

*Water Resources*

than read this supplement on pollution published by McMaster University, which I am sure all members received in the mail. I do not think it exaggerates the situation. I think it understates the facts.

After reading this publication I was reminded of something I first read many years ago. I went down to the table of the House of Commons and drew a book in which this whole situation is very vividly described. I refer to the Holy Bible, and particularly the book of Revelation. That is worth reading. There is a reference to God pouring out his wrath. There is a pretty accurate description of air, land and water pollution in the book of Revelation. If that book has any validity in this day and age, then we should know that this pollution will end civilization unless we smarten up and do something about it.

This is the same old challenge and we still blame money or the lack of it for the present situation. The book challenges us to follow the suggestions contained in it. Are we unselfish enough to take the bull by the horns and master it? Are we willing enough to dig down deep enough in our pockets and pay the taxes necessary to at least get this plan on the road? Are we brave enough to talk turkey to the provinces, having set our own house here in order, and brave enough to tackle this problem on an international basis? If the world wants fresh water we have it, but we expect international co-operation, particularly from our great neighbour to the south and the other great nations of the world. Fresh water is not the only thing Canada possesses. If we are going to pollute our oceans with DDT and oil slicks as a result of digging into the bowels of the earth below sea level, allowing wildcat oil wells to spew their venom, as I call it, into the ocean, killing all the fish, then co-operation is of a great significance.

It has been pointed out by a man with a great deal more scientific knowledge than I have that life on earth lives on a very thin but evenly balanced rhythm. When you interfere with that rhythm by polluting the air and water you upset the whole system. It might well be that the book of Revelation is much closer to what is going to happen to us in a very few years than one might think, unless one takes note of those things told us not only in the Good Book but by our own well-trained and well-qualified scientists.

Most of the articles I read in this paper have been backed up by men with doctorates in biology, chemistry and engineering. These

are men we have trained under our free educational system. They warn us of the difficulties we face. What is the point of sending these people to university and on post-graduate courses when we completely ignore the warnings they bring to our doors?

There has been a great campaign throughout the country in the press and over the radio about what I would refer to as some of the small aspects of this matter. It has been suggested we are poisoning our song birds. The situation is much more serious than that. I believe these people when they say we are not only poisoning our song birds but poisoning ourselves by the very food we eat from the Safeway stores and the corner grocers. These foods contain a great deal more pollution than any man would willingly take if he could see the amount of poison he is taking into his system three times a day.

The same people who are complaining about the loss of our song birds like to point to certain industries, like the E. B. Eddy Company, and say they are poisoning us with refuse. However, those people refuse to stop using the dangerous commodities which they put down their sinks every day and which poison our rivers and eventually our oceans. They should stop waving this flag of horror and pointing to the other fellow. They should ask themselves what they are going to do in their own homes and what the government is going to do with the taxpayer's dollars to stop this enemy of mankind before it stops us.

I have only one main criticism of this bill and that is it just contains a pious hope. It does not do anything significant. It does set guideposts. That is all very well, but the guideposts have been there for at least 2,000 years. We have been warned about what is going to happen if we abuse the soil, air and water which God gave us free and unpolluted. It is not good enough to put up a flag and say we believe in non-pollution or in pure water unless we give strong leadership.

I do not agree with the suggestion that because we built these factories we cannot stop them from polluting the air. At least we can see that no more factories are built without proper cess pools, smoke stacks and electric machinery for taking these poisons out of the air, water and waste products before they are dumped into our rivers or left on the hillsides to be washed down at a later date.

In order to appreciate the amount of pollution taking place one need only take a trip through the Crownsnest Pass. Only 50 years ago it was one of the most beautiful mountain