

it. These are some things that make me laugh with respect to information about Canada. I feel that I know as much about the geography of Canada as anyone else, but I am wondering how many people of Ontario realize what happens in the province of Ontario alone. I told one fellow that you could bathe in fresh water in Ontario and you could bathe in salt water in Ontario, and he laughed at me.

An hon. MEMBER: It is pretty cold.

MR. DELVILLANO: Well, the fact is that in the summer it gets pretty warm up there and we do have salt water bathing in Ontario. This is just a passing comment, but can you imagine anyone not knowing the geography of the province and comparing that with industry? They do not know too much about industry either. They do not care where copper, gold, zinc, nickel or steel comes from, they just know that they can go to a hardware store and buy a certain article and they do not realize where the article originated.

Now, with respect to our natural resources, we have many of them and we should develop them, and I think that a good look at the designation would help to promote not only our part of Ontario but probably the rest of Canada as well. For the information of the gentleman from Nova Scotia, I understand that this was a suggestion by an ordinary working man who read all about the federal government spending so many millions of dollars in one part of Nova Scotia to boost the area. I am happy for you, but this man thinks that they are wrong and perhaps the Nova Scotia representative can give this some thought and see what he can produce. He said, "You know, there is a big need for coke throughout the world, and they have a lot of coal in Nova Scotia, so why do they not make a coke plant, sell the gas off the coal to the area and then ship the coke to all parts of the world?" He may be dreaming, gentlemen, but I think good ideas come from ordinary people who think these things out. They know that trade throughout the world has been the livelihood of small places such as England, and yet Canada, which has three oceans bordering it, is not making full use of it. I just throw that out as a suggestion to the Nova Scotia representative, but many of these suggestions are just as relevant for the rest of Canada, including northern Ontario.

Again, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you for allowing us to make this presentation. I know it was on short notice. I was attending a convention of prospectors and developers in Toronto and only received the call yesterday to attend. I am pleased to say that Air Canada was on the ball and they brought me in during the night. Again, thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. DelVillano. Mr. Levesque, the Clerk, has informed me that Mr. Hewitt will be sending us a copy of your brief, and at that time we will have it distributed to the members of the Committee. We will then be able to look at the more detailed matters which will be raised there.

A number of members have indicated they wish to ask questions or make some comments. On my list I have Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Peters, Mr. Chatwood and Mr. Martin.

MR. O'KEEFE: I just have a few short questions, Mr. Chairman. I noticed Mr. Cram's criticism of the designated area program. With respect, sir, I must disagree with you there because in my particular area I know that many millions of dollars have come in under this new program and hundreds of new houses and new jobs have been created. Would you not agree that this is beneficial?