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SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE GEORGE W. CLARKE

The House resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

MR. R. BARBOUR: Mr. Speaker, I think it was the weekend of last week that the hon. the Premier said, "the first petition presented to this hon. House came from Bonavista Bay." Sir, I beg to present another petition from Bonavista Bay. This petition comes from three communities; namely, Lethbridge, Bloomfield and Musgravetown - Lethbridge, Bloomfield and Musgravetown.

The petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by 443 people - genuine Liberals, just a sprinkling. The petition, Mr. Speaker, is addressed to the hon. House of Assembly and reads as follows: If I may be permitted to quote:

"Whereas the road connecting the communities of Lethbridge, Bloomfield and Musgravetown, extending for a distance of approximately seven miles, is in a poor condition; and whereas this road is used for the transport of approximately 600 high school and elementary school pupils; and whereas this road is impassable for heavy vehicles during^{spring} ~~spring~~ ^{thaw}. Therefore, your petitioners, citizens of Lethbridge, citizens of Musgravetown, citizens of Bloomfield, thereby pray that you will take steps to ensure that this road be upgraded and paved during the summer, 1970 and all your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

Mr. Speaker, I recall, when the Premier officially opened the high school in Musgravetown a few years ago. I heard him say. There is not one able-bodied man in Musgravetown seeking relief. That is true today, Mr. Speaker. I know. There is not one - not one, unless it is somebody who may be sick. No able-bodied men are receiving relief in Musgravetown, in Bloomfield and in Lethbridge, unless it is somebody sick. Now why is this? Because, Mr. Speaker, we have some of the largest vegetable farms in Newfoundland, in Musgravetown, in Morley Siding, in Lethbridge, in Winter Brook and one of the largest sawmills in Bloomfield.

Mr. Speaker, these communities are prosperous communities, and they look for nothing from the Government, only what they think, they justly deserve.

Now, Sir, the road in question is seven miles long and, Mr. Speaker, I know

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for a fact. I have been there many times. Because of the dust nuisance, you can write your name on the floors, on the window ledge, on the table, in every room, in every house in Bloomfield, in Lethbridge and in Musgravetown.

Mr. Speaker, there were two fatal accidents four or five years ago caused because of the dust clouds. They tell me this was proven in the court.

Mr. Speaker, you cannot rise your windows. You cannot open your doors for dust. Oh! we got pavement all right. But we have pavements of dust in their houses. Mr. Speaker, the high school is the same way. You cannot open the windows. You cannot open the doors, because of the dust.

Now, then, all that the people are asking for is the upgrading of the road and when the road then settles, within a year after that, some paving. I understand that after a road is upgraded above the standard, it has to wait for a while before it is paved.

Mr. Speaker, I, also, know something else. Petitioners came into St. John's about eight or ten days ago and contacted me. They then went and they saw the Minister of Highways. He was very courteous to them and said that he would give it further consideration, and I think, Sir, this is why this petition is being presented.

I would like to invite the Minister of Highways. I would like to invite the Minister of Community and Social Development to take a trip with me, through the three communities I have just mentioned, and I hope it will be a fine, sunny day and warm so they will get a taste of the dust.

I am sure, Mr. Speaker, if they do, they will open their hearts, and they will try to get a few dollars between DREE and the Highways Department to pave this road. I notice the hon. the Speaker is looking at his watch and I am not even warmed up.

Mr. Speaker, there is so much can be said, but I would like, Sir, to support this petition, because this upgrading of the road, this paving of the road, is so necessary to people who are prosperous, to people who are honest, to people who work from day light to dark, in the woods, in the sawmill and on the farms, providing for the families. Sir, I cannot too strongly support this petition and as long as water runs

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Wet and grass grows green, unless we get the pavement in Lethbridge, in Bloomfield, in Musgravetown, we are going to have dust just as long.

I am sure that the Government. I am sure that the Minister of Highways will take this into consideration, and I, Sir, have much pleasure in supporting the people's petition. I ask that it be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

HON. J. R. SMALLWOOD (Premier): Mr. Speaker, for a number of reasons, I rise to support the prayer of the petition, we have just heard. In the first place, because of the eloquent speech that the hon. member has made - one of the most eloquent speeches we have heard in the Chamber for sometime. In the second place, because the petition comes from Bonavista Bay, my own native bay where I was born. I am proud that I was born there. Third, because in the very places that are mentioned in the petition, I remember going in a small aircraft, landing in Goose Bay and with a public speaker, address speaker fixed on the wing, addressing the people of those three places telling them how good a thing it would be for them and for all Newfoundland, if Confederation came. The tide drifted us down. We landed near Bloomfield, and I spoke to them and the tide carried the plane along and the next thing we were passing Musgrave, and I think we went down as far as Canning's Cove.

I support it, because it is from Bonavista Bay - my own native bay, and because they gave me such great support for Confederation, and I support it because, in the galleries today, we have a band of Bonavista Bay skippermen, Labrador skippermen whom I am so glad to welcome to the Chamber. They do not come any better in Newfoundland than the Bonavista Bay, Labrador Skippermen, and we can feel complimented in this House today to have a number of them in the galleries visiting us. They have a problem, too. They are not presenting a petition to this Chamber, but they are making strong representation to the Government and to other authorities here and in Ottawa, and I know that they have the sympathy of this House. I do not know just what can be done about this road, this year. Every year, we have the same problem, dust and dust and dust and as the number of cars and the number of trucks increase year by year.

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the traffic gets worse year by year and people drive faster year by year and more cars and trucks are on the roads year by year, it must be absolutely maddening to the housewives. It must be utterly maddening to the shopkeepers and maddening to the churches and to the schools to have dust drifting in the way it does, and there is really only one answer. There is really only one cure and that is paving and the paving not only stops the dust and not only makes for better driving, but the paving also saves the Government a lot of money in keeping up these roads, in annual repairs, because no matter how long you repair gravel roads, no matter how many years go by, ten years, twenty years, fifty years, you never can get a gravel road in the proper condition, until you pave it. So, you save a lot of money by paving it, but then on the other hand, it takes a lot of money to do the paving and so many places in Newfoundland still have not got any roads at all. There are still a few places in Newfoundland with no roads, and there are still places in Newfoundland with no electric lights, and there are still places on this Island with practically nothing after twenty-one years of Confederation. So, while we have every possible sympathy with the desire of those people in Goose Bay and there are a lot of people there who want it. There are a lot of people everywhere in Newfoundland and gradually, bit by bit, year by year, we are getting more and more roads paved. We have 1100 or 1200 miles paved now, since Confederation and we have to pave a few more thousand miles, but it takes about \$200 million and that is not so easy to get today in this world, as it was two or three years ago.

