

is raised by the issuance of bonds, the people of Canada will be paying tribute perhaps for all time. If it is taken from the consolidated fund, no real assistance is given to the unemployed. The only way to do it is to issue the necessary money on the strength of our own credit.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not propose to follow the subject introduced by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Irvine), but I would like to ask a question or two of the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett). I did not hear the Prime Minister quite distinctly when he outlined the purposes for which this money might be spent, but I gathered that one of those purposes would be the transporting or assisting in the transport of feed or other farm products from one district to another. The Prime Minister knows this country so well that I need not point out to him that the need is very real and very acute in some of the rural districts where hail and cut-worm have taken toll of the crops. If it lies within the scope of this resolution, some money should be expended in giving assistance in transporting feed and seed from the districts where these commodities are plentiful to those districts where the crops have been entirely destroyed.

I have one other suggestion to make, and that is to use a small part of this money to encourage the use by our railways of Canadian steam coal in the place of American coal. I am familiar with the Brazeau coal area, where the extent of potential unemployment is very great. A very good grade of coal is produced in this area, and I suggest that consideration be given to the payment out of this fund to the railways of Canada of an amount equal to the difference in cost between the Canadian and American coal, especially in those areas where it is just on the balance line as to which coal will be used. I believe that a small payment would make up the difference and I do not think that any money could be better spent or would bring better results in the way of increasing employment.

Mr. BENNETT: One of the objects in inserting in the proposed measure the words which I read was to meet that situation.

Mr. SPEAKMAN: I am very glad to hear that. I did not hear distinctly and I did not want to take the risk of this matter being passed over.

Mr. MacLEAN: Mr. Chairman, the proposed resolution that \$20,000,000 be expended on a national highway has been discussed in this house on different occasions. This

national highway has been spoken of as a highway running from Halifax to Vancouver, but the province of Prince Edward Island seems to have been left off the map. As far as this proposed resolution is concerned, I would like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) what consideration will be given to that province in connection with this work? Some papers may advance the theory that we have no unemployment down there. I cannot agree with that statement because we always have a considerable number of men who are willing to work at some other employment, and we would be glad to get assistance in the same manner as the other provinces. Then is it fair to one province if that particular province is overlooked and money is spent in another? I noticed that when my good friend the present leader of the government was in our province the papers featured the statement that Mr. Bennett would provide the total cost of a national highway from Georgetown to Tignish and Borden.

Mr. BENNETT: Does the hon. gentleman say I made that statement?

Mr. MacLEAN: No, the papers which were friendly to the hon. gentleman made that statement. I did not say that he made it himself, but the Conservative newspapers featured the statement in a very striking manner. Daily advertisements appeared in the paper in connection with this matter. A number of members were elected in that province largely on account of the inducements which were held out. The total cost of building permanent highways in the province is very large, and if there is any province in the Dominion which should receive the benefit of highway construction from the federal treasury it is the province of Prince Edward Island. I would like to know from the Prime Minister the intentions of the government in connection with this matter, and if the province of Prince Edward Island through this proposed resolution will be given the same aid as the other provinces of the Dominion.

Mr. BENNETT: So far as this resolution is concerned it deals with the problem of unemployment. If unemployment arises in the province of Prince Edward Island it will be dealt with in the same general and generous way as it will be handled in the other provinces.

Mr. GERSHAW: The Prime Minister stated that the railway companies would be encouraged to begin construction, and the enhanced cost would be met from this fund. I would like to know if the railway companies