

*Government Organization*

According to *Time* magazine for February 28, if the money required to build a causeway were distributed among the population of Prince Edward Island each person would receive something like \$6,700. This reminds me of an Indian reservation on the prairies which was given to a once proud race of people about 100 years ago. They were told there would not be any causeway that would take them off the reservation; they were to be fenced in and the federal government would provide for them. But what happened? Subsequent governments in the late 1800's debased that once proud race of people to the point that today they really do not want to participate in our society. Let the minister not do this under this legislation. Let him not create an Indian reservation out of the province of Prince Edward Island. Build a causeway there and let the people provide for themselves.

Let not special areas No. 2 and No. 3 in the province of Alberta become a desert in a proud and wealthy province such as Alberta. Let the minister contribute to the development of the area and create the employment opportunities referred to in clause 39. Let the minister be prepared to participate. Let him give a grant, if necessary, to local Canadians to develop industry in those areas, instead of giving R.C.A. Victor \$5 million to establish a subsidiary in a wealthy town in Ontario.

I urge the minister, through you, Mr. Chairman, to pay particular regard to the responsibility that is placed on his shoulders of allowing people to provide for themselves. Let him not create Indian reservations on Prince Edward Island. Let him not establish Indian reservations anywhere in Canada; we have had enough of them. If the minister is to shoulder his heavy responsibilities adequately he must examine every nook and cranny of Canada and develop opportunities for Canadians in all parts of Canada.

● (9:50 p.m.)

About three weeks ago I returned from a trip to the maritimes. We had been studying Maritime transportation problems. As a westerner, I could not help being impressed with the opportunity that exists for the people down there. That struck me as odd. Ever since the Gordon report came out saying we must move people from the Maritimes, the federal government has moved them out. I say to the minister, stand back and look at the forest because if you are too close you will not see the trees. There is lots of opportunity in the Maritimes. A little initiative on

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the part of our people is needed if those opportunities are to be realized, but they do exist. If only one quarter of the people who left the Maritimes as a result of the Gordon report would return, I am sure the area would flourish. The federal government moved the people out of special areas No. 2 and 3; that took place between 1921 and 1939. If a quarter of those who left that area were to return, the area in question would receive a tremendous boost. If the government created employment opportunities in those areas those people would return to the affected regions of Alberta and other prairie provinces.

I say to the minister, take your job seriously and shoulder your heavy responsibilities. Look into every nook and cranny of Canada to see where employment opportunities might be created. If you do not, you will not have fulfilled the obligations you took on under this legislation and you will not be worthy of the ministry and the department which will play a big part in the development of Canada.

Clause agreed to.

On Clause 40—*Annual report.*

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Chairman, as hon. members know, this clause deals with the annual report. I wish to move an amendment that is related to the annual report. While this bill has been debated fear has been expressed in this house, by members of the public and in the press, that the minister is being given too much power under this legislation. The minister has been given more power than is normally entrusted to a minister heading a department. His power takes three forms. First, he has power to designate areas. He will be able to say what kind of industry shall be established in areas in order to correct regional disparities. Second, he can decide what kinds of grants are to be made to industries in their first three years of operation and whether there will be grants or loans. Perhaps because the house respects the minister, this point has not been raised tonight. As hon. members know, this power might be used for purposes of political patronage however, hon. members in this house have too high a regard for the minister to even suggest that he would use this power in that way. The third point, and this was discussed at some length, is the power the minister has to co-ordinate or to conscript the co-operation of other government departments.