

*The Address—Mr. Olausen*

There is no doubt in my mind that a merchant marine as envisaged by me and others in the House will soon become a reality, reality that will result in an expanded shipbuilding industry on the west coast as well as on the east coast, one that will result in increased employment within the industry itself and in the other areas directly or indirectly associated with the shipping industry. Not only will the government derive more revenue from such a program but it will also be able, with this revenue, to offset subsidies that may be required.

Speaking for my province of British Columbia, I welcome a policy that will result in greater Canadian control of its shoreline in matters of pollution; I welcome a policy that will result in greater activity in the shipping industry, and I welcome a policy that will stimulate the economy and encourage the growth of secondary industry in the province.

It is indeed heartening to note that the government, in its throne speech, believes that a greater measure of decentralization of industrial activity is necessary and that it recognizes that western Canadians wish to build industrial strength on top of their region's great resource and energy base. It is also heartening to note that the government is suggesting improvement of the total transportation system, so basic to overcoming the problems of distance. This will be a matter of interest to my riding of Coast Chilcotin where federal-provincial co-operation is necessary in order to resolve some of the problems there, specifically with reference to a possible connecting line between the British Columbia railway and the Canadian National Railways in the Squamish-Lillooet area.

On the subject of the throne speech, it is also heartening to note that the government is interested in efficient communications between all parts of the country, that it will in the near future submit proposals for a national communications policy and for resolving problems arising from the growing interaction between broadcasting and other forms of telecommunication, giving due weight to the interests and concerns of the provinces. This will also be of some significance to my riding of Coast Chilcotin in which people living in isolated areas have little or no communication with the outside world and are virtually deprived of such facilities as are necessary in a civilized world. There is no room for little Siberias in a modern and enlightened country such as ours.

I welcome any significant changes that will improve the quality of life and benefit the people of Coast Chilcotin. I welcome the government's decision to recognize the needs of the western provinces and to take specific action as required in order to carry out its decisions. I have no doubt that the people in my riding will greatly benefit from the government's future course of action, one that can only help unite this country. It is the kind of action that has been long overdue, and if the proposals contained in the throne speech are carried out as promised there is no doubt that this country will greatly benefit from improved relations between the east and the west.

I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that the west stands on the threshold of a new era, an era in which economic and industrial growth will be accompanied by concern for the environment and a demand that effective anti-pollution standards must be enforced if industrial growth is to be

encouraged. In my riding of Coast Chilcotin, great importance is attached to the environment as the riding is blessed with the kind of natural beauty probably unsurpassed by any other riding in Canada. It is our intention to keep as much of it as possible in its natural state, unspoiled by the blight of industrial growth so common to other areas of the world.

I am pleased to note that the government of British Columbia is anxious to bring about industrial development in the province and is also anxious to see to it that beautiful British Columbia will continue to be beautiful through effective pollution controls and concern for the environment. I am sure that many of my constituents in Coast Chilcotin share my feelings regarding industrial growth and the need at the same time to protect the environment. There is talk of zero growth in terms of population and industry; there is talk of wildlife protection, there is talk of unemployment, there is talk of pollution, there is talk of industrial growth, there is talk of improved transportation and communications, there is talk of incentives and government grants. These and other topics interest the people of my constituency because they are topics which are of great concern to western Canadians in their search for the good life. We must be willing to share their concern as Canadians, because by sharing their concern we can learn something about the good life and how to achieve it without destroying our environment.

This country has the opportunity and the resources to bring, not merely a higher standard of living to those who have so long been neglected but to improve the quality of life for all Canadians. I feel that in our search for a Canadian identity, in our search for the good life in terms of cultural and social advancements, and in our search for ways to preserve the environment, we are taking a course of action that identifies us as civilized and responsible people. It is a course of action that I approve and support. It is a course of action that is necessary if we are to enjoy the benefits of a civilized and environment-conscious country. However, we must remember that in our search for quality, human survival in terms of job requirements is essential. Not only is it important to reduce the high rate of unemployment that is part of our economic system; it is equally important to recognize the right of workers to organize and to have a voice in all areas of decision-making that affect their welfare.

It is unfortunate that in a country which believes in the sanctity of the free enterprise system there are more than five million unorganized workers who must accept a system in which human values are easily neglected in the mechanization of production. The master-servant relationship continues to be the only acceptable kind of relationship in the minds of economic and political dinosaurs who use any opportunity they can to discredit unions as scapegoats for our economic troubles.

The people of Canada have been led to believe that it is they who have to serve the corporate system and the corporate interests. It is not the people who have to serve the system, but the system that must serve the interests of the people, and it seems that members, who are elected by the people, are sometimes prone to ignore this fact. We