

that this thing is impossible at the present time, they should look to the future. An administration should not build just for the present, it should build for the future. The future of the Peace River valley is one which should not be overlooked or discarded by an inconsiderate vote. I should like to see this resolution pass unanimously so that when the time comes when the government feels that this outlet can be built, the construction will be started immediately to enable the development of the natural resources of this district. The citizens of this particular section should be afforded the opportunities to which all citizens are entitled, no matter where they live or what may be their race, religion or party.

Mr. A. E. MUNN (Vancouver North): Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to congratulate the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Kennedy) upon introducing this resolution once more. Even before I came to this house I was a supporter of the building of an outlet from the Peace river. I desire also to congratulate the hon. member for Cariboo (Mr. Fraser) who has introduced a new light into this discussion. I hope more hon. members from the east will follow the lead of the hon. member for Laprairie-Napierville (Mr. Dupuis) and make a trip into this country. Once they do that I think they will take a different view of the whole matter. It is not my intention to take up much time; I desire only to go on record as being in favour of the building of this outlet just as soon as finances will permit. I appreciate the fact that it is not likely the government will attempt to put through a vote to build the Peace River outlet this year, but they should give the matter sympathetic consideration. It should be put on the agenda so that at some time in the future either they or their successors will construct the promised outlet to the Pacific coast.

The hon. member for Cariboo referred to gold. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway runs through his and my ridings, and I can confirm every statement he made in this regard. This railway made an operating profit in 1933. It has been referred to as a white elephant, but that term is now out of date. With the help of the miners, I think it is going to get itself out of its difficulty. In the Bridge River district two new mines were opened during 1933 and I think I am safe in prophesying that there will be three or four, and perhaps five new mines opened up during this and next year. They have not even started in that district, and the same applies to Quesnel,

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near where my hon. friend lives, where they have hardly scratched the surface.

The hon. member for Laprairie-Napierville referred to the fertility of this district. It might be interesting to the house to know that in British Columbia there are more fertile acres than in the whole of Japan. In addition we have unlimited natural resources such as gold, silver, copper and timber. The largest copper mine under the British flag is in my riding. In addition, there is the wonderful climate. We ask those from eastern Canada to give us support in this move. I ask the Minister of Railways (Mr. Manion) not to turn down this resolution but to give a promise that this outlet will be built just as soon as we are out of the woods financially.

Mr. OLOF HANSON (Skeena): In rising to support this motion, Mr. Speaker, as I have supported similar resolutions ever since I have been in this house and long before I came here, I wish to associate myself with what the hon. member for Cariboo (Mr. Fraser) said with regard to the resources of the Peace River country. I was one of the first to go into the Peace River country; there were very few settlers when I was there in 1905. I saw the possibilities then, and since that time, with railway facilities promised by all political parties in Canada, settlers have been pouring in. The hon. member for Cariboo has ably described the development that has taken place. I shall not take up any further time in adding to what has been said already; I simply wish to associate myself with the resolution.

Mr. CAMERON R. McINTOSH (North Battleford): Mr. Speaker, I intend to make only a few remarks on the resolution now before the house, which reads:

That, in the opinion of this house, the Peace River country should be connected by a direct railway outlet to the Pacific coast.

I think this is an important resolution; it was before the house last year and we have it up for consideration again this year. Last year the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Kennedy) received a certain amount of support, but that support was not very strong or very encouraging. The fact that the resolution is introduced again this year proves that the hon. member has a good deal of courage, of persistence and of fidelity to duty, and any member of parliament who does not possess these qualities would be better off back home or doing something else. It seems to be the experience of many members of the house that though we debate a matter for years, though a question may be brought up