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carried on along these lines and so that young men may be trained to go out and find these materials which may very well stand between us and defeat in the days ahead.

In my own riding of Cariboo are ample supplies of many of these strategic metals. The old-timers knew where there was manganese, for instance. They knew where there was molybdenum; but there was no market for these metals in the old days and we lost track of the discoveries that were made from time to time in the Cariboo, in the Cassiar country, in the Omineca, in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, where these metals may be found in great quantities.

So my suggestion is that we leave these academic discussions and speeches, which were popular in the earlier days when we were not faced with the severe trials now ahead of us, and become more objective. Let this government assist the mining communities of the country by helping train the necessary men. This very spring we could send into the field geologists, prospectors and others to search the northwestern part of this country, so that next fall the right hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe) might be able to rise in his place and tell us that we in Canada have an abundance of these vital metals.

Mr. J. H. Harris (Danforth): May I be privileged, sir, to speak not as an ordinary member of parliament, but as one who has the privilege of being a chemical engineer and analytical chemist, and who has a fair knowledge of what was just discussed by the hon. member for Cariboo (Mr. Murray) in regard to the tremendous possibilities lying ahead of this country. In just two or three sentences I should like to express my appreciation of the remarks that came from my right, though not so much appreciation of those coming from my left.

I am one of those who believe in the British North America Act. The responsibility in connection with property and civil rights still rests with the provinces, but the responsibility with respect to our natural resources rests with us because Providence has been kind to us and has distributed an abundance of these natural resources throughout this great country. For that reason I find it very easy to endorse what has been said by the hon. member for Cariboo. But just how are we going to bridge that gap between the division of responsibilities under the British North America Act and the God-given natural resources of this country? That is a problem to which the next generation or two must give a great deal of thought.

I love the British North America Act and the way it sets out our responsibilities; yet [Mr. Murray (Cariboo).]

I am sensible enough to realize that we must give considerable thought to the position in which we find ourselves as mentioned by the hon. member for Cariboo. I have had the privilege of having been all around the world, even in Russia. I have been able to gather some idea of the potentialities of this world, and the more I think about it the more I am convinced that we in Canada have been particularly blessed. I do not get scared and in a panic over what is going on in the world just now. I believe some of the scare headlines we see in the press may be a little hard for the ordinary, immature men and women of this country to appreciate, but I do hope those of us who are past forty and over the hill will not be too much carried away by them. We should all stop and think before we get too excited over what is going on elsewhere, though the hon. member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor) may not agree with what I am about to say. Let us not be carried away by these headlines. Let us stop and think of the position we enjoy in Canada. Let us try to coalesce our ideas in such a way as to take full advantage of what Providence has given us. At the same time let us remember our responsibility as Canadians to develop our country to the full and at the same time hang on to the tenets of the British North America Act for the benefit of future generations.

Mr. William Bryce (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, in rising to support this resolution I do not want to approach the subject as an educator; far from it. I want to approach it as a layman, and not so much has been said from that angle. I find that in the country, perhaps more particularly in my own constituency, they have great difficulty getting by on the grants they receive today; and you must remember that the education my children were given was far ahead of my own education. That process continues; we expect far better education for our children than we received ourselves. I am quite sure that when my grandchildren come along they will look for an even better education than I was able to give their father or mother.

In the cities today the people are gradually being driven into the surrounding municipalities, and you find that many of them go to districts where there are no schools. These school districts just do not have the money to build new schools and pay additional teachers. There is also the movement of people from the large centres to the adjacent municipalities that have not the money either to build schools or to pay for additional teachers. It becomes necessary for the federal government to step into the picture. Perhaps in some cases new rooms could be added to the schools, but at other times a new building is needed. Under the Veterans Land Act