

the resources available to us to find out why we cannot utilize to a greater extent our raw materials and skills and thus prevent the present tremendous waste and demoralization of human resources.

Another thing we might give thought to is the establishment of an organization to provide food for the hungry peoples of the world. Canada, as a large-scale exporting nation, has a greater concern than almost any other country in finding ways and means of feeding the world's hungry and, at the same time, curing the paradox of starvation in the midst of plenty.

I should like to see in these days of increasing high taxes an agency set up under the auspices of universities and governments for the exploration of a new approach to taxation. We have just been going along in our Canadian taxation structure, improvising from day to day. It has been like Topsy who just "grewed". It has grown up without any rhyme or reason except for the necessity of the moment. As taxes are taking a larger and larger bite out of our national dollar, I think the time has come when we could well afford to devote some energy to a special study of a new approach to the taxation structure at all levels of government.

These are just samples of the sort of thing we might do, but I would not be true to everything I have done in the past if I did not revert to one particular aspect of the centenary celebrations which I should like to see marked in a productive way. It has been my conviction for many years that the best investment we get from any dollar we spend, regardless of what it may be for, is the investment in talented young Canadians. For this reason I should like to re-emphasize a suggestion made a little over a year ago that, as one of the projects for the centenary celebrations, we should think in terms of setting up 5,000 centennial scholarships for undergraduates in Canada to study in Canadian universities, and an additional 5,000 at the graduate level. We are going to have to do this whether we like it or not if Canada is to maintain its place in the economic competition of the future. We are going to have to spend more money on scholarships to train a higher percentage of the talented young people in our communities. I should like to re-emphasize the importance of scholarships in the Canadian scene today and suggest sincerely that this is one of the things which might very well be done as part of the centennial program. I would further suggest that the scholarships might bear the name Canadian Centennial Scholarships.

There are many other things we might do. There are buildings to be constructed. I am

delighted to know that the Prime Minister is interested in having a centre in Ottawa for the performing arts. It is high time that Ottawa had something of this nature worthy of a national capital, and I am afraid that the people of Ottawa are not inclined to do much about it themselves. While I think it is true that the federal Government has a certain responsibility here, I think a more lively and public-minded citizenship could have done more than it has in this city. One of the dangers when governments at any level do too much for the people is that the people soon start to look to government for everything. However, I think there is justification for establishing in Ottawa a centre for the performing arts that will be worthy of the nation's capital, and I hope that it will be one of the buildings ready by 1967. There are many other buildings that could be constructed, but I am not going to mention them now.

I should like again to think in terms of growth projects—investments in the future—such as water conservation, irrigation and reforestation. These are particularly vital and urgent at this time. We could also have a national program of highway development with some of our highways becoming known as Confederation highways. I should like to see special consideration given to completing some of the famous roads in this country by the time the centennial celebrations are held.

One can think of many other projects but the hour is late and I do not want to take more time. My final word is that Canadians should utilize this occasion as a time for recognizing the importance in this country of the arts and humanities, and give a greater measure of support to these important and vital aspects of our national life. These are the areas of development that can make Confederation celebrations historic, vital and memorable. I hope that we will not be niggardly in our approach and that the body of people being set up under this act will be imaginative and daring and not afraid to invest money in the future. Above all, I hope they will not think that this is the responsibility of governments alone. I am quite sure that if this committee mobilizes the resources, energies, imagination and skills of the Canadian people it will be able to achieve ten times as much as it would if it became mainly a governmental project.

My final word is to say that I am delighted to see this legislation come in. It is not a moment too soon. There is a big job to be done and I hope that everyone in Canada will get behind it and really make it an occasion of which Canadians can be proud for years to come.