However, I give it my strong support, and I hope that my colleague, the Minister of Highways who is not in the Chamber at the moment, will take this petition and give it very, very sympathetic consideration indeed.

MR. ANTHONY J. MURPHY (Leader of the Opposition). Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise to support this. I think a few days ago it was brought up in this House that the welcoming of guests so on and so forth was becoming rather political. I support this, because I have many friends in the area referred to by the hon. member from Bonavista South - a very good constituent of mine. He supports me, pretty well, in every election. He does everything but campaign openly for me. But for the reason, Mr. Speaker, not because they voted for Confederation, not because they voted

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Liberal, but because they are Newfoundlanders and our feeling has been, and I express the sentiments, I think, expressed by our party for many years, that all Newfoundlanders should bear some benefit from the benefits that have come to us from Confederation.

I have driven this area many times, and I must agree very sincerely with the hon. member down there that the dust menace is terrible. We have two alternatives now, either to get the road upgraded and paved or supply the owners of cars with radar and, perhaps, some kind of a system for the housewives to keep the dust out. I have been in their homes there during the Federal by-election, during the Federal election, and it is amazing what primitive conditions exist, as far as dust is concerned in that district. For twenty-one years, perhaps, they have taken the wrong course on election days, I do not know. If I were the Minister of Highways, I would certainly see that something is done immediately, but I am not. If I were, I would start, possibly, next Monday and get the thing right underway, because they are wonderful people down there, and I can only support what the hon. member, the petition he brought in, and in addition, I would like to support those fishermen referred to by the hon. the Premier from Bonavista Bay. I presume they are the fishermen who have gone to the Labrador for many years and now find that their living has been cut off, through inaction on someone's part, and all my sympathies are with these gentlemen, and I certainly hope that things will work out to their benefit where they can go back to earning a decent living in the great fishing industry, which after all is the backbone of this Province. If we do not get fishing, it is just as well for us to fold up and everybody move to Toronto. So, I have very much pleasure, Mr. Speaker, in supporting the petition as presented by the hon. member for Bonavista South.

MR. JOHN C. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, we too want to support the eloquent plea of the member for Bonavista South; particularly, in view of the fact that he has hurled a challenge at us to run against him down in that great district of

Mr. Crosbie.

Bonavista South - an even greater reason to support this petition.

I am sure that if the dust problem is not settled before the next election, I am sure that the hon. member will be so disgusted that he will not even venture to run down there in the next election.

MR. MURPHY: Not for that side anyway.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, I would also like to welcome the fishermen from Bonavista Bay - the Labrador fishermen from Bonavista Bay or the fishermen from Bonavista Bay who fish on the Labrador, and we have not heard very much as to whether there is to be any solution to their problem, Mr. Speaker, and the time is getting very late. We can only say that if the Government of Canada do not ^{do} more than they have done to help them that our Government will find itself able to do something to put these men back to gainful work in the fisheries. We have just heard that Captain Burry from Glovertown is not going to engage in the Labrador fishery this year, because of the prices. There certainly needs to be some statement made by the Government of Canada and our own Government on just what is to be done about the Labrador fishery or whether or not there is to be one.

In any event, we hope that they will recover from this misfortune, and we wish them well, and we hope to hear something on this within the next week or two, before it is too late altogether, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HAROLD COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise in my place in support of the petition which was so ably presented by the hon. member for Bonavista South, with regard to the need for upgrading and paving of the roads through Lethbrige and Bloomfield and Musgravetown. I know many of the people there, and I must agree with the member, when he says that they are a very hard-working group of people - possessors of a great amount of native ingenuity. Certainly, they can be regarded as almost the neglected people in that particular part of Newfoundland, and I would hope that the Minister of Highways will be able to accommodate them and get working on the road this year.

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Sir, I would also like to take advantage of the timing to welcome the Labrador fishermen from the northside of Bonavista Bay, I suspect, Sir. I remember in my early years, when I fished myself and very often took great delight of watching the numerous - the hundreds of schooners as they entered the east end of Stag Harbour Run and went on through as far as Labrador. These were years a long time ago, but not all that long, Mr. Speaker.

I would suspect that some of the same gentlemen today who are in the galleries and are still attempting to prosecute the fishery, bear some of the names - the famous names of the fish killers of Newfoundland, i.e., Cuttlers, Davises, Pickets, Rodgers, Burries and Blackwoods, and I would only hope, Sir, that arrangements will be made by the Federal Government which Government, I suppose, has the primary responsibility and jurisdiction of this particular area, that the Federal Government will make the necessary arrangements so that those people can return to the Labrador fishery and hopefully have a good year.

I would also hope that this Government, this Provincial Government, would give them all the backing which they certainly need and certainly deserve in trying to persuade the Federal Government to become sensitive to the great problem facing them and that they will return to the Labrador fishery and have a good summer.

HON. H. STARKES: (MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS): Mr. Speaker, it seems as if the hon. Leader of the Opposition is giving up all hope not only of becoming Premier of the Province, but also becoming the Minister of Highways after listening to what he would do if he were Minister of Highways, he would be down there tomorrow morning and so on. In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, if this petition is received by the House and referred to the Department of Highways, I assure the honourable House that it will receive every possible consideration.

MR. JOHN MAHONEY: Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition to present to the House.

MR. SPEAKER: I might say before I put the motion, this is one of the very few petitions being presented in its proper form and in accordance with the rules that we have had this year.

Moved and seconded that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. JOHN MAHONEY: Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from 115 residents of Manuals Road in Manuals in the district of Harbour Main, which I have the honour to represent in this House. And the prayer of the petition is that those residents do petition the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to consider the paving of that road during this current season. This road was widen and upgraded nearly ten years ago, and since that time the people residing on that road have paid the cost of oiling the road yearly. There is a school located on the road, and there is also extra traffic occasioned by the fact that the older children from the area are taken by bus to other schools in the area Conception Bay South. Added traffic comes in the summer season, because this area is a very popular resort for people from the St. John's Metropolitan Area who use that as a summer resort.

