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of co-operation between management and labour. No one can force or order people to co-operate. The only means of obtaining more co-operation is to increase learning and understanding of one another's problems, one another's aims and a combined determination to make Canada a good place in which to live. If any group has more allegiance to profits for themselves, or to leaders in other countries, or to other ideologies, then we must expect a lack of co-operation, we must expect that we will not be able to be competitive in world markets, and Mr. Khrushchev's threat to ruin us without firing a shot will come true.

I believe the government's policy of sending representative groups of Canadians to other countries to study their techniques and their progress and to act as temporary roving salesmen and ambassadors should continue, but I should like to see these groups include management and labour leaders as well, because the facts should be equally impressed upon both these groups who together are responsible for the success of our Canadian enterprises. I have faith in Canadian labour. I believe if this were done there would be more Canadian leadership of our labour groups. This could not be considered unduly nationalistic; it is ordinary good business.

This equal knowledge of our competition will give both management and labour the increased determination which our Minister of Trade and Commerce has been pointing out is needed, and will also give them confidence in one another's goals and in one another's aims. It seems to me too much time has been wasted in this country in suspicion of one another's aims and much too little time concentrating on the effort needed in international competition, upon which one third of Canada's population depends for a livelihood.

Recently there has been increasing stringency in the demands upon their workers by East Germany and other communist countries. In the race for improved quality and increased quantity the people who actually work on the product are in control. Industrial workers in Canada are individually just as good Canadians as the members of this house, and every effort should be made by management and government to explain our problems to those who can do so much to assist us in solving them. In our democratic system Canadian workmen have the power, and with it the responsibility, to see that their leaders put Canadian interests first. The government's responsibility is to see that the way for this is cleared of the confusion and frustration of international demands which may not apply to our Canadian situation.

[Mrs. Casselman.]

Further to this effort to learn about and understand others' problems, I should like to see some consideration given to the possibility of all members of parliament taking an educational tour of Canada within six months of their election to this house. The potential impact would be enormous. Many members come to this house excellently qualified to represent their own districts but without any idea of the equally important problems of other districts. The process of co-operation and compromise so essential at the federal level would be greatly facilitated. This may not be a new idea, because it comes to me from the files of history. Many generations ago Plato pointed out that knowledge distinguishes the true statesman from the false, as knowledge distinguishes the physician from the quack, and that education is indispensable to a good state.

(Translation):

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I should like to deal with three matters which I consider to be of capital importance.

Before doing so, however, I would ask the hon. member for Grenville-Dundas (Mrs. Casselman) who has just spoken, to forgive me if I do not agree with her and do not support the views she expressed in the first part of her speech.

We, on this side of the house, were a bit envious because until quite recently we did not have in our ranks a member of the fair sex. We are proud now to have among us the member for Niagara Falls (Miss LaMarsh) who impresses the house by her charm no less than by her ability. I am convinced that, after the next election, we shall have more than one woman member on this side of the house.

The first matter I wish to deal with was mentioned by the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Hees) in his statement. I read very carefully the statement made by the minister about the census, and the changes he intended to make in questions 8 and 10. I also carefully read the dominion statistician's letter that the minister put on the official record. This letter shows the intention of the dominion statistician, Mr. Duffett, to rephrase certain questions that will be asked in the next census, and in particular, question 10 which will henceforth refer to the ethnic origin.

At first sight, the explanation does seem entirely satisfactory and acceptable to us on this side of the house. However, I must add that, before taking a final stand and voicing our opinion on the matter, we shall neces-