

*The Budget—Mr. McIvor*

of the Great Teacher was—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick. If Britain has not enough wheat, what can be done? If we have more wheat than we need, what are we going to do with it? I leave those matters in the hands of the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe) and the Minister of Agriculture.

The budget gives me certain reasons for assurance. I believe it has been made clear, both during the election campaign and since, that the dominion government is willing to do its share toward paving the trans-Canada highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. If the provincial governments play the game, then they will rise to the occasion, and we shall have a highway across this country. Fort William wants it dearly, because not altogether selfishly we have some things up there which we believe all Canada should have. We have the greatest wheat-handling machinery in the world; there is nothing like it to be found anywhere else. The head of the lakes is known as the world's bread basket.

I was amazed the first time I saw two big cars of wheat pulled into an elevator, turned up and down, and emptied in a very short time—and all without the use of any shovels. As I have often said, we have the greatest scenery to be found anywhere in Canada—scenery second not even to the lakes of Killarney. Stand on Mount McKay, and one would be enrapt with the beauty he would see. There we see Thunder cape and Thunder bay, and over yonder the sister city. With all this beauty it would be one of the greatest tourist attractions in Canada.

And what about fishing? Why, you people do not know anything about the attractions of fishing. You would forget even to say those bad words, because the fishing is so good. The assurance from the federal government that the trans-Canada highway will receive its full support brings comfort to us at the head of the lakes.

The second assurance in the budget concerns housing. Anyone who heard that dignified, athletic, young and brilliant Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr. Winters) the other day would say at once that there was a coming young man who is doing a great job. The minister gave us the assurance that the little man, the man with the small income, one day before very long will own his own home. Let us say to the minister that we thank him for the work he is putting into his job.

We take encouragement at the lakehead from the hope given to us by way of support for our gold mining and other mining interests. The Minister of Mines and Resources

(Mr. McIvor.)

(Mr. Gibson) is not in his seat, but let me say to him that we appreciate his getting out and seeing the gold mines for himself. While I was speaking a few days ago, where was the minister? He was away up yonder in northern Ontario making an inspection, and getting firsthand information so that he would know whereof he was planning.

Much discouragement has come to the gold-mining industry in the last five years. Many of the smaller men went out of business. Why? Because they could not make enough to pay their help. I trust that the gold mining interests will now be in a better position, having in mind the deflation of the dollar and the bonus.

The other day we were pleased when the hon. member for Saskatoon (Mr. Knight) moved a resolution sponsored by the teachers federation of Canada. As an Irishman he made a good speech—even though he is a C.C.F.'er. He did it well and his efforts are appreciated. I know that, like the rest of us, he wants to see every last boy and girl in Canada get an education that will help to fit them for the tasks of life. So his word of encouragement.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin) has done a splendid job in helping hospitals whose boards were becoming discouraged. I am looking for further advances in the way of social security and I have one suggestion to make. A pension should be provided for those suffering from arthritis and other incurable diseases. I know of a family that came from Saskatchewan the head of which is suffering from arthritis. He is unable to go to work and his wife cannot go out to work because she must look after him as well as three lively children. The province of Ontario cannot do anything for them because they come from Saskatchewan. I have tried to help them along with some of my friends. I hope the minister will see his way clear to provide pensions for those suffering from arthritis and other incurable diseases.

I would like to have spoken for half an hour on a statement made by a recent visitor to Fort William from the United States. This gentleman said that a revolution was coming in Russia. I did not think about what he said at that time, but since then I have given some thought to his statement. I have been thinking of the man who once led Germany. The country that treats God as a myth and leaves Him out will sooner or later come to trouble. This gentleman said that within three years Russia would have a revolution. We shall watch to see whether he is right. He was a steady-going Christian, a Presbyterian, if you