

be friendly with the people of the delegate's country, and that tangible evidences of their desire had been given by our government and people at large. In the letter to Mr. Liu, for example, I referred to the great campaigns that we have had in Canada on behalf of China, and pointed out that one was being conducted at that very time. I said that Canadians were instinctively generous in helping people in distress. I expressed the hope that some day I might visit the delegate's country, and that more people from that country would visit Canada. I felt a sense of inability to do anything worth-while, for after all they were only three representatives of more than one billion people. All I can say with regard to the incident is that if it did not help the cause of world prosperity, trade and peace, it at least did not hurt it very much.

Hon. Mrs. Fallis moved that the debate be adjourned.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Thursday, February 6, 1947.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. W. D. EULER presented Bill B, an Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act.

The bill was read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. McKeen for an address in reply thereto.

Hon. IVA C. FALLIS: Honourable senators, as the honourable senator for Alma finds it impossible to be present with us next week, I am very happy to relinquish my right to proceed with the debate this afternoon. You will hear from me later.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I wish to thank the honourable senator who so very graciously has relinquished her

place to me. Unfortunately I shall not be able to be here next week, and I desire to thank his Honour the Speaker for having called the Senate at an earlier hour than usual this afternoon in order that I may take the 4.10 train for Montreal.

I desire to heartily congratulate the mover and the seconder of the address for their very eloquent and informative speeches, which I did not have the opportunity of listening to, but which I have read with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

Honourable senators, I desire to speak to you this afternoon more as a business man than as a member of this house. During my young and active days I spent many years in industrial life, at the head of one of the largest manufacturing concerns of its kind in this country; also I have been, and still am, associated with many of the large manufacturing industries in this country and in the neighbouring country to the south. I wish to impress upon honourable senators that the views and opinions which I am about to express this afternoon are not mine alone—although I thoroughly concur in them—but are those of the brightest business men in this country, men engaged not only in industry but also in finance.

I wish to refer to only two matters that were alluded to in the gracious speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General; namely, controls, and income tax.

I listened attentively some weeks ago to five radio addresses delivered by Mr. Donald Gordon, the very able head of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. I say without hesitation that no better man could have been selected for that position, and I congratulate the government on being able to obtain his services. In his address he certainly put forward some very powerful pleas for the retention of controls, and in the fifth and final address he said, "Now it is up to the people of Canada to say whether they want these controls continued or not." But my good friend Mr. Gordon showed only one side of the picture. He should have said in at least one of his radio addresses how much it has cost the taxpayers of this country to maintain ceiling prices. In the city of Montreal not long ago, in speaking to an outstanding Liberal of that city, I said, "My friend, do you think that without controls the subsidies would have reached the sum of a billion dollars?"; he replied, "Many times over." I tried to find out from the honourable leader of this house yesterday what the subsidies cost this country, but he was unable to give me the information. I am sure you will agree with me, honourable