

*The Budget—Mr. Winch*

not think I understand the nature of the general taxation power which is vested in the federal government under the British North America Act. I am aware of those powers and was aware of them when I spoke. I am aware of the provisions of the British North America Act. I still feel most strongly, nevertheless, about having the federal government intervene, through its taxation powers, indirectly in a field which, ethically, comes under the aegis of the provincial governments. Indirect taxation—Federal: Direct taxation—provincial.

I wish to raise two other matters of concern to the city of Vancouver. Primarily, I am asking the government to show consideration to that city when policy is being implemented. I was pleased to hear the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra (Mr. Deachman) speak this afternoon about the need for planning in connection with the inner harbour of Vancouver, the harbour at Point Roberts and the harbour at New Westminster. I wish to add a few words to his. An over-all plan of harbour development is long overdue. Developments at Vancouver, Port Moody, Point Roberts and New Westminster ought to have been considered long ago. I ask the government to consider developing Vancouver's inner harbour. The majority of piers, wharves and all grain elevators on the south side of the inner harbour are in the constituency of Vancouver East. I wish the government and the harbour commissioners would pay attention to air pollution emanating from the grain elevators. The federal government built four of the grain elevators. It has sold two, elevators No. 1 and No. 3. Having been sold pursuant to an agreement of sale, those elevators are now the responsibility of their purchasers, but is not too much to ask the federal government to make sure that the new owners abide by the terms of recent by-laws enacted by Vancouver City Council. That legislation seeks to control air pollution.

The federal government still owns elevators No. 2 and No. 4 in Vancouver East. It has been trying to lease or sell elevator No. 2. Having talked to members of the harbour commission this morning, I now understand that a possibility exists that No. 2 will be leased or sold. If it is leased, again I ask the federal government to obey the new bylaw of the city of Vancouver, which seeks to control pollution arising from grain dust. That pollution affects the centre of Vancouver and Vancouver East. On the other hand, if the elevator is sold the government ought to make it

clear to the purchaser that he, too, must obey the bylaws of the city of Vancouver and prevent pollution of the air by grain dust.

As for No. 4 elevator, the government has been trying to lease or sell it without success. Tenders for demolition have now been called. This elevator stands in the inner port of Vancouver on most valuable property. I ask the federal government not after demolishing the elevator then present us with a *fait accompli*. Instead, it should work with Vancouver City Council to ascertain the best use of this most valuable property. A deep sea pier might be built on the property, or even a new elevator.

In my remaining few minutes I wish to comment on another major topic. Not only is Vancouver the third largest city in Canada, it is also a seaport containing many different ethnic groups. West of Toronto, no constituency contains a larger number of ethnic groups than mine does. We have thousands of Italians, Chinese, Ukrainians and East Indians. I think there are over 30,000 Chinese in Vancouver and 10,000 of them live in my constituency. I was, therefore, most amazed to hear last week that the immigration department in Vancouver, which employs interpreters of various nationalities, had fired two Chinese interpreters. Fair is fair, Mr. Speaker, and I want publicly to express my appreciation to the minister and his office and, in particular, to his executive assistant for taking action. Immediately I drew this matter to their attention it was investigated and within 48 hours the interpreters were back on the job, pending a thorough investigation. That was a marvelous piece of co-operation, sir, and I appreciate it. I have raised this matter to ask for greater liaison to be introduced between the minister's office in Ottawa and officials in Vancouver who are 3,200 miles away. When two interpreters are summarily fired in an international seaport containing thousands of people of different ethnic origins, confusion and heartbreak may be the result. I have expressed my amazement that an action was taken in Vancouver without the full understanding of Ottawa. I have expressed my appreciation for the speed and the co-operation I received from the minister's office. Coming from Vancouver, I know of the immigration problems that arise when there are many thousands of people of an ethnic origin other than English. I sincerely hope when a survey is made some interpreters in the different languages will be maintained in the immigration offices in Vancouver.