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Once again we have witnessed a failure on the part of this government at the head of which we have this man who cares. I ask again, what does he care about at this critical time in the history of our nation, a time when the nations of the world are trying to seek out answers to their problems, a time when Canada should be trying to set an example for these other nations of the world?

What have we experienced since the election? I suggest we have experienced only the re-shuffling of a soiled deck of cards, in spite of the difficult problems facing Canada at this time.

In the province of Saskatchewan, from which I come, we are enjoying perhaps a measure of prosperity we have not enjoyed for many years. Much of this prosperity is the result of the economic position of the agricultural industry. Much of it is derived from exploration now taking place in our province both for potash and for oil. The province of Saskatchewan cannot look to the present federal government for an answer to any of its problems.

The Prime Minister came to our province during the election campaign. He was surrounded there by cabinet ministers of the Liberal government, by candidates from every part of the province of Saskatchewan and constituency executive members. At the only meeting he held in Saskatchewan he turned thumbs down on everything the premier asked for and on everything that the Liberal party of our province asked for in regard to the necessity of providing an immediate opportunity for the development of industry now taking the forefront in the province. That is perhaps one of the reasons hon. gentlemen opposite were not able to make any headway in the prairies. They do not seem to know what people out there need or want, and they do not even seem to care. Yet this Prime Minister was referred to by hon. gentlemen opposite as a man who cares. Again I must ask, what does he care about?

The prairies, almost one quarter of the area of the Dominion of Canada, are to be left out of government plans in so far as legislation and statutes to be brought forward from time to time here in the House of Commons are concerned. I cannot help but think of the tremendous problem in Saskatchewan in relation to the railway readjustments which will have to be made in the next few years. I must also think about what is taking place at the present time with regard to passenger service on C.P.R. lines. You will remember,

sir, that this situation began before the election campaign. The Prime Minister could have called the House of Commons together and asked for some parliamentary action to meet this situation. The Prime Minister of this country failed to do that, in spite of the fact there was a time lag which could have provided an opportunity to deal with these problems.

Across this country of ours today more people are working perhaps than ever before. Hon. gentlemen opposite like to take credit for this fact, but they fail to remember or realize that this is the result of tremendous effort, ingenuity and foresight on the part of a former minister of labour, the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Starr) who, as the minister of labour, brought in co-operative ventures with the provinces to provide Canadians with the greatest technical training program embarked upon by any country anywhere in the world.

Mr. Speaker, when hon. gentlemen opposite are considering the rising employment picture in Canada today they ought to remember some of the facts I have outlined. Many people can work today because they can meet the qualifications demanded by today's employer.

I cannot help but remember that during the period when the leader of my party, the hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) was prime minister of Canada there was started in the province of Saskatchewan, in co-operation with the provincial government then in power, the south Saskatchewan river project. This gave to our province the first hope it has in almost a quarter of a century for an increased economy. During most of that quarter of a century we had a Liberal government here in Ottawa. That Liberal government promised Saskatchewan almost everything it asked for, but it never gave them. We are rapidly approaching that time when the south Saskatchewan river project will be a living reality. Because of it, industry will be able to come to the province of Saskatchewan and wealth will come to Canada.

Saskatchewan and Canada will benefit from the potash development that is taking place in Saskatchewan at the present time. This development in the potash industry will place Canada in a premium position in regard to satisfying the world markets and needs for this product.