion of our economy which is so evident today.

Honourable senators, as a nation we are young; as a country we are vast, and the room for expansion is almost unlimited. We are blessed with an abundance of natural resources, and our land will become peopled, I believe, with the best from every part of the world. Our laws may always be amended to meet the changing conditions of our existence, but, always, if we are to become a great nation, and a free nation, our laws will be based upon personal freedom and justice for all.

Our continued liberty was won and made secure by sacrifice. Some of you fought and subdued tyranny in World War I, and your children gave all they had to make secure the freedoms of this land of ours in World War II.

Honourable senators, our system of democratic government was made secure by those who gave their all, down through the years, and you and I and all of us at each and every stage of government dare not break faith. We