

(6) That in many ways new relationships between government and industry and, within industry, between management and labour must be built up.

(7) That every member of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy is entitled to assurance that Parliament and the Government will be prepared to do everything within their power to prevent any recurrence of mass unemployment.

The Fourth Report, dated Jan. 26, 1944, (Paper No. 37 Session of 1943) added to the above features, which were re-emphasized, the following recommendations:—

(1) That preferences in Federal Government works projects and industries furnishing supplies be given to members of the Armed Forces and Merchant Navy and, wherever possible, be granted by the Employment Service of Canada.

(2) That the following special recommendations directed to bringing about improvement in the economic life of the people of the Maritime Provinces be considered:—

(a) Improvements designed to make communications between Prince Edward Island and the mainland constant, reliable and adequate.

(b) Improvements of transportation across the Straits of Canso by the construction of a causeway or other means.

(c) Regrading, realigning and double tracking of the C.N.R. from Sydney to places in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

(3) That the following concrete recommendations be considered in relation to transportation in Canada generally:—

(a) That as soon as possible after the War a first-class permanent all-season highway be constructed right across Canada, which will be connected through points in every province with the United States highway system and with all national and provincial parks, the Alaskan Highway and the Fort Norman oil fields.

(b) That when the War is over there should be a resumption of the Federal-Provincial arrangements which brought about construction of roads in remote mineral areas and that the enabling legislation be extended to cover the proper utilization of other natural resources.

(c) That the Peace River country of British Columbia and Alberta be given direct railway connection with the Pacific Coast with the least possible delay. (A statement of the Rehabilitation Council lays down the belief that, failing any satisfactory arrangement with the Federal Government, the Provincial Government should undertake the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Peace River as a post-war development measure.)\*

(4) That agricultural, industrial, mineral and transportation surveys be made in the northern and northwestern portions of Canada to prepare properly for the development of those areas.

(5) That in the field of agriculture, while the Veterans Land Act is a preparation of the way and an encouragement for the placing of men of the Armed Forces, who want to return to agricultural life, on farms, very much more must be done. The question of markets, domestic and international, should receive immediate and constant study. Increased production through chemical research should be followed up. The relationship of agriculture to secondary industry must be changed and improved.

\* Record No. 35, Proceedings of the House of Commons Special Committee on Reconstruction and Re-establishment, 1943, p. 1074.