

Supply—Industry

that these people do not know what resources they have and do not know what assistance they need in developing them, or what may be available to them. They will never know until a survey and inventory have been carried out in the area.

There are a number of difficulties that prevent the attainment of a proper solution to the problem. Let me give one example. The minister of manpower suggested that one of his senior officials should get together with the committee to discuss the problems. It occurred to me that the development agency which is responsible for northern Ontario should also be represented at these discussions in order to avoid having two meetings, one with each department.

On the basis of that idea I telephoned the junior official responsible for the area and suggested that he attend these meetings. I was very surprised to learn later that my stenographer had received a call from this individual stating that he had been refused permission to attend this meeting because he had not been invited. In this country we have to co-operate with various provinces because this is a federal state. If we cannot send somebody from one department to another without a gilt-edged invitation, then I am sure we are damned well never going to be able to get along with the provincial governments.

I do not know what the answer is. Perhaps we should reduce the minister's salary to \$1, but I do not think that will provide an answer to the problem. I am sure he does not know what to do about this matter. We said that this program would not work on the basis of the criteria that were laid down; the minister's senior officials told him that it would not work, and it has not worked.

It seems to me that these areas were selected by the Prime Minister and the premiers of the provinces who sat down and picked out a bunch of communities. Some of them meet one criterion and some meet another, while others do not meet any of them. It is interesting to note that the selection is more in keeping with the suggestion of the minister than with the ideas of the people who are working on this problem.

It is also interesting to note that Manitoulin island, located in the riding of the Prime Minister probably felt he should get something out of the selection. I am sure one premier said he wanted Bracebridge and another premier said he wanted something

else. I have no objection to that situation, but what the devil does it matter in the long run? I should like to see the entire northern Ontario area designated because we are all in the same boat.

If we can develop new industries in one area or another let us not play one against the other, but take advantage of the situation on a national basis and develop the industry in the area in which it is most likely to succeed economically. Any other method of designating areas is stupid. The minister made a statement the other day which I should like to paraphrase. I cannot quote him verbatim and may even be distorting his words, but it seems to me that what he said described the ripple theory. That is, when you throw a rock into a pool you create ripples which emanate from the centre in ever widening circles. This same theory has worked in respect of large metropolitan areas and the ripples have encompassed surrounding towns.

I can remember when Thornhill was on the edge of Toronto and the farmers in the area used to ship milk by streetcar into the city. When I was hitchhiking in the Toronto area some years ago I remember riding on that streetcar among milk cans, chickens and other farm produce. That area is now in downtown Toronto.

The industrial area has been extending farther out from Toronto each year. It now takes in Thornhill, Bracebridge, Orillia and other towns. In future years I am sure this industrial ripple will encompass Kirkland Lake, Midland, Owen Sound and Parry Sound. It does or will include Sturgeon Falls, but I cannot imagine why, because the only industry they have there is the pulp and paper industry, which is now operating full blast, whereas a few years back it only operated for two or three days each week. I do not understand the story there, but I am not very much concerned. However, under this ripple theory they all fall within the Toronto area which runs out 50, 60 or even 100 miles.

Some day North Bay will come within the circle and it is 250 miles away. Kirkland Lake will come within the circle and it is 300 miles away. Timmins, which is 350 miles away, will eventually come within the circle, as will Moosonee and other places, and eventually we will have more salt-water ports in Ontario.

This will all happen eventually, but I do not think I will live to see it. Nor do I think