

note that the speech from the throne states as follows:

The government will also take special measures in particular designated areas where human resources are not adequately utilized—

• (3:40 p.m.)

Parliament, therefore, will be invited to broaden the scope of the area development incentive program and to provide increased funds for it.

We know that under the ADA (Area Development Agency), not to be confused with ARDA, new industries coming into designated areas may benefit from a federal grant equivalent to one third of the cost of establishment. The region I am speaking of, being a pilot area as well as a designated area, can benefit from both these programs.

It is encouraging, Mr. Speaker, to note in the speech from the throne that the government will not only maintain its industrial assistance but that such aid will be increased in designated areas.

We hope that all this assistance will help bring new undertakings in our area.

Returning to the south Restigouche area and the projects to be undertaken in that area under the Fredericton agreement, the authorities must, I believe, seriously consider the development of blueberry fields in the Kedgwick area.

Similar projects have been drawn up in the lake St. John district. Blueberry growing, I think, could also be profitable in the Kedgwick area. Such a program should provide for the preparation of soil, the construction of a cold storage, the organization of producers and the search for markets.

Some years ago, blueberry crops were quite profitable in that district. I do not see why the new operations made on a scientific basis and on a large scale could not be still more successful.

Mr. Speaker, the speech of the throne also stresses that, in the past, governments and individuals built cities, canals, roads and other works, sometimes without considering aesthetics and beauty.

One of the most picturesque corners of this country—and I believe that the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. McCleave) who spoke before me should add it to the list he proposes to all Canadians to celebrate this centennial year—is the valley of the Restigouche and its tributaries. But we cannot say that this wonderful land has been defaced by too many extensive works. On the contrary, visitors can still enjoy a natural, peaceful landscape and there are tremendous tourist possibilities.

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A tourist project called Miscou Trail or Acadian Trail was prepared for the pilot area, by Mr. Raoul Landriault, of Ottawa. It provides for the construction of a tourist and historic route along the south shore of the Restigouche river and the coast of Caraquet. That study provides for the development of parks and hotels scattered along the route. Along the way, as those who visited it, well know, the summer beaches are splendid. There are plenty of hills, mountains and snow for a long skiing season. For the enthusiasts, there is salmon fishing in the summer and deer hunting during the hunting season.

To the Acadian Trail project can be related the park developments in Eel River and Campbellton as proposed by the local committees of the CRAN and NRDC.

I, therefore, strongly suggest to the proper authorities to take advantage of those extraordinary opportunities which are offered to us through the federal-provincial agreement in order to carry out those projects and others.

However, I fully realize that to carry out successfully the planning and development of a pilot area, a great number of studies, preliminary surveys and several millions of dollars are necessary. Since such an amount could be spent only once therefore the first test must be a success because there would not likely be another chance. Furthermore, the future of other pilot areas established elsewhere in the country depends upon the satisfactory result of that initiative. We must not forget in particular that for the remedy to be effective, it must really go to the root of the problem, which is the great weakness of our educational services. People must be prepared to assume positions of responsibility. They must fully participate in the economic recovery of the area.

The Fredericton agreement clearly states that if firm measures are not taken to quickly improve the education and the professional training of the workers, the people of this pilot area will not profit by the new positions that will be offered and will hardly enjoy a better future.

Thus, the agreement provides for, and the province has already started, a widespread amalgamation of schools and school districts and the improvement of teachers' training. A huge program will be undertaken in the field of educational television through the most modern methods.

The federal Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Marchand) will provide