

*Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement*

great potential as well for the shipping of concentrates and potash. Containers can be put there, and it can be developed as required in the future.

As we see the results of free trade, greater commerce and economic prosperity in British Columbia, this port will be developed as it is required. It is also capable of receiving the lead and zinc concentrates which will be taken into the interior of the country and developed at the smelter at Cominco.

North of Roberts Bank there is a tremendous delta from the Fraser River estuary. It is an excellent environmental feature which is so important to the life of young salmon. It is important to the wild fowl of the area. Where the Fraser River empties into the Gulf of Georgia there is a very beautiful and unique island called Westhame Island. It is a very rich part of this farming area and is separated off to form the Reifel Bird Sanctuary, a wild bird refuge. Every year at this time thousands and thousands of snow geese migrate to spend the winter in Delta. They come from Siberia. As we see the great flocks of these birds we are reminded that even the goose knows a good place when he sees one.

To celebrate the return of the snow geese the small town of Ladner has a festival every year. It is called the Snow Goose Festival. Everyone is welcome to attend next year in about the third week in October.

As we go up the mighty Fraser we are reminded of the history of the whole area. As the Hon. Member for Cariboo—Chilcotin (Mr. Worthy) mentioned, this was the original traffic artery into the interior of the country. The gold seekers of the Cariboo gold-rush used it as their transport. We think of the Fraser River and the tremendous fishing industry that has been on its banks for a number of years.

As we travel along we see the evidence, the fishing boats, the fish plants, and the processing plants that are there, but there are other things there as well. A unique floating home community is being developed in Delta. The technology being developed in this floating home is now being exported to all parts of the northwest as people recognize the beauty and charm of being able to live in a first-class home. These are not shacks but first-class facilities that were built on water. They are environmentally sound, beautiful to live in, and beautiful to work in.

We also have a lot of very mixed type of industry from the heavy industries of petrochemical plants to cement plants. We also have the sawmills which are so prevalent in British Columbia.

There are two major industrial areas in Delta. First, there is the Annacis Island area. We also have the Tilbury industrial area. The residents of these industrial areas are looking forward to the advent of free trade.

Delta has three railroads. We have some excellent highway systems. There is water transport on the Fraser River with the Fraser Port Authority rapidly developing an excellent container cargo as well as a general cargo terminus. It is also the terminus for the importing of automobiles from across the ocean, as well as for the exporting of logs and finished lumber.

Just two weeks ago I had the opportunity of attending the opening of a new industry in the Fraser wharf area. What is being done in this particular industry is that we are taking alder logs which were previously burned or discarded. They are chipped up and the product is sent to Japan. Fine papers are made from it.

In the future as we develop our own capacity I would expect that these chips would be used in our country. Instead of exporting the jobs, I believe that the paper manufacturing will be done here because we will have an adequate market to make it profitable in our country.

Our people are getting geared up to take advantage of the free trade movement. During the recent election campaign we heard a great deal about an industrial park in Bellingham, which is just across the border from us. It was being said that property was being sold to Canadian companies which were planning on going down there to take advantage of the low labour rates, et cetera. I suggest, and I believe it is true, that any exodus that we may see at the present time would be nothing to the exodus that would occur if the Free Trade Agreement was not put into place. The trade barriers would go up. Tariffs would be put on Canadian goods and there would be no way that we could compete in the American market. Rather than an industrial exodus from our municipality, we will see an industrial influx with the Free Trade Agreement.

We have three prime residential areas called Tsawwassen, Ladner, and North Delta. In between these three residential areas we have a very large natural bog which was mined for years for its peat products. We also have a very large agricultural area. Because of this variation in the soil from the peatmoss to the clay in the Fraser River, we have a vast variety of crops which we can grow in Delta. I will speak on the agricultural subject in a few moments.

The types of products that we can grow in Delta are products such as cranberries, blueberries, raspberries,