I think that even though I support it, I will support what my hon. friend the member for Bonavista South has said, there might be little greater hope of getting something done this year, I would hope in connection with this area, it is a small piece of road, heavily travelled, dusty in summer and the usual

MR. MAHONEY: mud conditions in spring. I personally sympathize with the residents on that road who keep their homes in excellent condition. They like to keep their grounds well, and this is an impossible task in summer time with the dust conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I give my whole-hearted support to the prayer of this petition, and ask that it be received by the House and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. A. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my support to that petition, being a livery of that area, pretty near it for some months of the summer, I have not a great estate or a large ranch or anything like that, just a small humble estate, I spent a couple of months of the summer up there, and I am thoroughly familiar with the conditions as outlined by the hon. member. And the conditions that generally apply to all these roads in the summertime, when I am looking at the hon. Minister of Supply and Services there, perhaps some of us more wealthy tycoons who can go to the country for the summer have to put up with dust and it costs us a few dollars extra for oil. But I would like to put forth the idea, Mr. Speaker, if I may at this time, that some of these roads and I believe, if they were oiled properly, perhaps graded and oiled, if pavement is not imminent perhaps we all realize the cost of paving all these roads is quite, very expensive, but some of these roads that are very short, perhaps a mile or two miles, so on and so forth, if our Highways Department would develop a system of grading and oiling these roads for the few short months of summer, might come up to help a lot of the livers in the area.

But I would support the petition quite openly and I would hope that all these petitions coming forward now, and I think they are brought out in view of the great announcement we had a few weeks ago, were every nook and cranny of the Province was to be paved, and perhaps some of these were omitted

MR. MURPHY: because they could not find them on the map. So people are just bringing them to the attention of the hon. Minister of Highways and for that reason I would suggest that the hon. Minister of Highways add this piece of road on his list.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

FURTHER PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

MR. WILLIAM SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present a petition from the people of Port Anson on Sunny Cove Island. Now, Mr. Speaker, as you well know on Sunny Cove Island there are two communities, one is Port Anson and the other is Miles Cove. Approximately a week ago in this House I presented a petition with the same prayer from the people of Miles Cove, and this is the second part of the petition from the people now of Port Anson.

The prayer of this petition, Sir, is the same as the one from Miles Cove namely; for the construction of a highway from the Robert's Arm Road to the Sea Shore opposite the settlement of Port Anson; and then for the construction of a causeway across the short stretch of salt water to the Island itself, so that the people of Sunny Cove Island and the two communities on it will have a road connection with the remainder of the Province.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the prayer of this petition and ask that it be received by the House and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

NOTICE OF MOTION

HON. L. R. CURTIS: (MINISTER OF JUSTICE): Mr. Speaker, I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce A Bill, " An Act To Provide For the Ownership of Individual Units In Buildings".

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HON. J. R. CHALKER: (MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS): Mr. Speaker, I have several answers here, I am looking through them, I notice there are a few omissions, but they are not great admission. In answer to question No. 154 on the Order Paper of March 5th. in the name of the hon. member for St. John's West. The last part of the question asked us to supply copies of leases. There is only actually one lease I have been informed that we were responsible for, as the other are Crown Corporations, would be the Board of Liquor Control, and that at present is in the Department of Justice. Well that was what I was informed, none of those leases are presently in the files of the Department of Public Works at the present time, that is the reason I have held a question.

I thought they would like to have the square footage and the cost, they are not as of ten minutes ago or a half an hour ago in the Department of Public Works, but if they are available I will certainly have them copied and sent to this House.

Also the answer to Question 178 on the Order Paper of March 6th. in the name of the hon. the member for Humber East.

On the Order Paper of April 9th. Question No. 344 -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. CHALKER: I am tabling them all, Mr. Speaker. In the name of the hon. Member for St. John's West. That will be tabled and I am tabling them all.

On the Order Paper of April 15th. Question No. 437 by the hon. the member for Burin, and this relates to the works of art in the Czechoslovakian Pavilion. In the answer it gives \$178,270.19, I will be tabling this, you do not have to mark it down, in addition to that Mr. Speaker, there is the glass fountain erected in the Sir Richard Squire Government Building at Corner Brook which amount to I think roughly \$22,000. The total of this material, this art in round figures is \$200,000.

MR. CHALKER: And answer to question 496 on the Order Paper of April 30th., in the name of the hon. member for Bonavista North.

I wish to table those answers, Mr. Speaker.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, just before we come to Orders of the Day, I would like to direct a question to the hon. Premier, if he could clear the air with reference to a statement made in this House about the Atlantic Brewing to be purchased by Mr. Ben Ginter, and Mr. Ginter's statement over radio that we hear, if there is anything that the Premier could define for us, because the two statements seem to be conflicting, I am just wondering if the Premier would like to inform the House at this time, if there is anything new on this Atlantic Brewing deal?

MR. SMALLWOOD: Is that addressed to me?

MR. MURPHY: Yes.

MR. SMALLWOOD: I did not hear the question completely, but I understand I am asked if there is anything new that I know of in connection with the purchase of the Brewery by Ginter?

MR. MURPHY: With reference to the Premier's statement that Ginter would be possibly taking over the Brewery?

MR. SMALLWOOD: Now possibly he is taking it over, yes he is taking over the Brewery, there was quite a delay caused by the lawyers, first the lawyers in St. John's who had to draw up agreements, and then the lawyers for one of the trust companies, and then I think the lawyers for the bank, the various lawyers, and then finally the lawyers in, I think, Montreal, and then the documents had to go to British Columbia for Mr. Ginter's own attention and perhaps his signature.

In all events there was quite a bit of delay caused by the lawyers, who often do cause delay. Probably rightly so, probably a justifiable delay, but delay just the same. And I know that Mr. Ginter was very angry over the delay, he was quite angry, he was more than angry, angry is too mild a word, for his feelings about the delay, because he wanted to get going.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Now I have not heard anything for two or three days, I do not know whether everything now has been signed, I just have not heard anything for several days. But I have no doubt that the deal has been made, but not consummated, because the consummation of it depended on the drafting of certain legal documents, which drafting was in the hands of the different sets of lawyers, his lawyers, the trust companies lawyers, the bank lawyers, and I do not know what other lawyers.

