

understand that that is not too difficult for me because, as you all know, I come from—and I am quoting now many others before me—one of the finest constituencies in Canada, Royal, in the province of New Brunswick. We in New Brunswick are very modest in describing our province. It is called "Canada's Unspoiled Province"—at least, that is what we have on the licence plates of New Brunswick automobiles. A few years ago we called it "The Picture Province". I would suggest, and have suggested, that we combine the two at some future date and call it "Canada's Unspoiled Picture Province".

Speaking of the constituency of Royal, I was reminded when I took my seat in this chamber a few days ago of the long line of distinguished men who have been appointed from this constituency to the Senate in days gone by. I would like to mention a few. When I was a very young boy, I remember, there was Senator George King, from Chipman, who had been a very outstanding member of Parliament for Queens County in New Brunswick for years. I remember Senator Domville, who was rather a stormy petrel. He was on both sides of politics at different times, and I think he changed around considerably at that. He was a senator from my constituency. Senator George W. Fowler was another. There will be some gentlemen here who remember him. He was a very outstanding parliamentarian. When the First World War was on he was asked to raise a battalion in New Brunswick, and inside of a few weeks he recruited something like 2,800 men—two battalions. Senator Walter Foster came from Rothesay, in my constituency, and at one time was Speaker of the Senate. Most of you will remember Senator George P. Jones, who was one of the most popular of the members and senators who ever came from the Maritime provinces.

Senators who originally came from the constituency of Royal represented other parts of Canada in the Senate. I might mention Senator James King, the son of Senator George King, whom I have already referred to. Senator James King left the constituency of Royal when he was a boy and in later life was a senator from British Columbia. Sir George Foster, who was also a member of this chamber, came from my province. Last, but not least—and I do not see him here today—is the honourable senator from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris), who came from the constituency of Royal. Besides these distinguished gentlemen I could mention many others from New Brunswick who made a success in every walk of life in Canada and the United States. However, I will not take the time today.

Honourable senators, I would like to say a few words about the industries of my constituency and of New Brunswick. I would point out that the constituency might almost seem a small Canada in itself. By that I mean we have in my constituency practically every industry that is to be found in Canada. We have farming, lumbering, mining, the tourist industry, fishing—inland fishing, of course, because we do not touch the sea at any point—and manufacturing. It is one of the oldest settled parts of Canada. It is 80 per cent rural, and farming is our great industry. My home town, the town of Sussex, is known as the dairy centre of the Maritime provinces, and we have been very proud indeed that our herds of cattle have won prizes, not only in the great exhibitions in Canada but also in the United States.

Might I say, honourable senators, that the policies of the Government over the past three years have greatly assisted the farming industry in my province, as they have in all parts of Canada. Such legislation as the Agricultural Stabilization Act, to set a floor price on the main products the farmer produces, has resulted in an assured support price which indicates to the farmer what he can expect to receive. Provision for loans under the Farm Credit Corporation is proving to be of inestimable value to farmers from one end of Canada to the other. I could also mention crop insurance, which is of more interest to farmers of western Canada than to those in other parts. All this I have mentioned as part of the Government's program to help the farmer achieve a parity of income.

I am pleased to note from the speech which is before us today evidence of further interest in agriculture. Enabling legislation will be passed whereby the federal and provincial Governments' program of rural rehabilitation will extend the uses of substandard farm lands. Much of the land will be used for reforestation. In years past this has been of great advantage to farmers in the Maritime provinces, as it has been to farmers in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

Another industry which I have in my constituency is that of coal mining. Coal mining has become a sick industry of late in the Maritime provinces. Our sister province of Nova Scotia is suffering greatly from the lack of sales of the coal production. Of course, coal to Nova Scotia has been what wheat has been to the Prairie provinces. The miners of Nova Scotia cannot compete today with United States coal, though Governments in the past, by subventions, made it more or less possible for our Maritime coal to be sold in Quebec and Ontario. Today they have to compete with oil and gas; and, as I said a moment ago, the