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development of their scenic assets, I started a campaign to try and get this Government to emulate their example, but without success. I explained the idea to practically every local organization, the Vancouver Real Estate Exchange, the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island, the Nelson Board of Trade, the Fernie and Cranbrook Boards of Trade, and, finally, John Oliver and the Cabinet, in every instance receiving endorsement. I felt sure I had got the scheme through, but finally I was informed the Government could not find money this session for any new ideas. Notwithstanding this statement, they have raised seventeen millions so far this year and have put through a Bill authorising them to raise fourteen millions more, which will make our debt for this Province in the neighbourhood of seventy-five million dollars. This continued orgy of extravagance on the part of the Provincial Government, plus the Municipal liabilities has created an atmosphere of pessimism, on the Island at any rate, that must be overcome, and the only way to do it is to commence on a policy of developing the greatest asset we have, namely, the scenic and holiday advantages of the Island as a whole. By this means it can quickly be demonstrated to the people what enormous possibilities we have in this direction and the absolute certainty of getting out of the hole we are in,