MR. WELLS: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. I think this is probably the real question that the Leader of the Opposition was asking, Mr. Ginter denied this morning that he would assume any responsibility whatsoever for the \$407,000 that is owing to the Newfoundland Liquor Commission. He has reported on radio station C.J.O.N. I believe, in a voice comment, has denying that he would accept any responsibility for it whatsoever and I believe, went further to state that the more he saw, that the less interested he was becoming in the whole proposal.

In the light of the Premier's statement to us.....

MR. SMALLWOOD: I think that shows that the less the radio stations and the politicians but in on it, the better for the Province. If he is to be hounded by every radio station ringing in, and if he is to be hounded by questions in the House of Assembly, it is as good a way that I know of as any to drive him out of the Province.

MR. WELLS: Mr. Speaker, before Orders of the Day are called, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Public Works. I would like to ask him if he has made any arrangements or if the Government have made any arrangements to have an immediate investigation carried out into the construction of the Janeway Apartments in light of the fact, that they costed much more than doubled per square foot, as cost to the public building in Corner Brook? On the information tabled, that would warrant an immediate investigation, I would think.

MR. CHALKER: I would like notice of that question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WELLS: Would the minister accept that as notice? Would he accept my question now as notice?

MR. CHALKER: No, Mr. Speaker, that is rather a healthy question, I would like to have it put on the Order Paper.

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, before you call Orders of the Day, would the hon. Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation who has been investigating this matter report to the House, as to the situation concerning the couple who are living in a motor vehicle?

MR. NEARY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can confirm the fact that there are a couple living in a car in Grand Bank. The officials of my department in Grand Bank have offered the couple alternative accommodations, we have offered to pay their board and lodgings until permanent shelter can be found. They have refused, their children are living with relatives at the moment. I understand from reports that I have been getting from my officials in the area that they have also been offered accommodations by one of the churches in the area. They have refused this. They were offered a summer house, I believe, and that was refused because it was not in the municipality and they did not have a bathroom in the house.

And there is such a thing in this country, Mr. Speaker, as civil liberties and I think Canada has subscribed to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and if these people elect to live in a car or live in a tent, or live in an igloo, I do not think that there is anyway that we can force them out of it. We have offered the best solution that we have at the moment, and they have refused to accept it, we are giving the matter of finding permanent shelter top priority. And this is all I can say about it at the moment, Mr. Speaker.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. CHALKER: When my hon. friend the hon. member for St. Barbe South moved

MR. CHALKER: this motion, when I was absent from the House I think for approximately two weeks. Upon my return I was informed that this White Paper which my colleague the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources had been working at for approximately over a year would be presented. I believe, I told the Premier at the time that on the presentation of this wonderful document on the Great Northern Peninsula, that the member for St. Barbe South would withdraw his motion.

However, that did not happen. And for the last three or four Wednesday's we have heard all sorts of words, all sorts of praises and sometimes abuse from one of the other sides, which I think leaves most of the people in the Northern Peninsula still ignorant of the fact of what actually the hon. member's motion from St. Barbe South means to them, and as well as the White Paper.

I was more than surprised, Sir, when the hon. member for St. Barbe South did not withdraw this motion. He and I have been great personal friends and I know we will continue that, although at one time we saw eye to eye politically, as a matter of fact I think, possibly I was the one that started him on his political career. At least

MR. CHALKER: At least I got his toes wet. I am sorry now I did not get him up to his neck, or possibly he would have another idea of moving across the floor. Another reason I am surprised by the hon. gentleman Mr. Speaker, is the fact that in this House, I think that he and I are the only members present that really know the great Northern peninsula. From Wiltondale to St. Anthony, or to Cook's Harbour. I say that in all honesty as both of us have travelled it many many times, and I have been representing that district when it extended from Wiltondale to Big Brook for two elections, starting in 1959, and was introduced to that district by the Premier, and believe it or not Mr. Speaker, by the father-in-law of the hon. member for St. Barbe South.

I was walking slightly ahead of the Premier at the time. But at that time I said to the Premier - he asked me if I would be interested in running for St. Barbe South, but I had ideas then of possibly getting out of politics. And I said I would like to have a district, perhaps this is a wee bit away from the subject Mr. Speaker, but I want to bring out a point. That I would like to visit the district first, which he and I did. And the late Mr. Walter Butler met us and made arrangements for us to go down the coasts for as far as the road extended, just a little bit beyond Rocky Harbour.

I made a complete tour after that. When I came back to the Premier, I said yes, I would like to run for that district if there is any possibility of extending the road from Rocky Harbour on through St. Barbe North to White Bay North. He asked me how much it would cost, and I said approximately \$11 million to \$12 million. And he said, "we will try," and we tried.

Now Sir, that road as my hon. friend from St. Barbe South knows quite well - I am leaving the parks out for just a moment or so - that road Mr. Speaker, was completed I believe, in 1962 I believe, and was completed just a little ways past Reefs Harbour called Sizes Brook. Sir, that road since its completion, has meant the employment of at least

300 to 500 people in little small industries, shops, trucking concerns and taxis. This in itself Sir, I know it is a lot of money to pay for 300 to 400 jobs at that time, but still Sir, it kept that coast, took that coast completely out of isolation. One Governor at the time, I believe it was Governor MacDonald I am not quite sure, travelling down that coast by war ship, landed at Flower's Cove and was greeted by the people there whom he addressed. And one of the members attending that meeting I think it was the late Angus Genge, asked the Governor would they ever have a road down through that area of the Province. And he said, "never."

Well Mr. Speaker, it took a man to be elected into this community as Premier to ^{tell} that Governor who I believe is dead many years ago, that he was quite wrong. The road is there. It is a good road as gravel roads go. It is considered to be equivalent to any gravel road in North America.

