

fisheries jurisdiction out to 200 miles off our shores. Only then will we be in a position to exercise proper and adequate control of this most vital industry.

Honourable senators, these are some of the problems which confront us in South Western Nova. We also lack wharfing and harbour facilities. In late years the number of fishermen has grown, and in many instances the facilities have remained the same and are naturally deteriorating rapidly. It is my hope that the federal government, through the Department of the Environment, will see fit to make an in-depth study of this situation and resolve it without further delay.

A step in this direction has already been taken with the appointment of the Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, the minister responsible for fisheries operation in the Department of the Environment. The appointment of Mr. LeBlanc to this very important position gives a new dimension to the proper development of the fishing industry on all our coasts, and I have every confidence that he will provide a new direction and give a more meaningful purpose to one of the real "bread and butter" industries of Nova Scotia. It will be my pleasure to do my utmost to enhance the fortunes of fishermen.

I would not want to leave you, honourable senators, with the impression that every citizen in South Western Nova is a fisherman. We have a modest agricultural industry, although not as affluent an industry as in the Annapolis Valley or the counties of Cumberland and Colchester where the soil is of better fertility than ours. We also have forestry, but again not in major proportions. A large sector of our working force is taken up by the trades, small businesses and, of course, the professions.

The second point I wish to emphasize is that of transportation, already brought out by Senator Neiman. The Speech from the Throne states that the first objective of the government in dealing with inflation will be to increase the supply of goods and services. Among the many measures mentioned as ways of achieving this aim is the improvement of our systems of transportation. I quote from the Speech from the Throne:

A key factor in increasing supply is transportation. More generally, transportation is vital to Canada pro-

viding for the flow of people and goods that link and bind our regions. It is at the heart of our ability to function as a domestic economy, and as a trading nation. Transportation must be an instrument of national purpose, designed to achieve broad social and economic objectives. While the scale of Canada is one of its greatest assets, equally, it poses challenges of distance and communication virtually unique in the world. These problems are particularly real for the provinces and regions away from central industrial Canada.

Honourable senators, my area is a region away from industrial Canada, and transportation plays a vital role in our economy. Improvements are needed in our ground, air and marine transportation systems. The towns of Digby and Yarmouth are terminals for ferry services. Digby has a ferry link to Saint John, New Brunswick, and Yarmouth has ferries to Bar Harbour and Portland, Maine. Our proximity to the United States facilitates the flow of visitors into our area and enhances our tourist trade, and also causes a tremendous input into our economy. One of the ferries operating out of Yarmouth is the *M. V. Blue-nose*, a government-owned ship which is now showing signs of age and obsolescence. It would be my hope that the government will seriously consider plans to replace this ship in order to assure the continuance of this most vital service. There is a great need for improvement in the facilities of air and ground transportation, and I shall work toward these improvements as time goes on.

In an age when the entire world is constantly being challenged by numerous and most complex problems, I feel that Canada has been able to cope with its share of problems with a great measure of success. This has been made possible by the close co-operation of government, labour, the private sector and all Canadians. The Speech from the Throne promises to continue the efforts to keep the country healthy and strong. For this reason it is my pleasure and honour to second the motion for the adoption of an Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne as moved by Senator Neiman.

On motion of Senator Grosart, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.