

The Address—Mr. McIvor

government of Ontario for forgetting northern Ontario, for seeming to treat it as a place where only fishermen and tourists and wolves and wild beasts abound, but we believe that northern Ontario is the coming part of Canada in the future.

I want to congratulate the newly elected hon. members. Those of us who listened last night to the splendid speech of the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Smith) could not help but realize the responsibilities that rest upon anyone who is elected to represent a constituency. We cannot treat those responsibilities lightly.

In offering congratulations I do not want to pass over another group which is perhaps of equal importance, perhaps not because of its responsibilities but because of the service it renders. I am speaking of your staff, Mr. Speaker. I join with others in welcoming the new page boys. They do a good job and certainly they have a record to follow.

I appreciate the reference which has been made in the speech from the throne to old age pensioners and that it is likely, if there is co-operation by the provinces, that the means test will be removed as far as persons of seventy years and over are concerned and that those in need at sixty-five years will receive a pension. I note also that price controls will have consideration, whether in the way that a great many of us would expect or in another way that may be better.

There are those who think that Canada is treating with complacency the matter of military preparations, but I cannot agree with that. Anyone who listened to the speech just delivered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) must realize what the government has been doing, and what he has been doing. It is known in other quarters that I have been interested in the training of youth in athletics and our national games. I have learned a lot from the executives who plan these games. I am sure we were not too greatly surprised to hear that the leading executives of the great national game in the United States had picked out the minister of external affairs as being the man worthy of receiving \$65,000 a year instead of his present salary. If he is suitable for that position and if the sportsmen all over the United States are willing to back up their vice-president, surely to goodness we must admit that he is doing a good job for the United Nations and especially for Canada.

I was pleased to note in the press last evening that the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gregg), backed up by his deputy, is planning to provide aid for those who are physically disabled. Pensions are provided for our older

citizens and other help is provided for other citizens, but those who are incapacitated through no fault of their own receive nothing.

We were pleased to note that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier) put considerable energy into his statement when he said that Canada would go ahead with our great lakes navigation development. This may have stimulated the United States, and we in Fort William are very hopeful that this great scheme will be put through this year.

It is my duty, I think, to say a word about my own constituency, because I know its possibilities. Any hon. member who regularly looks over his constituency will find many things that are good. We find that Fort William is a great place for a young father and mother to bring up their children. They will be looked after from their earliest days. I should just like to outline what has been done by our city council to take care of our youth, following the voluntary work of many of our citizens. We have organized centres for both summer and winter activities. We have nine parks where our boys and girls are looked after during the holiday months, under the supervision of twenty-one people who are paid by the city council. Once a week these boys and girls get a trip to Chippewa park, our tourist centre, in buses supplied free. There, under trained supervisors, they are taught swimming, games, and nature study. It has been my pleasure to see an officer of the mounted police, representing the youth department of that organization, spend a week each year helping these young people develop their bodies and minds, and giving an example of how they should conduct themselves. Every night there is a moving picture show in a cosy corner where, when the lights are all out, you can almost feel the spooks round about.

It is well said that Fort William is the bread basket of the world, with our thirty or more elevators and our splendid natural water works provided by Loch Lomond on mount McKay, from which the water is distributed all over the city practically without cost. We have a splendid hydro system, and we have great farms. I do not know of any district in Canada that is more progressive. The farmers have been encouraged to develop their land so that now many of them raise more than one hundred bushels of oats to the acre. We also have our potato club, and many of those farmers raise more than five hundred bushels to the acre. This encourages our farmers to cultivate properly and fertilize as they should.

Any tourist coming to Fort William and going to the tourist bureau will obtain information that will lead him to the most charming places: the sleeping giant; the sea