

that it is possibly more practical. The best way to promote national unity in Canada is to have a road which runs from one side of Canada to the other, a good highway that you could travel over with your motors during the proper season. It is not such a big contract at all. A large part of the road has already been constructed.

In British Columbia, we are in this unfortunate position, that if we wish to go to Alberta or Saskatchewan, we must either go by rail or take our motors down by way of Seattle and Spokane, through the State of Washington and around through the United States into Alberta or Saskatchewan. Then we go up and continue on our journey. But we miss the finest part of the British Columbia scenery which compares with anything that exists in the world. The famous Alps have nothing on that scenery. It would be a great thing for you people down here to be able to get up into these mountains. It would be a great thing for us to be able to get through the mountains. What ought to be built is a road through the mountains of British Columbia connecting that province with the province of Alberta.

You may say that we want all this money for British Columbia. But, you are forgetting that you also will be able to take full advantage of this wonderful highway. You will be able to enjoy that wonderful scenery and make just as much use of the road as we will. I suggest for the serious consideration of the minister the construction of a Canadian highway. I would ask him to see whether he cannot do something more than to give us \$80,000 with the small amount which will be in accordance with our population, because, if we get paid according to population we are going to get a very small amount. Our population is small but our needs are great. I would like him to consider this and see whether he cannot possibly amend his proposal in some way.

I have heard some criticism of the Official Record which has been published under the auspices of the hon. the President of the Council (Mr. Rowell). Personally, I feel that the record is filling a long felt want, that the information which it contains is of considerable value and that every copy of the record is worth keeping. History is being recorded in it from a Canadian standpoint. I hope that the minister will keep up the good work and that he will continue the record.

I am glad to see that there is an entire agreement apparently between hon. gentle-

men on both sides of the House that technical schools should be established by the Dominion Government. We are very badly in need of a technical school in British Columbia. I sincerely hope that the Government will assist us to establish a technical school in that province.

I was glad to see the announcement in the speech from the Throne of the intention of the Government to establish a Department of Public Health, and I listened with a great deal of interest to the eloquent speech of the hon. member for South Toronto (Mr. Sheard) in this connection. I join with him in hoping that a first-class medical man will be placed in charge of this department. I would like to see the jurisdiction of this department considerably enlarged. I would like to see it given power to control the prices of drugs. You may talk about profiteering in foodstuffs but the profiteering in drugs has been beyond comprehension. It is nothing short of highway robbery the prices that we have had to pay for drugs all over Canada and I find it here in the East even worse than it is in the West. This is not right. It was not right during war times to allow those men who are responsible for this to take advantage of the conditions to increase their profits. I do not know who is responsible for it, I do not say that the druggists in the towns are responsible, but somebody is responsible for it and that profiteering in drugs ought to be stopped. I would like to see this department of health do something useful, take up that question and control the price of drugs.

I would also like to see the department take up the matter of supplying free medical attendance to those who wish to take advantage of it. I recognize the fact that there will always be in the medical profession men who, because of their outstanding ability, will be specialists, who will be entitled to carry on as specialists and who will be consulted as such; medical men who will command their own private practice and I would not like to see anything done to interfere with the private practice of anybody. These doctors are doing a noble work; they are members of a noble, a splendid profession. I have every respect for the men who are in it. But a great deal of sickness results from the fact that poor people do not like to go to a medical man because they are afraid of the amount of the fee that they will be charged. They say that in medicine prevention is better than cure. It is better to take a disease or a complaint of any kind in its initial