

broader policy, both for the present and for the future, will be announced than is envisaged in this document.

If Union with Canada is to be the success for Newfoundland that it should be and can be, there has to be a constant recognition of the many problems that are not common to the other provinces. Newfoundland needs close understanding in these days of transition and that need will continue into the future. That understanding is particularly necessary in departmental administration of the federal Government.

As I have said before, Newfoundland entered into Union with Canada trusting that it would receive fair treatment, and not as a result of hard preliminary bargaining. Personally, I believe, and I am sure the Newfoundland people generally believe, that the will for fair treatment exists on both sides, but to implement that will there must be provision for close and constant understanding of the vast difference between the circumstances of Newfoundland and those of the other provinces.

I think it would be applicable in the circumstances for me to end this talk by quoting the Rowell-Sirois Commission report of 1940, which recommended grants to provinces designed "to make it possible for every province to provide for its people services of average Canadian standards and they will thus alleviate distress and shameful conditions which now weaken national unity and handicap many Canadians. They are the concrete expression of the commission's conception of a federal system which will both preserve a healthy local autonomy and build a stronger and more united nation."

LAND USE

REPORT REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the second report of the Special Committee on Land Use in Canada.

Hon. Arthur M. Pearson, Chairman of the committee, moved, with leave:

That the report be not now taken into consideration, but that it be referred back to the Special Committee of the Senate on Land Use in Canada.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: May we have an explanation?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: The explanation, honourable senators, is that at the time this motion was brought in the committee felt that it should accept an invitation from a private company to view research work being carried out in forestry at a place outside the city of Ottawa. However, the committee now feels that it does not need to visit places other than Ottawa, and at present it is endeavouring to bring in an interim report. No further meetings will be held this session.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it your pleasure to adopt the motion?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: I do not understand it yet.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: I gather that what the honourable senator means is that the committee now desires to withdraw the report before the house, inasmuch as it does not wish to proceed with the recommendation which the report makes. Is that it?

Hon. Mr. Pearson: Yes.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.