

assistance to those trying to get started on farms, interest rates on farm loans should be reduced, and better markets and transportation should be provided for their products.

I am firmly convinced that the economy of my province would be greatly enhanced if one or more processing plants were located at strategic points. By processing plants I mean plants for the processing of small fruits and vegetables.

Now, honourable senators, it may be due to something in the air over Prince Edward Island, but it is a fact that we produce the most flavourful vegetables and fruits in North America.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mrs. Inman: It has always been a source of annoyance to persons with the best interests of Prince Edward Island at heart to see such delicious fruits and vegetables being shipped to central Canada and there processed and then returned to Prince Edward Island in processed form. It would greatly benefit farmers on small farms if a ready market was available for such crops as strawberries and tomatoes. These can be grown in tremendous quantities in our fertile soil. It seems the height of stupidity to pay freight on the raw produce to distant processing plants and then pay freight on the processed article back to the Island. I should hope that the federal and provincial Governments can get together on some plan whereby one or more processing plants can be established in Prince Edward Island.

From the practicable point of view surely the Maritimes have lost enough young people in the past ten years to other provinces in industrial work. We are suffering at present in the Atlantic provinces from economic escapes, and instead of giving assistance to aid people to leave and establish themselves elsewhere we need assistance to encourage people to stay. The economic value of any country or province is its manpower and the ability of this manpower to develop the natural resources, which alone are useless. We have natural resources in the Maritimes, lots of them, but we need assistance to develop them. The Maritime provinces should get together in their demands, go after aid and assistance as a unit, for in unity there is strength. We must speak as one voice to be effectual.

I look forward to the time when we shall see more of our young people on fine, productive farms or in other vocations, happy and prosperous and at home in the Maritimes.

Now, honourable senators, I should like to speak for a few minutes on the tourist industry, or tourism, as it is called. What does this business mean to Canada, and especially

to the Atlantic provinces? The closer we look at the past in this field of economic values, the closer we must look at the present, and ask what the future holds for Canada's hospitality industry. We need more federal aid for promotional work. The setting up of a departmental branch in the provinces where tourism is big business is a first and great need; then, wider newspaper, magazine, radio and television advertising. "See Canada first" is the idea. It is interesting to note in passing that New Zealand was the first country in the world to establish a tourist department. One has been in existence there since the beginning of the century.

We need more development of historical sites, and we have many historical sites in Canada which could well be developed as tourist attractions. We need improvement in food in some areas; also in accommodation and transportation. It would seem to me that we should have better general organization of the tourist traffic if we are to build up Canada as a favourite vacation land and place to visit. Tourism can have a large place in the economy of this country, but certainly not while millions more of tourist dollars are going out of Canada than are coming in. Canadians are the world's greatest travellers.

While Newfoundland has mineral wealth, probably in very great quantities yet unexplored, the other three Atlantic provinces are restricted with regard to many major industries, as we have not raw materials such as iron, copper and other ores in such large quantities as are found in northern Ontario, Quebec and Labrador. But we do have all the facilities for tourism which, with assistance, could be developed into a major industry and would bolster our Maritime economy. We have everything which, if developed, could provide enjoyment for countless numbers of tourists. Each province of the Maritimes has its own special appeal as a vacationland, and that which brings prosperity to one part of Canada must, although perhaps in an indirect way, confer prosperity on Canada as a whole.

With the advent of automobiles and aeroplanes more people are able to travel greater distances in short periods of time. Formerly, travel was the privilege of a small minority, and catering to the travelling public was a purely local interest. Hotels and inns were built in view of the needs of the location and the neighbourhood. Tourism then was an industry open to few operators, and they were practically exempt from outside competition.

Not so today. Americans and others looking for a good vacationland have many