

*National Economic Development Board*

This economic development board must be made up of men from all sectors of Canadian activity, even of men from all the political parties of the Canadian nation, so that all these men, working together, can find the ways and means to really improve the lot of this or that particular area which might, for some reason or other, find itself in a state of economical recession or of temporary depression.

The relocation of our industries is necessary. First of all, we have to determine the possibilities of developing our natural resources wherever they are. In order to do so, it is essential to find markets abroad, precisely in order to have the required consumption for that immense wealth which represents the production of our soil.

Thanks to the national economic development board, we should be able to increase the number of our secondary industries, because there is one thing which is not normal here in this country, and it is the fact that we should have to import too many finished products from abroad, which are being made with primary resources of our soil.

We must find a means of developing our secondary industries, or if you prefer, Mr. Speaker, we must find a means of transforming our primary resources into secondary industry products, which will be sold on our markets and exported on all export markets that we are trying to develop at present and that we shall keep on developing at a continually accelerated rate.

We must also consider—and that will be a function of the board—the necessity perhaps of moving industries which, at certain places, do not meet the needs of the people, thus being in an unfavourable situation, but which, elsewhere, might be able to find the necessary markets to insure their full productivity.

In order to do so, Mr. Speaker, it is absolutely necessary to obtain the full cooperation of the leaders of private enterprise, on the one hand, be it in the field of finance, in the field of industry, in the field of trade, in the field of education, or in the field of labour and, on the other hand, of the leaders of the government, who will continue, as we have always done, to accept the advice of those who wish to ensure the welfare of our Canadian nation.

And, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that what I have just said sufficiently proves that it is

essential to model our future actions on our past actions.

For the last five years, we have tried, thanks to our national productivity council, and to the continuous contacts we had with men from all spheres of Canadian activity, to find the formulas which would enable us to obtain the splendid success I mentioned earlier, which the *Gazette* of January 12 described in an article where it was pointed out that, from an economical point of view, Canada's best year since 1956 has been 1962.

We should also see that our Canadians earn and continue to earn more money thanks to an increased productivity, which will necessarily result from additional sales of our products abroad and thus justify, not only this year, but for the years to come, all those distinguished men, like the President of the United States, and others, saying that thanks to the action taken by this government, price stability in Canada has been, and still is, the best in the world.

Mr. Speaker, neither should, at any time, the truth be distorted, to satisfy political ambition. For almost five years, on the floor of the house or elsewhere, our friends opposite never stopped crying blue ruin and talking doom and gloom, thus constantly alarming the Canadian people by telling them that everything was going wrong and that they should bring back the old days, which, however, were rather sad days, as they, unfortunately, led this nation into that economic recession which threatened to become disastrous in the years 1956 and 1957.

This policy of trying to filch votes by wailing and speaking of doom and gloom is a fallacious policy, a policy misleading the Canadian people, a policy the sole aim of which is a political victory. But such victory, if it ever takes place, will certainly only have negative results, because it will not have been won by honourable means.

The necessary thing is that the opposition should play its part as such and try to enlighten the government and the people, rather than try to get votes by any means.

To say, as we heard earlier today, that since 1957, that is since the Conservative party came into power, things are going from bad to worse in this country, is simply a distortion of truth, a deliberate attempt to deceive the people.

Moreover, when anybody dares to tell in this house that Canadian exports have de-