

hear that expression. The program is being enlarged rather than curtailed.

The Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Constitution Committee, the Science Council of Canada and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) have travelled throughout the Arctic. The Speech from the Throne does not state how the northern area of our country will be further developed.

A group of cabinet ministers visited some Latin American countries. On their return they made a short report. I thought they would have some ideas about improving trade, but the Speech from the Throne does not outline any proposals for trade with these countries. We must give very serious thought to the matter of trade.

Not long ago we used to hear the words, "If the United Kingdom enters the European Common Market", but now the words are, "When the United Kingdom enters the Common Market". What will happen when it does enter the Common Market? There are no outward views or visions with regard to this in the Speech from the Throne. Where are we going to pick up the trade we are bound to lose? The United Kingdom will be obligated to buy many products from members of the European Common Market when they become a member.

I wish to refer to some of the larger volume items of export to the United Kingdom. The figures I am using are for 1967. I am sorry they are not more recent. I am quoting from the Canada Year Book, 1969. When the United Kingdom enters the European Common Market what will happen to the dairy products, eggs and honey that we have been exporting to them? I will use round figures when quoting. Some of our exports to the United Kingdom in 1967 where dairy products, eggs and honey, \$10.5 million; wheat, \$123 million; wheat flour, \$6.5 million; vegetables and vegetable preparations, \$22 million; flaxseed, \$10.5 million; office machines and equipment, \$7 million. All these products are either grown or manufactured by members of the European Common Market. West Germany will be able to sell office machines and equipment to the United Kingdom at a cheaper rate than it costs for Canada to ship this equipment to the United Kingdom. This is a very serious matter. We should be projecting ideas of how we can overcome these calamities that are going to befall this country if we are not prepared to meet them. There is nothing in the Speech from the Throne about that.

While speaking about transportation I neglected to mention proposed areas for a new airport as an auxiliary to Malton airport. Apparently four or five areas are being considered for an auxiliary airport, one of which is Beverly township in my constituency. This area is close to the cities of Dundas, Hamilton, Galt and Guelph. The area has been surveyed and tests have been taken. I point out that the people of that area do not want an auxiliary airport. It would be very foolish to build an airport there because of the congestion and heavy population that already exists in that area. It would be better to build it somewhere to the north and west of Hamilton. Other areas have made representations to the minister stating that they would like the airport built in their

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area. From all outward appearances it would be much wiser to establish this airport in Amaranth township or the general area north and west of Toronto.

There are many other matters that should have been included in the Speech from the Throne. I now wish to deal briefly with the subject of agriculture.

When we pause to think of the mess that agriculture in this country is in today, we must lower our heads in shame. Over \$100 million was spent so that the farmers of western Canada would not grow grain. Including the cost of all those who are paid to enforce this measure, the final figure will probably be near \$200 million. The western farmers were told, "Do not grow grain. Do not produce what you are capable of producing. We are going to pay you not to grow grain." This was said at a time when in many parts of the world people are starving. They do not have the proper nutrition and food.

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We would have done much better had we taken that \$200 million we are spending on the Lift Program and bought an equivalent amount of stored wheat and given it to people in countries where they are in great need of it. Instead, we paid farmers \$6 an acre not to grow it, and if they put their land into summerfallow we gave them \$10 an acre. While we build up all this wheat in Canada, there are children going to bed here in our own country unfortified by good red-blooded meat or high protein food. Why? Because we do not have the cattle in Canada to make use of this surplus wheat. This is the result of lack of foresight and proper planning. Given proper planning there would be more pasture land in western Canada and a large cow-calf operation enabling us to use the grain to produce beef for as many as need it. Yet we have outstanding departments of agriculture in our universities and experimental farms across the country upon which millions of dollars have been spent. We have a federal Department of Agriculture staffed by highly-paid officials, knowledgeable people paid by this and other governments to project, plan and lay out programs.

When one thinks of it, it is really terrible that we should have let ourselves get into this position. And while we pay our farmers not to grow wheat we are importing about nine pounds of meat per capita from other countries—beef, lamb and so on. So we run a poor shop, really; we have made a mess of things in the field of agriculture, and all this time we are paying people a great deal of money to give advice. I do not blame the government. They pay people to give them advice and program these things. Of course, ministers can accept or reject that advice. But there have not been enough ideas coming forward, and that is where the trouble lies.

I have been saying for many years that we must find some alternative use for wheat apart from feeding it to human beings or to livestock. With the great sources of knowledge and research available today I am not sure but that we cannot make wallpaper out of wheat or ladies' silk stockings, for that matter. I suppose we can do almost anything of that sort today; yet we sit idly by letting the grain pile up. I will give one example. During