

*The Address—Mr. Payne*

mills situated on the Fraser river and Burrard inlet itself. Our most northerly development is the town of Powell River which has one prime industry, that being the Powell River Pulp & Paper Company which operates the world's largest single pulp and paper plant.

Contrasting with the tugboats and booms, the sport and commercial fishing, the lumbering and the pleasure craft that abound we have on the north side of Burrard inlet a complex metropolitan development which includes among other industries a great shipbuilding yard, the west coast's largest drydock and shipbuilding concern. Unfortunately, under the former administration this vitally important sector of the great port of Vancouver was neglected, treated with neglect of an almost shoddy nature. Half of the port of Vancouver was treated in a manner not lending itself to the orderly development of this great west coast port, now and in the future the main port for shipping goods westward across the shipping lanes of the Pacific ocean.

I have great pleasure tonight in saying that discussions have been undertaken with the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hees). He is keenly aware of the harbour problems, problems which have become much more acute during the last six months with the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the port of Vancouver. Within a few months there will be an influx of a vast tonnage of sulphur from Taylor Flats in the Peace river block of British Columbia. Tremendous shipments of grain from that same area must find an outlet to the sea. That outlet can well be situated on the north shore, and also be situated in the town of Squamish.

Studies are under way now and we have the assurance that everything possible and practical will be undertaken to serve this need, a need that is not of a local nature at all but something that will contribute to the commerce of British Columbia. To the people of Coast-Capilano this is a tremendous and encouraging thing.

Yesterday the hon. member for Bonaville-Twilligate (Mr. Pickersgill) remarked at some length about the one-man feature of the new administration. So far as transport is concerned, which vitally affects the future development of Pacific coast shipping, there is another man in the cabinet today who is giving consideration to the needs of the nation, something that has not been done for 22 long years.

I referred earlier to the mountainous terrain. Not far from the great metropolitan area of greater Vancouver, indeed just 42 miles by road from that great congestion of population, just 42 miles from the north

end of the Lion's Gate bridge lies a hidden treasure land which you have probably read of known as Garibaldi park. Garibaldi park is a great alpine plateau a mere 13 miles inland from the sea and towers to a height of over 9,000 feet. It contains one of the great glacial areas of our coastal range. For those using automobiles it is less than a two hour drive on the new road to the Squamish area and Garibaldi park.

It has been the wish and desire not only of the people of Coast-Capilano but all the other constituencies in the lower mainland that this great treasure land be opened up and developed for the use for all time of the people of Canada. I take pleasure in saying that discussions have taken place with the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Hamilton) who has shown the keenest interest in discussing the matter and co-operating in bringing into being something of a real and practical nature in that area so that this year-round ski resort on the high plateaus may be opened to the people. He has indicated that such development will be undertaken on the basis of full co-operation with the present holder of that vast tract of beautiful land and with full understanding of their problems. I speak of the government of the province of British Columbia.

I should like to point out to the hon. member who spoke of the one-man machine that another minister in the new administration, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, has taken a vital interest in a matter that received only a negative approach and reaction from a Liberal administration that had 22 years to sit down and do something about it.

Activity in this great area can contribute in a real way to solving the problems inherent in the immediate district. I refer to Howe sound which is within five miles of the heights of Garibaldi park. It is not many months ago that the house had occasion to consider the tragic situation existing in the Howe sound area. I refer to the Britannia mine. Right at the height of the election campaign the mine was closed. I can assure you that during the campaign, despite the humanitarian efforts made by the twenty-third parliament of Canada to relieve the tragic situation in that area, despite every effort made by our great Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) and the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fulton) who negotiated the arrangements to keep the mine in operation, I was avidly pursued by the gentlemen of the Liberal party and attacked in a most critical fashion throughout the campaign on the basis of the closure of Britannia mine. To the Liberals on my right I should like to say that the