

• (8:40 p.m.)

A tremendous development of coal mines is taking place in the foothills of Alberta. Judging by what has happened in the last six months, approximately 2,000 additional coal miners will be needed to work the new mines. Apparently there are too many coal workers in Cape Breton. It is only natural that we should shift those coal miners to another part of Canada where they are needed, and that this being done under the manpower mobility program. As a result, I can see no foundation for the arguments hon. members of the opposition have raised to the effect this government is doing nothing to help our workers.

**Mr. MacEwan:** You just want to move us all out.

**Mr. Smerchanski:** As reported on page 4908 of *Hansard* for January 29, the parliamentary leader of the New Democratic Party asked a member of the government to name even one little thing the government has done to deal with the increasing rate of unemployment in Canada. His remarks implied that the government is doing almost nothing to solve Canada's unemployment problems. Those remarks are tommyrot. For instance, at Thompson, Manitoba, new mines are being developed at a tremendous rate; the number of operating mines may soon double. The International Nickel Company will require 2,000 additional employees for those mines. In addition, the company is laying 48 miles of new railway line.

All these activities are developing Canada and are creating new jobs in Canada. I wonder how many hon. members of the opposition are aware that 48 miles of brand new railway line are being laid in northern Manitoba. I doubt if any of them know about this. Some may, but only very few. If we have surplus labour in Newfoundland, I suggest that these workers could find gainful employment with the International Nickel Company at Thompson, Manitoba.

Many other new developments are taking place in Canada as a result of this government's foresight and imagination. We have the Panarctic oil development which has excited and stimulated the imaginations of scientists and engineers of Canada as well as many other parts of the world. Therefore, I say that the opposition charge that this government's attitude toward labour problems is arrogant is not true.

#### *Alleged Failure to Reduce Unemployment*

I also wish to mention the fantastic, gigantic development taking place in and around the port of Vancouver. From Port Moody, New Westminster, North Vancouver and Roberts Bank, not less than 25 million tons of concentrate will be shipped by 1975. Present shipments of minerals from those places amount to approximately 6 million tons. The principal items of export from Roberts Bank will be potash from Saskatchewan, coal and sulphur from Alberta and from the interior of British Columbia as well as large quantities of copper concentrate, molybdenum concentrate and nickel concentrate. These products will go to foreign markets. All this will mean the creation of new industries and new jobs. New jobs will be created directly, and each job that is created directly will create three or four other indirectly. Every time one man becomes employed in primary industry several other men become gainfully employed in ancillary industries. This kind of development is taking place today in Canada. It is development of which we can be proud. Nevertheless, a gloomy view prevails among hon. members of the opposition.

What are traffic trends on the west coast, Mr. Speaker? The potential development of traffic on the west coast is tremendous and almost beyond the bounds of the imagination. Japan is constantly seeking more of our coal. We have seen a spectacular increase in potash exports from Saskatchewan, and our sulphur exports are increasing at a fantastic rate every year. For instance, in 1961 the total exports of sulphur amounted to 21,000 tons. In 1967 this figure had reached 2 million tons and is increasing at approximately 500,000 tons per annum. The movement of all this potash requires a great deal of planning because the tonnage exported is doubling about every four years. Those exports are leaving the country through the port of Vancouver. All this development, of course, has been made possible as a result of the foresight of the officials of our present Department of Transport and of our Minister of Transport (Mr. Hellyer). The government has been able to plan the development of Roberts Bank and make all this development possible.

I have been speaking about real developments, real changes which this government has introduced. These are the kinds of development which will create new jobs, new industry and new sources of taxes for the government of Canada and the provinces. As I said, the four major developments on the west coast have been made possible through the foresight of the government. They are the