

*Supply—Public Works*

great big dike enclosing 600 to 700 acres off the Scarborough shore in the east end and filling the area with garbage in order to save a long haul for Scarborough garbage disposal? They want to dump it behind a concrete dike out in lake Ontario off the shore of Scarborough. And that is not all; they want to do the same thing opposite Etobicoke and Long Branch.

You may think I am dreaming. I told you the mind of man could hardly conceive of the idea that these planners have in mind. What does the Department of Public Works know about it or, much less, do about it? I attended a meeting in the town of Mimico during the recess. This was in January before we were called back. I sat on the platform there with Mr. Bousfield. Mr. Bousfield is an engineer in the firm of Proctor, Redfern, Bousfield and Bacon, consulting engineers and town planners. I have in my hand the conceptual plan showing that they are going to build a four-lane highway, golf courses and public parks out in lake Ontario. What does the Navigable Waters Protection Act matter to these boys? They intend doing this in metropolitan Toronto, and somebody in the Department of Public Works is going to say that a golf course does not substantially interfere with navigation any more than two 18-storey apartment blocks interfere with navigation.

At that meeting Mr. Bousfield was asked a number of questions from the floor. I was a newspaper reporter for about eight years before I went into the business side of newspapers. When he was asked about building this highway and these islands out there, the golf course and all the other amenities of life with which they are trying to sell the idea to the lakefront property owners in my area, he said that the idea was based on a massive lake filling plan using all kinds of filling material. Mr. Bousfield said that "all kinds" included clean fill, refuse, hydro ash, and dredge material, from the bottom of the lake, I presume. In answer to a question, "How do you control pollution from the garbage fill", I wrote down that Mr. Bousfield said they would build dikes and—get this—would put sanitary fill there which would be covered nightly. He said there would be pumps behind the dikes to lift the liquids from the fill to keep them from leaking into lake Ontario and to pump the liquids from the fill up to the Mimico sewer system on the mainland.

This is what they are talking about. These are the plans they have drawn. And what does the Department of Public Works do

about it? Not a thing. We have public meetings with 300 or 400 people in attendance in this area of Toronto where the people are protesting these plans. Meetings are held with the metropolitan Toronto planning committee. There are two advisory committees, the technical waterfront advisory committee and the lakefront advisory committee, I believe it is called.

I have here conceptual plan No. 2 dated in January. People are busy, nobody is stopping them working, but the Department of Public Works has no interest at all in this matter. I also have here conceptual plan No. 3. This one is for bigger golf courses, bigger highways, bigger playgrounds for children and bigger hotels. I also have here protests from the property owners in the town of Mimico who want to know whether anybody will stop the building of highways out in lake Ontario. Is there nothing that can be done to stop the filling in from the land side which will obstruct the properties of private land owners? These property owners are on a mile and a half of shore and they are protesting these plans.

What happens when people go to the public works department in Toronto? They are told, "We haven't a big enough staff to police the area or check it." In the name of heaven, haven't they men who can go down and see what I can see with my own eyes?

It is now half past four. Forty-eight hours ago I was walking over 70 acres of new fill in lake Ontario in my own riding of York-Humber, which was put into lake Ontario south of the shore without any permission from the Department of Public Works as required by the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

• (4:30 p.m.)

I may say that I have been riding this horse for years and getting nowhere. The Minister of National Revenue, for whom I have nothing but the greatest affection and whom I hold in the highest regard, asks if I will be satisfied if he takes note of what I am saying and conveys it to the appropriate minister. Well, I have taken this matter up with all three ministers of public works since this party came into power. I have taken it up with other members of the cabinet. I have even gone to other ministers whom I would not like to mention now and told them about it. Still, nothing has been done.

I can say that no prior consent has been granted, and I quote Mr. G. Roy McWilliam,