Now what I want to do this afternoon Mr. Speaker, is to put in plain language just what this park and this White Paper in conjunction would mean in the economics of that entire coast. There is no doubt Sir, that the Bonne Bay Park, is probably situated in the most beautiful part of Newfoundland. I have travelled all over it. I have not climbed the Gros Morne. I have no intention to. I have not climbed up Table Mountain, although I believe some people do go partridge shooting, I believe it is in season, not out of season anyhow. But I have travelled down, which is part of my district, through that area, and it always reminds me of the bad lands one would see in the Movies, cowboys and Indians, down to the Nickel Theatre years ago. It is impressive so much in its bareness. It is rather peculiar. It is a volcanic, from waste formation, but very beautiful in its ruggedness to watch and to drive through. After you leave the main highways Sir, at the entrance to this road, you climb a very, very steep hill. You go along those mountains where there is snow. I have seen it there all summer long. And then all of a sudden you go down another steep hill after about six to eight miles and you come onto

a fiord, I suppose I would call it, a green grassy place with a beautiful river, where the settlement of Trout River is. It is absolutely marvelous. I do not know of any other place that I have seen that could match its beauty, well to a certain extent, it is like looking down on Corner Brook from the Trans Canada Highway. It is a terrific depth down below, which is a beautiful sight too.

Now Sir, this I believe - oh no, I have listened to those people now for the last ten weeks, and I would not like to say the word I would like to say, but it is something you just have to hold in buckets. I do not think we would have the facilities to carry what is in this House. I will pin it down later on.

Sir, where the area of this Park is, is terrific, and since they built the road around Western Arm, from Wiltondale over to Rocky Harbour, I must say it was only last year the hon. member for St. Barbe South and I drove down through my district and his district. And I took many, many pictures of this beautiful sight. If anyone in this House has not gone over that road, I certainly suggest that they do it this summer. It certainly is worth a trip Sir, and it is a part of the land that can never be spoiled in my opinion. It just cannot be spoiled. Not even with Silica.

MR WELLS: What about the salmon pool?

MR. CHALKER: I will suggest that salmon pool to the hon. gentleman the 26 of September. I believe the season closes then, because I hope to go down there before that date Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will tell you it is a good salmon pool. It is probably the best one in Newfoundland, the Castor River. And that is in my district, one of the best districts in Newfoundland Mr. Speaker. Of course everybody knows that.

Now Sir, this Park. I have no doubt about this Park going there. I have no doubt whatsoever. But I am very proud of my friend, the Minister

of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, in this Paper which he has brought forward in conjunction with this proposed National Park at Bonne Bay. He has put in there some sort of a bargaining right which we did many years ago in the Terra Nova Park out around the Gander area. And we have bargained, as has been heard already in this House Mr. Speaker, take the overage of wood each year and various other agreements I think at the time, that part of the agreement was that they had to pave through the Park. Yes, it held up for about a year, possibly two years. But we got all that at no cost to this community.

Now Mr. Speaker, this White Paper envisages, first of all, a National Park, and then to overcome any losses which this Government, or the people of Newfoundland would suffer due to the finding of minerals, the possibilities of oil, that the Federal Government would pave this road right through the Northern Peninsula down as far as Meadows is it? Down to St. Anthony.

If they did this Sir, in my opinion, it would be equivalent to about two or three industries being placed here. And not only would it be equivalent Mr. Speaker. It would be the means of bringing two or three industries in there. At the present time in St. Barbe South, they have a large build-up of fishing plants at Port au Choix. Also close by at Hawke's Bay they are now about to open a new type of saw mill. However Sir, if this road is continued on down through, say to St. Anthony, and I will say before I leave the Port au Choix area Sir, in this report it hopes to put there an Airport. Now Sir, that Airport can be put there I think cheaper than anywhere else that I know of in Newfoundland. It is a God-made place with gravel I think. All they would have to do Sir, at that place would be to scarify it, strengthen it up and pave it. Of course it would have to be engineered. In that particular area Sir, I believe they built a mile of road a day. It was just a matter of taking off the over-burden of this place, and opening up a beautiful surface and ditching it on the side. Although it is not in my district, it is only a very, very few miles away.

I think about thirty. Twenty-five miles from Barr'd Harbour, probably thirty from Castor River, that would not be quite that much. This road Sir, would open up probably the greatest tourist development that this Island will ever see. This^{is} from Port au Choix north going into St. Barbe North.

Actually Mr. Speaker, you have in that area from St. Barbe South to St. Barbe North, two entirely different countries. St. Barbe South is hilly, terrific ravines, and practically all of the people living by the seashore. But as you go farther north and leave the Port au Choix area, you^{go} into the road which is close by the sea, but the long range mountains go farther eastward, and eventually flatten right out as one goes onward to Flower's Cove area, which my hon. friend from Fortune had the good fortune of visiting and praising very highly at one time.

If this road is paved Sir, in this particular area, you cannot divide the two districts, it is practically impossible, because one works with the other. You will have the greatest trade in tourists, far better by a hundred percent, five hundred percent that we are enjoying in this Province of ours today. Not only that Sir, as one goes further along the coast to the north, you automatically come into sight of the beautiful Labrador coast, Forteau, Blanc Sablon, where at the present time, we are running a ferry. The Government are running a ferry from St. Barbe, the settlement of St. Barbe over to Forteau. I think it takes about four to five hours, and I had the good fortune, again I cannot divorce this hon. gentleman Mr. Speaker, because he was with me at the time. I saw most of the trip, I will not say what happened to the other gentleman. It was rather rough at the time, but those things do happen to the very best of us.

MR. SMALLWOOD: He has been seasick ever since.

MR. CHALKER: I would not say it was all seasick Sir.

MR. MRYDEN: We have listened now for almost eight weeks concerning

the White Paper, and the Motion here on the floor is to debate the Bonne Bay Park. It has nothing to do with roads way up around Labrador. And I would like to ask the hon. gentleman, speaking about roads, does he remember that almost three years ago, two years ago at least, the hon. member for St. Barbe North and White Bay North made a public statement, that one of their first priorities would be to have that road paved right from Deer Lake to St. Anthony? That is almost two years ago, before the White Paper was thought about.

MR. CHALKER: That is quite right Mr. Speaker. The only ^{question} there is; who is going to pay for it? The Provincial Government or the Federal Government? I believe the Federal Government will eventually come in and pay for this road. I know everybody will hope so, but I feel absolutely certain Sir, that they will. As I said before Mr. Speaker, that we did some trading on the Park in the Central Newfoundland Terra Nova Park, and I do not see why we cannot do some trading on this for the benefit of Newfoundlanders. It took I think about eight years I think to complete that Park. We still have two years to go Mr. Speaker. And I do not believe we will have to wait that long.. Personally, I do not think we will have to wait that long.

