

Supply—Transport

The hon. member for Brantford made a speech about the Grand River which touched my heart, because my ancestors came to Upper Canada at the same time as Joseph Brant, and anything I can do to help develop that part of the country, which I cherish, I will be glad to do.

The hon. member for Sherbrooke spoke about the airport there. I am taking his observations into consideration.

We had a most exciting tour around the Gaspé with the hon. member for Gaspé, munching sandwiches as we went, and I will look into the various points that he raised.

My hon. friend from Burin-Burgeo talked about one of the most difficult of all problems of national transportation—and this is a national problem—along the rugged coasts of southern Newfoundland. I do not think I need assure him or anyone else that that is something in which I am greatly interested.

I think we were all interested to hear the contribution made by the hon. member for Nickel Belt who spoke, I thought, very moderately about the C.P.R. considering he was a C.N.R. man. He certainly knows something about railways.

The hon. member for Simcoe East made an appeal about the Trent canal that touched my heart. If he can do as much with his friends in Toronto as I can do here we may make some real progress.

The hon. member for Chapleau spoke about airports in the northern region he represents. We are in discussions with the town of Amos at the present time about the airport there. We are also looking into the other problems which exist at Chibougamau. The name of the other place with which we are having discussions escapes me for the moment.

The hon. member for Melville cut his speech short, for which I am grateful. We are giving most serious attention to the theme of that speech, which was the Freedman report.

The hon. member for Skeena, apart from applying for a job in my department, made a very important and interesting speech mainly about two topics; the wharfage on the floats in his constituency, about which I want to have some discussions with him because we are reviewing this whole matter, and about safety in shipping. I have quite a long speech on this subject which I could make, but with the indulgence of the committee I would prefer to make it at another time.

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

The hon. member for Cochrane, like myself, is exceedingly interested in his own constituency and spoke about the problems there about which he and I will do our best.

The hon. member for Kamloops made—I was almost going to say the standard speech about the C.P.R., but he made it in the way to which we were accustomed, we old timers here, who remember him when he was here before.

One of the most interesting speeches made during the entire debate was made by my hon. friend from Kenora-Rainy River. I believe he is the youngest member of the house and he certainly knows a lot about railways.

The hon. member for Assiniboia also spoke about railways and the movement of grain.

The hon. member for Vancouver East, and I should have mentioned him earlier with the other members for Vancouver, made a speech about the development of the port of Vancouver. I hope it will be possible for him to be in Vancouver when I am there because I know he will have something to say about this subject.

Mr. Monteith: Arthur would be glad to have him along on the tour.

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Mr. Pickersgill: If hon. members would like to carry the item without going along with my catalogue, I will be pleased to concur in that action.

Mr. Nowlan: Before the debate on item 1 is concluded I should like to direct a question to the minister, in view of something he said during his cataloguing about Newfoundland. I wonder whether the minister when he was in Nova Scotia saw a sign which said: Here is the road; it is nice and wide, like the guide lines from America; so beware of the signs.

Mr. Pickersgill: It is quite evident that the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings is going to be the wit of the House of Commons. I feel sure that as time goes on he will endear himself to the members of this house, on a personal basis, as his father did and, if he does, he will have accomplished a lot.

Mr. Howard: In the minister's earlier remarks he said there were some things the other members have dealt with which he could not deal with at this time. He said he wanted to discuss them with his colleagues. I felt that if he discussed these between now