

This approach is unrealistic. If our economy is to remain strong we must be able to maintain a high level of employment all year round in all parts of Canada. It is not enough to say that more Canadians are working today than at any other time in our history. Certainly that is true, because more Canadians are coming into the labour market, both from the ranks of our younger people and also through immigration. Jobs must be provided for this increased number of people. I repeat, it is not enough just to say that more persons are employed than at any other time in our history. The fact remains that large numbers of Canadians from various parts of Canada are still unemployed. The latest reports show that in the Atlantic provinces 12.6 per cent of the work force is unemployed; in Quebec 9.1; in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces, the average is under 5 per cent.

Honourable senators, this brings me to a report which was submitted at the last Parliament, and should be before Parliament this session. It is known as the Gill Report. I think there was general disappointment that the Gill Report was not mentioned in the Speech from the Throne. We know what the state of the unemployment insurance fund has been. People were looking for some action and hoping for some implementation of the recommendations made by that report. Some of the members of the present Government had a great deal to say about this report when the previous Government was in office. There is no objection to that; that is their right and privilege; and criticism has gone the other way, as we know. However, now they are strangely silent, but we do hope that the situation will be corrected.

I would like to read a few reported remarks of one of the commissioners:

According to C. A. L. Murchison, commissioner of the unemployment commission, the unemployment insurance fund would benefit to the tune of about \$125 million a year if six major Gill committee recommendations were implemented.

The question we ask ourselves is why the Government is not taking this under consideration and implementing these recommendations. They may or may not be practical; I do not know.

Another report which I understand is going to receive consideration is the MacPherson Report. I will have more to say about this when it comes before us. I know there will be legislation implementing it. I am not speaking for the Maritime provinces particularly, but in those provinces we are possibly more concerned about transportation

than any other part of Canada. Transportation is the lifeblood of the Atlantic provinces, and if we are not given what we think is fair treatment regarding transportation it is practically impossible for us to introduce new industries or maintain those we are already operating.

Speaking of another report—and we seem to have many important reports and commissions to deal with—I wish to refer to the O'Leary Report. Its distinguished author is now a member of this house. I will say nothing about it now but, like all honourable senators, will wait until the legislation is before the house. I know it will be a treat for us to hear from our distinguished colleague at that time.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: The Speech from the Throne dealt quite extensively with the fisheries situation. We were happy to note the Throne Speech made mention of the Government's intention to undertake a national fisheries development program in conjunction with the various provinces. This arose out of the conference which was held with the ten provinces in Ottawa on January 24 of this year. Included in this was the Government's intention to proceed with the extension of Canada's territorial waters from three to twelve miles for the purpose of fishing, using the principle of straight base line from headland to headland. The honourable Senator Cook from Newfoundland mentioned this yesterday. It is not a new subject; it has been discussed a good many times. In 1960 the former Government was almost successful in having it effectively considered at the Geneva Conference in Europe.

The fishing situation is becoming more serious. Russian trawlers are robbing our fishermen of their rights, not only in Newfoundland but in other provinces, including, I assume, British Columbia.

We were interested in a statement released by the Minister of Fisheries on January 24 following the fisheries conference referred to in the Speech from the Throne. Since new fisheries development policy is to be based on the conference, indications of what the Government has in mind are to be found on page 2 of the report. I quote:

Such a program will include measures to expand the available resource, measures to improve techniques of catching and processing and facilitate their adoption, measures to diversify products and improve quality, measures to expand markets and reduce price uncertainty—in short, measures to bring about greater productivity and efficiency in all phases