I know the Premier is right. He is always right as far as I am concerned. And we will know within a month, less than a month now, probably a week to ten days.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Three weeks, the fourth week is gone, that leaves three weeks.

MR. CHALKER: Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend asked me ^{to keep to} the subject to his Motion. I think I have kept to the subject of his Motion, because I bought this in with it too, and I think this is part of the Motion, inasmuch that we want the Park as much as my hon. friend wants the Park. I want the Park. I am sure everyone on this side of the House and the other side of the House want^s the Park. But what is wrong with us trying to

get a road paved with the help of the Federal Government right through that western part of Newfoundland? I am sure my hon. friend from St. Barbe South and all the hon. gentlemen opposite would love to see it done Sir, I am sure they would. They why do they criticize if we are trying to do a little bit of bargaining? We have to bargain.

Getting back to another point Mr. Speaker, about welfare. This Park itself. The way I look at parks. It is a place that people will go and enjoy themselves one, two or three weeks. They are very, very popular in Newfoundland today. My hon. friend on the opposite side says, he is looking at it absolutely wrong. He thinks it will take a terrific amount of labour. Yes at the start. But it will end up with fifty or sixty people there permanently employed. Fifty or sixty people.

Now Mr. Speaker, if this road goes through I preface my remarks by saying that 300 to 500 jobs were put there by a dirt road. I say there would be 2,000 to 3,000 jobs Sir, will develop ^{out of} the road that is paved. And if I may, I would like to give you some examples.

Port au Choix as I said before, in my hon. friend's district, is a great fishing center in that particular area. You move down to Reef's Harbour, Brig Bay as you go farther north there are other fishing centers. But Sir, when the glut of fish comes on - the glut of fish comes along here in St. Barbe. We have fellows in my district fishing there. They just take the Port au Choix men - my men have to go back, and either throw up their fish and salt it down, which they have done, and get it in trucks and drive it seventy to eighty miles to St. Anthony, which is ridiculous. And Sir, there would be more fish hauled out of that area Mr. Speaker, if those roads were properly paved. I was talking to my hon. friend, I still have to refer to him. He is very fortunate he sold out his trucking business. I would like to know what it cost him down there to run those trucks over those roads. I have been talking to people from the Maritimes, who said if they could get the roads paved

right through down to the area through St. Barbe South and St. Barbe North and into White Bay North, they would carry thousands and thousands of tons of fish directly out of that place to their own Mainland. And then that is absolutely perfect Mr. Speaker. That is absolutely correct.

I remember the first trip I drove across country with my brother-in-law, the late Bob Squires, son of a former Premier, Sir Richard Squires. I think it took us three weeks to make Corner Brook, I think it took us three weeks. There was not any road available really and we ran out a set of tires, but those two hon. gentlemen Mr. Speaker, from Humber East and St. Barbe South, they think nothing, they think no more of driving in now from Corner Brook to St. John's on a paved road, than I thought fifteen to twenty years ago, of driving from St. John's to Harbour Grace.

Now they come up with this idea of a park. They do not want us to do any trading on it. They want this little tiny place put away there. They forget the fishermen in the northern part of Newfoundland, forget the fishermen in the southern part of Newfoundland. Forget the transportation by aircraft from the Island to Labrador. Forget all that, give us our park. Employ fifty people. And Mr. Speaker, I am willing to bet right here now, that if a moratorium was taken down there, that course, Woody Point, Curzon village - a referendum rather - possibly Norris Point, but I say you may get a terrific majority there. But as you go towards Cow Head, I would say it would slacken off eighty to ninety percent.

It is not propaganda. It is fact. I feel sorry for my hon. friend because he knows exactly what I am saying is the truth. He knows that it is the absolute truth. He said it to me himself. He brought something up Mr. Speaker, that my friend, the hon. Minister of Health and I said; which we did and I do hope it is going to be there. I hope the Federal Government will pay for it. I have heard the hon. gentleman say myself,

"my God, I cannot keep trucks on the road." I have heard a man by the name of Clyde Hoddinott, I think he is in here representing my district for the P.C.'s. a very nice gentleman. We all have our faults of course, but we cannot help that.

MR. MURPHY: He has to be a gentleman.

MR. CHALKER: That is right yes. He has to be a gentleman to be a friend of mine too. Anyway as I say, we all have our faults, including that little infliction, however we get over that once in awhile. But he is running those trucks Mr. Speaker, and I say it must be costing him a fortune. I was talking to his brother

MR. CHALKER: His brother there yesterday who has a garage and a parts place there in some point. I asked him, I said, " what do you want, the park?" He said, " we are not interested in the park as such, we want paved roads."

MR. MYRDEN: That is 150 miles north.

MR. CHALKER: Sure it is 150 miles north, but, what happened when we were building that road down there, did not those people in the northern section wait for five, six, seven years? We did not start in places here and there, we started from St. Anthony one way and we came up from Rocky Harbour the other way and we met down near Reefs Harbour.

Now they are still willing to wait Sir, but I do not see why they have to wait so long when this is as sure as I am standing here at this desk today. I know it is sure, a paved road, sure. The Premier said that and I will back what the Premier said.

MR. WELLS: Paved roads in

MR. MYRDEN: Oh come off it

MR. CHALKER: Oh well now, I would say to pave that place down there Mr. Premier would take at the minimum five years, because, the road from Plum Point to St. Anthony will all have to be re-engineered and rebuilt and probably in many cases relocated. If this thing goes through Sir, we are bringing prosperity to the northwest part of Newfoundland that no one could ever dream of twenty years, or even five years ago. We have ample fish supplies down there, we have a great variety of fish down there, and when they get over this foolishness of killing those little seals which we have been doing here for a couple of hundred or three hundred years, and a great personal friend of mine who I think is the only one with guts enough left now to put money in it, Percy Crosbie, he sends out the C.A.Crosbie and he probably lost his shirt on her this year. It was only the other day that I was talking to him about it. He thinks the thing is ridiculous and our little people down there have to suffer the same as Mr. Crosbie who is a very -

MR. MURPHY: Did the hon. Minister say when they get over the foolishness of killing little seals? Does he not mean when they get over banning the killing of little seals?

