

I can only mention the exploratory and developmental work which is planned for or actually going on in the Northwest Territories, in Labrador and the lower St. Lawrence, and certain other parts of Canada where enterprising men seek to unlock the hitherto unknown treasures of nature or to turn into productive use and into dollars materials that were formerly going to waste. Mr. Chairman, I verily believe that we are on the threshold of really great developments-- on the verge of a new dynamic era in our country's history which should lead to a further expansion in our production and economic power.

It is obvious that this growth in economic power has made possible, and natural that it should have brought with it, substantial achievement in the second of the two fields to which I have referred. During the last decade Canada has made rapid strides as a social organism, that is to say, in assuring to its people reasonable standards of social well-being. Educational facilities and services, general and vocational, have been vastly improved and extended. In this connection may I suggest that we should not underestimate the future effect upon our national life of the educational opportunities offered on such a comprehensive scale to our veterans and accepted by them with such avidity and such industry and success. In health, recreation and other community services, we have also made progress. In housing as well, though here acute shortages of materials and skilled labour have made it difficult to keep up with the demands of a rapidly rising rate of family formation and a rapidly rising standard of living.