

Suggestions

The people of Canada as a whole might be willing to assist the people in the Atlantic Provinces in discovering, developing and making the best use of the resources in that area and in addition to provide assistance to those people who might be willing to move to other areas.

The transportation facilities of the Atlantic region are in need of improvement on an integrated basis. This should be the subject of a special enquiry, the terms of reference of which should include a re-examination of the present effects of the Maritimes Freight Rates Act.

The proposal for a broad scale land use classification scheme coupled with a programme for consolidating the holdings of small farmers might well be started in the Atlantic Provinces.

The present subsidy arrangements with the Nova Scotia coal industry should be modified in order to encourage the greatest possible use of such coal in the Atlantic region particularly its use for the generation of thermal power.

The problem of the Nova Scotia coal miners who may be released because of dwindling markets and as a result of the mechanization programme in the mines is a particularly difficult one which will require a sympathetic approach and special treatment. Generous assistance should be provided to the mine workers and their families who may be interested in re-establishing themselves in other industries.

The Federal Government might contribute a fixed sum per annum for a term of years towards various capital projects in the Atlantic region, including improved transportation facilities on the understanding that the initiative in the actual allocation of funds, including the determination of priorities, should come from the Atlantic Provinces themselves.

Immigration

Conclusion

It is firmly believed to be in Canada's interests to encourage people from other countries to emigrate here.

Suggestions

Canada's immigration policy should be a continuous long-term one not subject to swings occasioned by short-term economic fluctuations.

There should be no attempt to place occupational restrictions on immigrants but every effort should be made to get as many skilled people as possible.

The immigration service should be extended to permit a wider dissemination of information about Canada and to facilitate the faster processing of applications of prospective immigrants.