MR. CHALKER: Well that is the same, if you cannot kill them you ban them so what is the difference.

MR. MURPHY: I just wanted to correct the statement, because it will come out that you are

MR. CHALKER: No, no, I think the seal in my district Sir, there are crews down there who make as high as \$5,000. and \$6,000. a year on seals. I would say that they made it this year but there was no outcry last year when the seals were brought forward. I saw them myself, with their flippers stuck to their side like this with oil. Was there any crying then about inhumanity to seals? Not a word. I saw the people and my hon. friend probably saw them too, I saw the women down there trying with some sort of detergent to was the oil off the seal pelts so that they could sell them. That is a fact and there was not a word said about it.

AN HON. MEMBER: What is the Government doing about it?

MR. CHALKER: I do not know what the Government can do about it, it is not in our area. I would like for this Government to have them there, I will tell you Mr. Premier that if I was Premier of Newfoundland and had the rights which the Premier has not, I would have a warship down in the Straits of Belle Isle. I would not have her cruising down off Burmuda, I would have her down there watching those poor little folks thirty-eight - fifty feet longliners who fish out forty, fifty, sixty fathoms of water and in the night, and I saw it myself Mr. Speaker, I have seen it just like a city off Forteau Point, as many as fifteen and twenty draggers and Canadian draggers who have no more right there than the foreign draggers, coming in and practically sweeping the rocks.

I have seen that Mr. Speaker, they went, a Spanish one, I believe it was Spanish, I should not say the nationality because I am not sure, but a foreign dragger went ashore on an island in Green Island, just off Green

Island Cove, and another ship came in and towed her off. My friend here can substantiate all that, he has seen it as well as I have seen it. Down there today I read in the papers that they are taking up their nets, dragging those nets. There is one fellow there in Port au Choix, not Port au Choix, in Barton's Harbour Sir, he lost twenty six nets in one drag last year. He had to go on welfare.

I saw something else downthere Sir, where they have taken up the nets on their drag and just cut the heads off the fish and left them in the net and threw what was left of the net over board. They kept the body of the fish. I saw that.

MR. COLLINS: This has been going on in the Straits of Belle Isle for years and the nonsense with this Mr. Davis in New Brunswick, and trying to ban the seal fishery has been going on for years, and there has not been a single solitary beep from this Provincial Government in the defence of the fishermen and the sealers. What has been done about it?

MR. MURPHY: Hear, hear. The Hon. Minister of Fisheries was asked ten days in a row what we were going to do about it, and not a word he surrendered. Only for Jack Marshall no one would know about the northwest coast either.

MR. CHALKER: It is Jack Marshalls job Mr. Speaker, and I say-

MR. MURPHY: I know it is his job, and he is doing his job on behalf of

MR. CHALKER: I never said he was not doing his job, but unless the Government of Canada, it happened in Deifenbaker's time and it is going to happen again, but unless they can cut off, and I say Mr. Speaker, I know I am a bit away from the subject, but I think those people will bear with me. If they cut off the Straits of Belle Isle from Belle Isle down to say Point Riche. Forbid any kind of draggers in there, any kind whatsoever, just allow inshore fishermen and long liners and hook and liners to work that area. Mr. Speaker, you can see, you have been down there Mr. Speaker, you can see across that place. You can see the cars down there on the other side and those big draggers coming in, of all nationalities, and just dragging the thing clean.

I cannot speak for the Premier, but I feel sure that he would agree with me that we should have a good warship stationed down there. One that does not have to come in port every night, and I hope that Mr. Jack Marshall hears that because, he is the man up there at the time and if he wants something done in welfare I can help him down here. Now, I want him to help and I am not saying that he has not helped, I like Mr. Marshall. Again we have our faults

MR. MURPHY: The voice crying in the wilderness

MR. MYRDEN: Can we get back to the park?

MR. CHALKER: We are back to the park, those seals are going south and they will be down in the park in about three or four days time Mr. Speaker. We

MR. MURPHY: We are going to have a slipway in the park for the seals to go through.

MR. CHALKER: A slipway in the park. But Sir, those are the things that are contentious in that area. I know it has nothing to do with this, but as it is brought up, I was asked a question, I think I can answer it. I do not know what this Government can do about it. I phoned Mr. Bradley, a very nice gentleman, and he says that sometimes it is overrated. I saw the boats myself. I has my own boat down there one year and as I came out of the fog I came upon this one not three hundred yards from land and she scooted. She was faster than my boat. When I reported it they asked if I got the name. I was not interested in the name, I was interested in where I was at the time because, I thought at that time that I was lost. However, I got out of it.

Mr. Speaker, this is a thing, they say " look, for get this blaming of Governments. It is so silly and foolish." They blame Mr. Marshall for no post offices, they blame me for something else, or they blame my hon. friend from Gander with something eles. There is nothing better that any politician on both sides of this House would like to do but to help the people. As I said with the park, we would love to help the people with the park, we are going to help the people with the park, but

Sir, it is broader than the park.

I have rambled a bit with the seal fishery, with the cod fishery and everything else that is related to Newfoundland. It is one of our prime industries Sir, that will come back again. Statements have been different on it, but Sir, I can assure you that in my own district of St. Barbe North, that if ^{it} is ever to come out of the difficulties it is in now, its economic difficulties, it has to be by fish and by wood and roads and nothing else. Because, that is as far as I can -

AN HON. MEMBER: Tourists?

MR. CHALKER: Pardon?

AN HON. MEMBER: Tourists?

MR. CHALKER: Oh, tourists Sir, I take that as just cream. Like the average Newfoundlander, I suppose my friends from Bonavista who are here will say that there is only one catch of fish and that is cod fish. All the rest is surplus. You know, you do not count that in your making out.

But Sir, in conclusion, first of all I would like again to congratulate my hon. friend and my fellow colleagues and member on this side of the House in the support to this white paper. It means Sir, a revolution, an economic revolution in three districts on the Great Northern Peninsula, St. Barbe South, St. Barbe North and White Bay. Thank you.

