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Blenkarn heading out west

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Mississauga Member of Parliament, Don Blenkarn will start out on a series of speaking engagements in Western Canada tomorrow (Thurs.); concentrating on economics and saying "if you think it's bad here you ought to live in Mississauga."

He is expected to concentrate on energy and housing but Mr. Blenkarn will be telling everyone about the current Government policy of printing more

paper money than there are products to back it and that this is definitely leading to uncontrollable inflation.

Speaking in a similar vein last week to the Mississauga Businessmen's Club, at the Playland Golf Club, Mr. Blenkarn said the country has deliberately placed more money in circulation than it can back, thus creating a dangerous inflationary trend.

"In Dec. 1970 there was \$32 billion of money based on deposits in banks.

"In Dec. 1973 there was \$50.6 billion in supplies of money which is a 56 per cent increase in three years.

"But the gross national product increases at about 2.5 per cent per year or about seven per cent in the past year.

"That means that the amount of money in supply has increased eight times the rate of the gross national product," he said.

Mr. Blenkarn said the policy of printing more dollars than product means it takes more dollars to produce a product and more dollars to buy it, creating a vicious circle of constantly rising inflation.

"Increasing the money supply is like supplying heroin to a drug addict. All you do is ease the pain.

"You print a little more money and you can do this, of course, by having one pocket print the bonds and the other print the money and sell the bonds to yourself.

"The net result of this policy, of course, is to create a situation where we have more and more money chasing fewer and fewer goods and the consequences of high and higher prices.