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north. If industry were decentralized and placed in the north there would be less danger of pollution from large concentrations of population.

I continue quoting from the Carrothers report. On page 180 is found the following:

The Hedlin-Menzies report recommends the establishment of a fund of \$50,000,000 divided into a special fund of \$20,000,000 as a "catch-up" fund for programs in such matters as housing, schools and medical centres, and a development fund of \$30,000,000 to be expended over a period of time.

That was brought in four years ago. I do not suppose, in view of the lack of success of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) in controlling inflation, that the amounts of money mentioned would today be adequate.

Mr. Orange: Roads to the extent of \$40 million have been built in the last four years.

Mr. Baldwin: If this country is ever to amount to anything, the area must have a solid underpinning of people who are entrepreneurs. True, we must build roads, landing strips, harbours and improve river facilities. I think all these things will be done. We do not know what will be the future of the north; neither do we know what will be the future of the *Manhattan* and the Humble Oil Company's ventures. Of course, proper precautions against damage ought to be taken, but much of the oil from that area may come down from the Mackenzie like an arrow through the northern part of Alberta to the very heart of this continent. It may be more expensive to bring oil down this way. Taking it through the Northwest Passage may be cheaper, although this is doubtful at present.

Whatever the ultimate route may be, I suggest that the route I spoke of is one of the most logical which could be followed. That will bring great opportunities but also great responsibilities for this government and the people of the north. We must take people from the southern part of Canada to the north so that they can provide the fabric so necessary for the area's economic expansion.

I will not go through all the recommendations of the Carrothers Commission report. The report was brought down four years ago and the government is still far behind in the implementation of many of its recommendations. Because conditions have altered in the meantime, many of those recommendations are probably out of date. If the commission were reporting today I have no doubt that it would bring in even more substantial recommendations. What has been done about the suggestion to establish a land title office in

the Northwest Territories and the Yukon? As a former member of the Bar who knows something of the problems facing people who have to search titles, I submit that that was a very sensible recommendation by the Carrothers Commission. Perhaps the minister can say why it was not implemented. Is an alternative method of land registration being considered? Will other offices be opened to take the place of the land title offices? At any rate, that recommendation has been ignored up to the present.

I know from my discussions with members of the territorial council of the Northwest Territories—I have not discussed this matter with councillors from the Yukon—that the people of the area will not be happy with what is being done here. This measure is a move in the right direction but it is merely a token move to bring about improvements and changes. The people of the area will not accept it as being adequate, particularly in light of what was said by the Carrothers Commission and what the people themselves have been led to believe they are entitled to. Even if the bill were to pass, I suggest to the minister that he cannot sit down and say, "We can forget about this report and put it in the drawer, and we can forget about the Northwest Territories."

We must create continuing and urgent concern in the north if we are to make use of the resources of that country in a sensible, logical and proper way to a greater extent than heretofore. The government must tell the story of the north to southern Canada. That is where it must be told. The development program must be sold to the people of the south. If it is not, I very much fear that the kind of development which the people in the country have been led to believe will take place in the north will not take place in our time.

I have not been as critical of the minister as I might have been, but I urge him not to lose sight of this fact: our future as a northern country is tied inextricably to the development of our north. It will not be long before transport between this continent and Europe will be carried out by flying across the Arctic. There will have to be discussions between the Arctic countries, the Soviet Union, the United States, Canada and the Scandinavian countries, not only on pollution control which the United States has proposed but about issues involving the utilization of this tremendous area in the northern part of the globe. I urge the minister to use all his resourcefulness with his colleagues to ensure