

is not so far distant—when the business of the Island will be sufficient to sustain a car ferry service between Georgetown and Pictou, the car ferry being used to ply between these points during the summer. It would not be so difficult to create terminals at Georgetown where the car ferry formerly docked. What I have in mind is this: that during the summer months a car ferry, in addition to the one operating at Borden, might ply between Georgetown and Pictou. It is not unreasonable that we should have more than one point of departure from Prince Edward Island. Indeed, that was formerly the case, for we had boats for the mainland leaving both Charlottetown and Summerside; now, we have but one point of departure. If we had a point of departure at Georgetown for the east and the other at Borden as at present, the freight from each of the different sections of the Island would find the shortest and most natural outlet. Freight leaving Georgetown would go to Pictou and find a short and convenient route to its destination in Eastern Nova Scotia, Cape Breton or Newfoundland. The same applies to passengers. My idea is that the second car ferry would ply between Georgetown and Pictou in the summer and that during the winter both car ferries should operate at the capes, one leaving one side of the straits at the same time that the other left the opposite side. In case of any accident—and accidents are liable to happen in those tremendous ice floes—there would always be a steamer available to prevent the tying up of traffic for any considerable length of time. I am sufficiently optimistic to believe that if this plan was carried out the traffic to and from Prince Edward Island would be so great that some of the ships of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine would call at Georgetown as well as at Charlottetown, and these argosies, bearing the products of our province, would go to all parts of the world from this, one of the greatest harbours on the North Atlantic. In brief, these are the principal things that I wish to bring to the attention of the Minister of Railways.

There may be some hon. members who have not visited Prince Edward Island and who have no idea of what kind of province we have. Those who have visited the Island in the summer season are quite satisfied, I am sure, that no place on the North American continent is more desirable, at least at that time of the year. I believe that the Minister of Railways hesitated when we

first urged upon him the necessity of commencing the standardization of the Prince Edward Island railway. But he visited the Island and although his visit was a brief one I am sure that the very appearance of things as he found them on that occasion induced him to commence the standardization of the road when he did. I would be pleased if other members of the House who have not visited our province would make an excursion there and see it for themselves. I would like them to see the Island in the summer when the crops are almost ready for harvest, when the fruit is ripening, the grass is greenest and the other products of farm and field are in their most attractive state. All these things we produce—fruit, grain, roots,—and men.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. J. D. REID: And women too.

Mr. McISAAC: Yes, the women are always included; I simply used the general term, and my remark seems to have been well received. You will find men of Prince Edward Island all over this American continent, wherever you go, holding positions of honour, emolument, importance and responsibility. You will find them in Church and State; you will find them in all parts of the continent from coast to coast. You will find them in the highest positions of the judiciary, in the highest positions of the learned professions, at the head of more than one great university on this continent, whether in the United States or in Canada. A province that can produce such wonderful agricultural products, such horses as we produce down there, and such men as I have been discussing, is surely deserving of the most serious and earnest consideration of the Government.

Mr. WHITE (Victoria, Alberta): Have you any women down there?

Mr. McISAAC: We have; the best and noblest women in this broad Dominion. I am serious in what I say, and I do not wish any honourable member to think I am drawing on my imagination. If some of my hon. friends should have the good fortune and judgment to visit Prince Edward Island and see for themselves they would be convinced as well as I am. I shall not pursue the case further for the moment. I wish simply to impress most earnestly upon the minister the great importance of carrying out these matters which are so necessary to us at the earliest possible date that he may find himself able to give them attention.