

*The Address—Mrs. Casselman*

productiveness in every way, encourage our children to better attitudes to education and certainly cut down the percentage of mental illness, which decreases our national energy and is so often brought about by stagnation, boredom or fear of not being able to cope with the modern world.

It is recognized that the export of our raw products to older countries that need them so badly is indeed important business, but it is equally important to face the changing patterns brought about by increased population and increasing mechanization. It is estimated that the present 15 per cent of our population who can supply us with food will possibly in the future be decreased to as low as 7 per cent.

Last year 2,508,800 horsepower were brought into operation, an all-time record growth of harnessed water power. The Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources estimates that although the water power plants in Canada now produce nearly 25 million horsepower we still have twice that amount not yet harnessed. As a member of the press gallery pointed out in an interesting article this week:

The immense amount of cheap hydroelectric power available to our industry and the willingness of capital to buy the costly modern equipment which can use this abundant power together offer Canada the great opportunity of cheap mass production. Our industry and our labour force are taking advantage of this opportunity, but only in part.

He continues by comparing Canadian industrial workers' output with that of Japanese workers and suggests that ours might be greater in view of the electrical assistance that we in Canada have.

In Grenville-Dundas we look forward to a steady growth of efficient industries as essential to maintaining our standard of living. We approve the government's attitude that industrial growth should be orderly and in no way inflationary or unduly sudden or disruptive to our present economy. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming) has taken a firm stand against inflation. It is encouraging indeed to hear him recommend thrift, hard work and saving so that we may look forward to the time when there will be more Canadian savings to be invested in our own development.

Our government is taking steps to meet the new demands of industrialization by pointing out the need for the highest degree of efficiency in production, by these approved courses, by encouraging programs to allay seasonal unemployment and by more advertising of employment possibilities. I respectfully submit that a great deal more could be done in this regard through our schools in guiding students toward preparing themselves for such open fields.

In this connection I should like to suggest at this time the advisability of greater utilization of the benefits that could accrue to this nation from a more extensive effort than exists at present in the field of research in Canada. This suggestion has been made in the house before and similar proposals have been made in the fields of industry and education. As an initial step in this direction I should like to see a committee of the house set up this session to study existing research facilities in Canada, both government and private, and to recommend action that could be taken by the government to accelerate our activities as a nation in this regard.

I should like to commend the Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr) for the sincerity of his interest in employment problems right down to every individual case that comes to his attention. He stresses that this consideration for individuals be observed by unemployment insurance offices throughout the country, and certainly his policy is ably and conscientiously carried out by the manager and staff of the office in my district.

I would be remiss if I did not point out the tremendous job being done by the province of Ontario through the St. Lawrence parks commission. The parks along the St. Lawrence promise to compare favourably with any beauty spot in the world. The international bridge at Johnstown soon to be completed will bring motorists from the United States directly into this area. Admiring pageantry as they do, they will be encouraged to make a round trip to our capital city and enjoy the changing of the guard on parliament hill. I am sure that last year's 250,000 spectators will very soon be at least doubled. This is the type of government assistance that means very much to our infant tourist industry. We have a wealth of Canadianism not yet properly displayed to visitors and not at all properly appreciated by our own citizens. The beautiful new national gallery and the expected generous purchasing fund are additional assists in this regard.

In eastern Dundas county the Ontario parks commission is undertaking its most expensive project. I have watched my good friends on the commission led by the former provincial representative of our two counties as chairman, and from the beginning they have been fired with enthusiasm. Now everyone who sees Upper Canada village envisions one of the most interesting historical reconstructions in North America. I am thrilled by the possibilities of this accurate living record of Canadian history which will be open to the public and in full operation well in advance of our 1967 centennial celebration.