

change from time to time. So do not talk to me about being a free-trader or a protectionist. If protection protected the country, I would be a protectionist; if free trade helped the economy of our country, I would be a free-trader.

In my opinion these controls will last longer than some of us think, because, for one thing, opportunities for people in trade have never been better than they are today. We hear much talk about the profits of manufacturers. Today more money is made in selling goods than in making them. Goods in enormous quantities come here from the United States. By an aggressive sales policy the manufacturers' agents can sell their products abroad; they are doing so in Canada with great success. As a result, the greater our internal prosperity the more acute our exchange position will become. We must sell in the United States to obtain the dollars we need to preserve our economy. Under these circumstances we cannot get along without controls; they are necessary in the interests of Canada; and nothing is gained by being wedded to precedent or by making vague allusions to "liberty". After all, liberty *in vacuo* does not mean very much. What is liberty for one usually involves restrictions upon another. It is the right of us all to enjoy, without discrimination, the four fundamental freedoms. Too often when people talk lightly of freedom they are thinking of their own interest, instead of trying to arrive at the truth. The whole thing is a matter of balance.

In my opinion the government, in asking for the extension of these controls, is doing something which the people of this country are demanding in no uncertain voice.

The motion was agreed to.

HONOURABLE JOHN T. HAIG BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I am sure you will agree that I should not let this occasion pass without pointing out, though not thereby creating a precedent, that this is the birthday of the leader of the opposition. I shall not undertake to say how many birthdays he has had, because frankly I do not believe the book, and if I told you how many are imputed to

him you would not believe the book either. While the record is there, and I cannot dispute it as such, the good health and youthfulness which our friend radiates confirms me in the belief that there is simply something wrong with the statistics.

On behalf, I know, of honourable senators on this side and, I am sure I may add, of all members of the house, I wish to express on this occasion our delight in seeing the honourable leader opposite looking so well and so youthful, and to extend to him our very best wishes for his well-being in all the years to come.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I thank you very much.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE ADDRESS IN REPLY

On the Order:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Ferland, seconded by the Honourable Senator Gershaw, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament.

Hon. WISHART McL. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I think I should point out that, while the debate of the Speech from the Throne stands adjourned in the name of the honourable senator from Wellington (Hon. Mr. Howard), the government whip, it is not intended that the debate should not proceed at any time when any honourable senator wishes to continue it. The motion of the honourable senator from Wellington was made at my suggestion, merely that the debate should not end automatically. The opportunity to resume it is therefore open at this moment to any honourable senator, and if no one wishes to speak at this time, it can be continued at the next or any other sitting. The fact that the whip does not respond today will not debar any senator who wishes to take part in the debate.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Would I be in order to move the adjournment of the debate?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Certainly.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Horner the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.