

*The Address—Mrs. Rideout*

in that area. Freight traffic was up 13 per cent over the previous year and passenger traffic was up by 10 per cent.

One of the most important developments has been the movement of ore from the mines and concentrator in the Bathurst area. This is but the beginning of massive developments in that part of New Brunswick which will continue to help the whole coast and will be of major importance to our railway centre and to our shipping ports.

● (4:00 p.m.)

I am pleased to compliment the C.N.R. management on its conclusion of an arrangement in Moncton by which a valuable and large commercial complex is to enhance the core of the city. This includes a major shopping centre, and the development of railway property which has been an eyesore to the city. Indeed, the C.N.R.'s downtown development program as a whole has restored to Moncton some of the character it had in earlier days of railroading, when the city owed its life to transportation.

Fortunately our economy is now much more varied, but distribution and retail trade remain our chief local industry.

We are of course much in need of productive industries and more employment opportunities. A chemicals complex is being developed by a Provincial agency within the constituency, at Dorchester Cape, and this is the kind of thing where the Atlantic Development Board can help. This is a superb location for Maritime Province distribution by water and land, and it is superbly situated for deep water shipping to Europe, the United States, South America and the newly emerging countries. Already major private chemical industries have completed agreements to establish on the site and construction is well advanced.

Atlantic Development Board assistance has made possible the start of the greatest power development yet undertaken in the Atlantic area. The actual power site is distant from Westmorland, but will serve the east coast area where our greatest resource industries are developing.

Mr. Speaker, I was honoured to be appointed to the House Pension Committee, especially because pensions are highly important to my constituency. We have a substantial proportion of aged, and there are special needs of those in middle age who require the protection of a sound national contributory pension plan.

While we have a large number of Federal and railway employees covered by pension

plans, we have a much larger number of people, especially in rural areas, who have little or no coverage of any kind. Unlike the heavily industrialized parts of the country where private plans are more general, we must depend on a national system. As well as helping individuals, the Canada Pension Plan will improve the economy of our region, give a lift to consumer spending and help distribute the wealth of the country. I want to mention also the new Labour Code which will govern standards of wages, hours and holidays for employees within Federal jurisdiction. There are many in Westmorland who will benefit directly from this legislation and others who will do so indirectly as standards rise.

In particular, the emphasis in the code on the importance of technical training means much to our people. The Provincial Government has taken advantage, to a proportionate degree not exceeded anywhere in Canada, of the Federal assistance given for technical education. Five major technical schools are now operating, where one existed three years ago, and trade training schools are also established in appropriate areas. This kind of thing will, in the long run, be of greater value to us in New Brunswick than most projects which have been developed or discussed.

We have always been concerned about education, and the loan policy for university students reaches my part of Canada with special impact. Our young people have in the past been at a serious disadvantage, which is now being partially overcome.

I am proud to say that my constituency has within its boundaries two universities, that of Mount Allison at Sackville, which continues to produce outstanding graduates and to expand its services. Requests for admittance from Central Canada are higher than can be accommodated. The other institution of higher education is the new University of Moncton, which is the first integrated French language university in the province with requisite university facilities. This university is already having its effect on our city which will grow as it develops. Major new construction is under way and more is planned.

Mr. Speaker, I have already indicated that the constituency of Westmorland is a miniature of this country, with similar divisions of national origins, language and religions, and with a mixture of urban and rural population. It has such varied indus-