

The Address—Mr. Matthews

if they ever made a real contribution to mankind. I was advised as a boy never to listen to a pessimist. Unfortunately I have had to do so in this house although I admit I quite often get out rather than listen. All these people do is see the dark side of life. They can never be depended upon when things get a bit rough. They are about as useful as a pair of sponge rubber crutches to a man with two broken legs.

What a great difference there is between the pessimistic preachings of calamity and the constructive program of the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) and the members of his cabinet. The Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr) did not sit around and cry blue ruin because of the recession. He went to work to do something about it. There is an old saying, Mr. Speaker, that idle hands make idle minds. I think before this government came into power the situation was just the reverse because idle minds were making idle hands throughout Canada. The new government took office and reversed the situation again by setting their minds to work instead of being idle and developing various means for improving the economy of this country.

The Minister of Labour went to work on this particular problem and did a wonderful job. I should like to say a word about the winter works program. The *Ladysmith Chronicle* of February 1, this year, had this to say about the program:

The do it now campaign is rapidly taking on the complexion of some of our familiar seasonal shopping bargain campaigns, like January clearance sales. And so it should. The winter work publicity program has sound reason behind it.

The article goes on to say that the success of this plan thus far indicates what can be done. I will not read the whole of the article because my time is limited. I want to say this, Mr. Speaker, that on a number of occasions I have been called upon to take part in discussions with the various chambers of commerce in my constituency such as, the Galiano island chamber of commerce; the Chemainus-Crofton chamber of commerce; the Duncan-Cowichan chamber of commerce; the Salt Spring island chamber of commerce; the Ladysmith chamber of commerce; the Nanaimo chamber of commerce and the Pender Island chamber of commerce. I also attended meetings of the city councils of some of these cities like Duncan, Nanaimo and Ladysmith. The members of these organizations have always presented their suggestions and requests to me in a businesslike manner; they have never been pessimistic or gloomy about their projects. These men have been busy running their various businesses and engaging in community work. They have been too busy to sit around and wring their hands. There are

some members of parliament who could follow their example and the country would benefit.

As I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, conditions in my constituency are good. Apparently the life saver of many members of parliament is the newspaper clippings. These clippings become very valuable at times, and I have a few here from which I should like to quote. The *Cowichan Leader* of February 7, 1962 contains an article with the heading, "January Exports 25 Million". It reads in part:

Lumber exports from the ports of Chemainus and Crofton totalled 25,507,170 board feet in January,—

That is in one month, Mr. Speaker.

—almost five million better than the best month in 1961,—

I could continue to talk about this subject, but I have others I should like to mention. The *Ladysmith Chronicle* of January 25, 1962 contained an article with a heading, "Chemainus-Crofton Export Kings of Island Ports." It reads in part:

Judging from shipping figures released from various island ports, this area was well ahead of all Vancouver island ports in lumber shipments to foreign countries during the past year.

The article goes on to say that during that time various goods were exported.

Here is an article dated February 3, 1962, from the Nanaimo daily *Free Press*, which is headlined, "Nanaimo Port Shipping Has Busy January." The article continues to talk, not about depression, but about the good things that are happening in this country of ours.

There are other things about which I should like to talk. Here is an article from a newspaper indicating that a boat basin is going to be constructed in Nanaimo. This is the equivalent of establishing a new industry in the city, and it will mean a great deal to that city and to the economy of Canada.

An editorial appeared in the daily *Free Press* of January 19, 1962 headed, "Pulp Expansion Opens New Era for Nanaimo." It reads in part:

Decision of MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited to go ahead with an expansion program at the company's Harmac Pulp Division south of Nanaimo is received here with the greatest satisfaction.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the importance of this announcement is the fact that this \$40 million expansion program will mean 400 additional jobs in Nanaimo and also about 500 people will be working during the time it takes to build this tremendous mill. The editorial goes on to say:

When the implications of such a step as MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited has taken are considered, one realizes that the 500 jobs which construction of this plant addition will create for two years, and the 400 permanent jobs which