

until they get settled or perhaps for all time, and just come back on week ends or whenever they can. The municipalities then have to bear the brunt of the cost of supplying the services.

Now, I feel the criterion should take into consideration—although we have not had a chance to thoroughly discuss this—two points in addition to unemployment, welfare and the dwindling population. A population explosion is occurring in other parts of Ontario and Canada, but some of us are suffering from a dwindling population, which is the exact opposite of an explosion, because people are leaving us who could be of use to us if we had these industries which we are looking for and need.

The CPR and the CNR have made their fortunes, or misfortunes, by going across Canada from east to west, and I think it is about time that we started working from north to south or south to north, one way or the other. I often think of the romance of northern Ontario, but I do not like to use the word "northern". It was pointed out here that Timmins is considerably farther south than Winnipeg, and all the rest of the prairie provinces. We are 65 miles south of the 49th parallel, and if that person who drew the line across Canada—I think it was Franklin—had drawn it across the 49th parallel, Timmins would be in the United States. Oftentimes I mention that to well educated people and they just look at me and wonder what I am talking about. As far as I am concerned it is a fact, and I am sure all of you sitting here know that. The fact is that we are in Canada and I certainly think we should boost our stock. The possibilities are here and we are slipping somewhere if we do not assist in getting these things out. I call a damn fool whoever wrote that article telling us that northern Ontario is no good to the southern part of the province.

Now, gentlemen, as far as I am concerned northern Ontario has produced a lot. I do not know how many of you remember the depression, but we carried the rest of Canada through what were called gold camps. I do not like to refer to them as camps, but they certainly were a concentration of people who were looking forward to that part of Ontario progressing for the rest of the century. I remember when the rest of Canada was really suffering and we were carrying them with that little article called gold that some of you do not think is valuable, but if you could give me all the gold there is in Ottawa I would show you how to really promote the economy of Canada. Naturally I speak this way because I come from a gold mining area but, gentlemen, I would like to see all of the representatives of Canada take a trip into Kirkland Lake and see what has happened there or take a trip to the Porcupine mine in Timmins and see what has happened there with regard to gold mining. We certainly need the extras.

There is something else as well. A lot of people make a big thing of Texas Gulf. We know it is a big thing, but automation has resulted in only a few people working there as compared to the mines that opened years ago which hired many, many people. We are hopeful of discovering other minerals—I have mentioned this before—throughout the northern part of the province and we certainly need assistance, not only in regard to the mining areas but, as mentioned by one of my colleagues, the closing of some services of the railway. You must remember that these divisional points in northern Ontario have been hit just as they have been across Canada, and you have a dangling population left that needs assistance. Now, development is something that we have looked forward to since the start of Canada. We know it is still possible, and what we need is assistance in solving the problems that we have.