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million—even for a company as big as E. B. Eddy.

Why should we offer incentives to industry to establish themselves in the suburbs of Toronto where all the necessary services have to be provided at great expense. These companies cannot afford to provide their own transportation or educational systems. The cost falls on the taxpayers as a whole. Meanwhile the rest of Ontario is drained of its population.

I do not know what the answer is, and in trying to find an answer I have been given little co-operation by the federal government. Of course, we are not a unitary state and the federal government cannot make all the decisions. But for years I have been a member of the committee on agriculture, and when the federal government is interested in developing a new pesticide helpful to those engaged in the growing of corn I never hear any objection from the western provinces. Similarly when there are plans for the development of insecticides to protect tobacco crops I do not hear any objections from Ontario. Similarly I do not believe any province would object if the government were to come forward with proposals which really would bring in new industries to areas where they are badly needed.

We know that the present criteria will not work in northern Ontario. There is virtually no unemployment in my riding. Of all the hundreds of students who graduate from high school in Kirkland Lake today, not more than 4 or 5 per cent will be able to work in the area. The great majority of these young people have to go to Toronto or other cities in southern Ontario to find work.

This is not because of the different wage level existing locally as compared with rates in the more populous centres. I am sure there are people working in Ottawa today who are earning 40 cents an hour less than they might be earning in Toronto. Yet they stay in Ottawa. They stay here because it is home to them. It is the same in northern Ontario and in many other areas where the local population is being displaced through lack of employment opportunity. The money is not as important as is the opportunity of getting a job near home. Then again, we do not send a boy to a technical institute or to a high school and then expect him to take a labourer's job digging ditches.

The Department of Labour, or the department of manpower as it is to be known, together with the Department of Industry

must find a solution. I do not expect the minister to present his estimates and say: Give me \$30 million. I expect him to make some major pronouncement of his intentions about this industrialization program.

• (3:50 p.m.)

Let me tell you, this formula for the designation of areas at which we have arrived is obviously not satisfactory. It was so unsatisfactory there was an arrangement made to make these designations. The designations are not necessarily the best ones, but they are by no means the worst either. I have no disagreement with the areas that were designated. I can honestly say that in most cases they were no worse or no better than the areas alongside.

I have not been in the maritimes for the last two or three years. However, I know that the problems of the northern areas are similar to those of the maritimes. I do know that under the Conservative government an arrangement was made whereby assistance was provided to the maritimes on a regional basis for the development of some industries. I am aware also of the fact that the Atlantic provinces set up a self-help agency in which industry participated. I believe this type of organization could be kept in mind for the development of unequal growth areas in other parts of Canada. It could help to solve this problem which is not unique to northern Ontario or the maritimes.

This problem is common to those areas on the periphery of large centres of consumption. As I have said, Mr. Chairman, there are a number of things I could do. I could, with the assistance of some of my colleagues, hold up the estimates of this department for the next 30 days. I am sure we could do this. I do not believe it is an idle threat. However, I honestly do not believe this is the way to accomplish anything. Hon. members may recall that I did this, and got a commitment from the minister as a result of the pressure, to get the house closed in June of last year. It is more in sorrow than in anger that I say I am surprised the Liberal party, the Prime Minister and the cabinet, have allowed this kind of commitment to be made and not honoured it. I do not believe the government accepted it because of a threat. I believe they accepted it because they thought there had to be some more consideration for this problem.

It does not really fall on me to instigate this consideration. I believe that is the responsibility of the government. I believe too that if the government does not intend to