

*The Address—Mr. Matthews*

will continue thereafter, are not the only employment benefits which this development will bring.

Needed will be many new homes, new schools, new service outlets of all kinds. This will mean new responsibilities for the local authorities, whether civic, school board or trustees of improvement and fire protection districts.

This is not the only new plant in Canada; there are lots more. We are not actually going to the dogs, as has been suggested. From the February 12, 1962 edition of the Nanaimo *Free Press* I quote this:

Building of B.C.'s \$30 million submarine natural gas pipe line under the straits of Georgia from Vancouver to Vancouver island will start immediately.

This pipe line will go to two of the islands in my constituency. We have really nothing to worry about there.

Here is an article from the *Free Press* of January 6, 1962 which is headlined, "Job Picture on Island Looks Good." It reads in part:

A survey of national employment service offices on Vancouver island indicates there is a healthier employment level for this time of year than at any period in the past decade.

Those are the facts. Here is another sign of how the country is growing. This article is from the Nanaimo daily *Free Press* of February 14, 1962 and is headed, "Award Day at Crofton, Canada's Safest Mill." The article reads, in part, as follows:

Mr. Hamilton also pointed out that the new mill would have a considerable impact on the local economy, as \$20 million is to be spent and four fifths of this will be on construction.

This will mean more work for the people in my constituency. I might add here, Mr. Speaker, that warnings were sent out from the employment offices of the region to the effect that much of the work has not started because they did not want people rushing in there and being disappointed.

The daily *Free Press* of February 9, 1962 carries an article with this heading, "Ottawa Grant Means Early Start on VTS." This vocational training school at Nanaimo is being built at a cost of \$735,000, and the federal share, representing 75 per cent of that cost will be about \$551,250.

Here is another article from the Nanaimo *Times* dated February 7, 1962, and it lists all the boats that have loaded at the port of Nanaimo during the month of January, 1962. We find that there were five ships from Norway, three from Liberia, one from Denmark, six from Greece, five from Germany, six from United States, four from Japan, five from Britain, one from Italy and one from Panama for a total of 37 ships. The total crew on these ships would number 1,152. It is estimated that a boat spends

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approximately \$10,000 during loading operations for various things the crew needs. I have cited the number of ships visiting the port during one month, so hon. members can understand why I am happy.

I have in my hand a card which is a notice of a general meeting at the south end hall, on Thursday, February 22, of the Gabriola island ratepayers and residents association. The interesting part of the notice reads as follows:

Progress in Sixty Two is up to you and you.

This is an indication of the spirit the people of Gabriola island have. I am going a bit out of my constituency now, but the January 15 issue of the *Free Press* contains the story about the Qualicum river project to encourage the development of salmon where a million dollars is being spent to help increase the salmon catch.

There are many other projects in my constituency and I could go right through a list of them. They include a public building at Ladysmith, \$40,000; harbour improvements at Ganges, \$185,000; boat harbour at Nanaimo, \$600,000; approach renewal to Chemainus, \$13,000 and float renewal at Cowichan bay, \$5,300. We certainly have to congratulate our very energetic Minister of Public Works (Mr. Walker) for the interest he has taken, not only in my constituency but in every area across Canada.

There is a new hospital being built at Nanaimo and the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Monteith) has informed me that the federal grant for that hospital was \$454,953, for which I thank him very much. I could go on and on, but here is one type of headline I have in mind "Forty million dollar expansion at Harmac." We have a good government in power right now and things are really happening.

Last week end I was in another constituency, Pontiac-Temiscamingue. The Deputy Speaker took me there and I saw a great pulp mill in which the men are working seven days a week. There is no unemployment; they are all working and at the meeting I attended they could not understand why some politicians should be talking about gloom and doom when they now have it better than they ever had it before. Previously if they got three days work a week they felt very fortunate, and now they are working seven days a week. The manager of the mill told me he could not understand people in parliament starting such terrible rumours, saying that things were never so bad; and he was not speaking solely of his own area. He told me he had toured the United States and all across Canada, visiting various pulp mills, and he found the economy in that industry was tremendous.