

Credit Act recently brought before the House of Commons. We have seen proposals brought before the house regarding contemplated grain storage programs for eastern farmers. In the whole field of agriculture, and with the long term view, we see this notion of innovation and change—this notion—of innovation and change of which every farmer in Canada is aware; and I merely suggest to hon. members opposite that this is long term legislation already on the statute books. You can call it planning, you can call it whatever you want; but it is there and the people of Canada recognize it.

In the field of trade and commerce what do hon. members opposite call the 25 trade missions which went abroad in the last year representing every major Canadian industry? On these trade missions we have seen representatives of employers and employees, and we have seen prospective buyers from all over the world brought to Canada at the behest of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. We have seen the great success of our trade fairs in Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal. We have seen the great success of our long term approach to export trade. What do hon. members call it? Do they call it planning? Do they call it long term legislation? It is on the statute books and it is working.

Our exports are running well ahead of last year. This means more jobs for more Canadians, and more goods produced here in Canada by Canadians for Canadians. Is this not long term legislation?

The technical schools program of the Department of Labour—is this not long term legislation? Hon. members opposite say we have done nothing and that there are no plans for the long term; but under the Department of Labour's program for technical schools, by which 75 per cent of the cost is paid for new technical schools and for additions and alterations to existing schools, over 400 applications have already been approved. When these projects are completed there will be room for 125,000 students in all these schools from coast to coast. Is this not long term planning?

(Translation):

I want to take this opportunity tonight to direct a few remarks to the premier of the province of Quebec, Mr. Jean Lesage. I say to him that he ought to start taking part in this program, with the other provinces of our country, Canada.

Mr. Deschatelets: Start by adjusting your program.

(Text):

Mr. Graftey: Just the other day we saw legislation concerning the problems of automation, introduced by the Minister of Labour. What do hon. members opposite call that if it is not long term legislation?

We have all seen the great work done by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Dinsdale) and the success he has had with his resources for tomorrow conferences.

With regard to fisheries we see the \$10 million per year guaranteed loan program. We also see our roads to resources program. What is this if it is not long term and short term legislation for the benefit of Canadians and our economy?

We see the creation of a new forestry department and our gas and oil policies, and we think of the new national energy board which will certainly operate in conjunction with the board we are contemplating this evening.

There is another matter which I would like to underline in my closing remarks. The Progressive Conservative party has always believed that very often local governments and provincial governments can best legislate for themselves and provide the best government for themselves in those areas which were placed under their jurisdiction in the constitution. No government, in a few short years, by long and short term legislation has done more to strengthen the position of local governments and provincial governments than the present administration. I do not want to suggest for a minute that there are not a whole host of outstanding problems still to be solved in this regard. I would like to say that the municipal and provincial relations with this government are certainly different from the relations with the administration before 1957. I ask the house to think for a minute about the municipal winter works program. The municipal winter works program is one of the most successful and dynamic municipal programs ever put on the statute books of this nation. I wonder if there is a member in this house who has not a host of municipalities in his or her constituency which have benefited year after year under this imaginative program. We have seen the trans-Canada highway push ahead. This is part of our national policy, sharing the cost with the provinces, sharing the cost of hospitals, and other projects. We have seen the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation sewage disposal program. All these programs have gone a long way toward strengthening local and provincial governments. They are the result of long and short term legislation which has certainly played its part in strengthening the economy of our nation as a whole.