

The Address—Mr. Hopkins

meal on the C.P.R. "Canadian" one must pay approximately \$3.50. Why is it that an elderly lady who boarded the "Canadian" at Fort William was told that there were no berths available, yet at the same time there were only 25 people on the entire train and only a few berths occupied?

Mr. Speaker, I personally counted the passengers at that time in order to confirm the information that was given to me. These facts alone should prove that the C.P.R. is now treating the Canadian people with scorn, even though millions of dollars of Canadian funds went into the building of that line. Because transportation is of prime importance to North Renfrew, and because our connections with outside centres are poor, you can see that there is great need for improvement in the upper Ottawa region, as well as across certain parts of Canada.

I would like to say that we in Renfrew North appreciate all the work that has been done in the past with the Department of Industry and the Department of Transport by the hon. member for Renfrew South, now the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Greene). On behalf of my constituents, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Minister of Agriculture upon his appointment and for his outstanding and dynamic work to date, not only in this house but across Canada. I am looking forward to working very closely with him and with the hon. member for Pontiac-Témiscamingue (Mr. Lefebvre) in our combined efforts to improve conditions in the upper Ottawa valley. The minister may rest assured that in his efforts on behalf of agriculture, I shall assist him in every way I can.

● (8:20 p.m.)

Prior to becoming a member of this house, I was vice principal of General Panet High School in Camp Petawawa. While there, serving for over five years in that school, I became very familiar with many of the problems which children of D.N.D. personnel have to face as they move from province to province, meeting up with a different educational system in doing so. At the next dominion-provincial conference I would like to see the Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. Cadieux) investigate the feasibility of taking the initiative by inviting the ministers of education from each province to participate in a discussion, and try to arrive at some agreement on overcoming some of the mutual problems which come up continually in

D.N.D. dependant's schools across Canada. Civilians who move from province to province find themselves in the same position and it is important that the groundwork be started on this problem. This can be done without infringing on any of the rights of the provinces and would certainly be welcomed by parents and students concerned.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I might mention that the Camp Petawawa area received a great shock on Friday last when the principal of General Panet High School, Mr. Thomas Miller, was stricken with a fatal attack in his car on his way home from school and passed away a few minutes later. His sudden passing was a great shock not only to his family but to his students, his staff and to the community. He will be long remembered as a fine, fairminded man by those of us who were associated with him.

I must congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) on his foresight in providing millions of dollars in extra funds for education. I am not one who carries around a pessimistic attitude about our young people today. We have a very high percentage of teen-agers who are going to be just as capable of taking up the responsibilities of the future as we are today—and possibly more capable. We must have faith in our young people if we hope to build a strong nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly pleased to represent a constituency which has a long standing history in the development of this country. The Ottawa river was for many years the canoe route of Indian tribes, coureurs de bois and other fur traders. Samuel de Champlain visited the area now known as Renfrew North in the year 1613. It was in that year that he lost his astrolabe, an instrument for measuring latitude and longitude, near the village of Cobden and it was turned up on the shore of Green lake by a farm hand in 1867. Like many other of our famous Canadian relics and souvenirs, it has found its way to a museum in New York city. In that same year he visited Morrison's island in the Ottawa river, three miles from Pembroke. Early Canadians recognized the Ottawa route as the gateway to the north. Jean Talon recognized the Ottawa as the key to northern development of the fur trade.

Today we are faced with a shortage of water in our great lakes system. There have been many plans put forth for the replenishment of the great lakes but to date the great replenishment and northern development concept better known as the Grand Canal is the