

coal industry in the Maritimes is rather a sick industry. However, while in other parts of Canada the coal industry has not been progressive, I would emphasize that in New Brunswick the industry has been very successful. We produce about a million tons of coal a year, most of which is sold within the province, and some in the province of Quebec. We give full employment to practically all the miners in our area.

We have been somewhat disturbed over the recommendations of the Rand report which, if implemented, we believe would have a disastrous effect on the coal mining industry in New Brunswick. It suggested that subsidies be paid, which would mean that coal from Nova Scotia would replace coal from New Brunswick. I have discussed this with men from Nova Scotia, and they are of the opinion that such a subsidy would not be of any great benefit to their province, and it certainly would be a serious detriment to the coal industry in New Brunswick. May I say at this time that I wish to file a *caveat* against the implementation of that particular recommendation in the Rand report. We are indeed pleased that our coal industry is flourishing in New Brunswick, and we hope that nothing will be done to hurt it in any way.

Speaking of the coal industry in Nova Scotia, no one is more anxious to see something done for the people of Cape Breton and other parts of the province than I am. The coal mining industry has meant much to them; as a matter of fact, it is the great industry of that area. The Rand report suggests that the tourist industry might assist the economy in some way. It also suggests that research be done into the use of coal. One honourable member speaking in the other place a few days ago suggested that Ontario could very well purchase a million more tons of coal from Nova Scotia.

I hope that these things will be looked into very carefully, because there is perhaps no part of Canada more deserving of consideration than Cape Breton. I shall always remember that when the First World War was on no other part of Canada sent more of her sons overseas in proportion to population than did Cape Breton; and the same was true during the Second World War. So I hope and I know that every consideration will be given to this very deserving part of our great dominion.

A few moments ago I mentioned forestry as being one of our great industries in New Brunswick. We were delighted that at the last session of Parliament an act was passed setting up the Department of Forestry. We in New Brunswick are particularly pleased that this department is to be headed by a minister from our province. This is a splendid gesture on the part of the Prime Minister to a small

province whose greatest industry is derived from its woodlands. This is true also of our sister provinces of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Forestry is a subject which, I am sure, has been discussed many times in this chamber as it has in other places. I well remember reading a speech made in this chamber by the late Senator J. A. Calder some years ago in which he referred to forestry as one of the most important industries in Canada. At that time he asked the question: "How much do our people know of what has been done and what should be done in the way of reforestation in this country?" He pointed out the terrible losses resulting from the slashing of our forests, from inadequate fire protection and from destructive insects. Much has been done, of course, in the way of removing these hazards, but now that work will be under one department and it will be more concentrated and more effective. I am sure we all laud the fact that this Department of Forestry has been set up by the Government, and we in the province of New Brunswick, as I say, are particularly pleased that the portfolio has been assigned to our province, which depends so much on our forest industry.

Another great industry in Canada, and one which is growing very rapidly, is the tourist industry. It has a tremendous potential in Canada's Atlantic provinces, and is of particular interest in my constituency, as it is in practically every other constituency in the province. This has been recognized, I might say, by the federal Government. I read the speech of the honourable senator from Colchester-Hants (Hon. Mr. Blois), who occupied the same position as I do now when he spoke so eloquently on this subject last session. He pointed out the great benefit that would accrue to the Atlantic provinces from the tourist roads under the Roads to Resources program. He pointed out how the development of the Trans-Canada Highway would bring more tourists into that area. He pointed out how campgrounds and wayside picnic sites were also of great interest to tourists coming to our provinces.

It is not necessary for me, honourable senators, to point out why we call New Brunswick "The Unspoiled Province". We have, I suppose, as beautiful rivers, lakes and streams as are to be found not only anywhere in Canada but anywhere in the world. Anyone who has travelled up and down the Saint John River, the Kennebecas River, the Miramichi River and the Washademoak River or any other of our rivers, will realize that I am not exaggerating the beauties of the central part of New Brunswick when I speak of these great rivers as being great tourist attractions.