HON. G.A. FRECKER (Minister of Provincial Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am almost dumbfounded because, I have been allowed to get the floor this afternoon. If you will recall Mr. Speaker, I made three attempts last Wednesday, but I was so submerged by a deluge of words all afternoon that I put down on take off. I would say I am going to take off and each time I was submerged again.

MR. SMALLWOOD (J.R.): (Inaudible)

MR. MURPHY: The hon. gentleman knows how I have been feeling the past three days

MR. FRECKER: I never cease to be amazed truly Mr. Speaker, at the

eloquence, verbosity and fluency of most members of this House. Personally I feel more at home with a pen in my hand trying to get my thoughts on paper than trying to express them viva voce as I am trying to do at the moment.

I understand that Premier Smallwood thinks best on his feet and I think we have plenty of evidence of that, but I hardly realized that so many members of the House had the same gift in various degrees, but not quite to the same degree that the Premier has it. For example, the hon. member for Burin, I have been amazed during this session of the House at his ability to give birth to a flow of words unending.

As far as the hon. member for St. John's West is concerned, such a firebrand I never thought we would see in the House. He is a veritable man of fire these days.

The member for Humber East, it is hard to describe him. I just cannot find words. Then we get down to coming back home over on this side, I am truly amazed that my colleague and the man who joined the forces the same time I did, namely the hon. member for Bonavista South, he is never short of words. They just seem to come, they say that is the good methodist background in him. I have some of it, but I just lost that. I only have the feet that will not dance.

I will be checked in a minute and told that I am not on the subject. Whilst the speakers were giving vent to their various motions pro and con, I looked through the pages of the white paper and I also looked through another document Mr. Speaker, which is the product of the thinking and wishes of an organization known as NARDA. Development of the northern peninsula of Newfoundland, the committee which is dealing with this important subject.

You know Mr. Speaker, there is a remarkable resemblance between the two documents. The NARDA report on the development of the northern peninsula and the white paper on the development of Gros Morne national park. We have been given the impression here, at least I have, that this white paper is the product, well an almost illegitimate child sort of, that it was not born out of the wishes of the people of the northern peninsula.

Yet, the similarity between the recommendations is so striking Mr. Speaker, that I would like to with your permission put them on record. May I do that?

Now in the northern development paper or report or brief, which was presented in the House of Commons quite recently, and which comes after the white paper in time, has the following recommendations relating to Gros Morne national park and these are the recommendations. Recreation village Bonne Bay area. Winter sports range, Trout River area. Under-water park Rocky Harbour, Bonne Bay area. Adult education and fine arts centre at Woody Point. Marine and small boat basin at Neddy's Harbour. Retention of Sally's Cove and Trout River as typical fishing villages within the park area. Preservation of historic and colourful structures, for example, light houses. Fishing and landing rights as tourist attractions. Provisions of wharves and landing areas with marketing facilities, including, a special seafood restaurant. Wild animal zoo, with typical Newfoundland animals. Procession of fish (I do not know whether that is a misspelling or not, I do not know if it is processing or procession, perhaps it is procession) of fish, salmon and trout hatchway for the peninsula.

Promotion of three historic parks at Port au Choix an L'Anse au Meadows. Now let us look Mr. Speaker, at the recommendations in the white paper, bearing in mind that one was supposed to have come into existence without much consultation with the people of the area. I think the recommendations are on page six. Sorry to keep you waiting Mr. Speaker, yes, here we are, on page nine of the white paper, " therefore, the following are put forward as facilities necessary to equip fully the Gros Morne national park in order to enable it to compete satisfactorily with other national parks in the Atlantic Provinces, and to realize its full potential in terms of its economic impact on the north west coast of the Province and here are the recommendations, as contained in the white paper. Recreation village including golf, tennis, heated swimming pools, children's playgrounds, probably in the Lomond area.

Winter sports range to provide for the winter tourists demands for which there is now no satisfactory provision in the Atlantic Provinces. Lomond, Western Brook and South River are considered suitable areas. This would include skiing slopes and cross country, tobogganing and sno-mobiling. Underwater park component probably north of Rocky Harbour to be the first in Canada and to capture the rapidly emerging underwater sports interests. Adult education and fine arts centre probably at Woody Point, recommended in the 1968 ARDA study for Bartlett's Harbour.

Marine and a small boat basin at Neddy's Harbour, with emphasis on the development of deep-sea tuna sports fishing. The retention of certain communities such as Sally's Cove and Trout River as typical fishing villages within the national park. Preservation of historic and/or colourful structures such as lighthouses etc. as tourist attractions. Continuation of fishing rights and landing rights along the coast within the national park as tourist attractions, and provision of wharves and landing and marketing facilities including a seafood restaurant or concession. A wild animal zoo with typical animals found within the national park which might be viewed by visitors. The provision of a fish salmon and trout hatchery as planned in the new Kent County national park in New Brunswick.

Now there is a great similarity between these recommendations Mr. Speaker, and I am delighted that there should be because, it would be very, very disappointing indeed, if the good people of the northern peninsula and the people making up the committees for northern development did not see the value of an integrated national park such as that recommended by the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources.

Personally I have been very interested in the upper part of the northern peninsula, particularly ^{because} of the L'Anse au Meadows site there which as the hon. member.....

MR. FRECKER:

as the hon. members of this House know, Mr. Speaker, is considered to be a genuine, authenticated site of the early Viking landings in the New World, if not the first. Some people would go so far as to claim that it is the landing site of Leif Ericson, but that is not authenticated. Nevertheless, the period of the landing is authenticated by carbon test to be around 940 or around the year 1000 which is about the period of the Viking voyages in the Atlantic.

Now, the hon Minister of Health and I, two years ago, visited L'Anse au Meadows. We did not go right out to the site together. He had other business to do, but we were accompanied by the Assistant Director of Historic Sites from Ottawa, Mr. Peter Bennett and Peter and I went right out to the site, and I may say that you just get the feeling, when you are there, Mr. Speaker, that it must be genuine. You almost can visualize the old Viking ships coming down the Straits of Belle Isle and making for the shores. At L'Anse au Meadows, some people claim that the name is a misnomer, although you do get the idea of meadows, because of the wide sweep of grassy beach that is there. The real name, apparently, was Jelly Fish Bay, because Jelly Fish in French is "méduse" and "méduse" could be very easily corrupted to meadows. So it would be L'Anse au Méduse, which would be Jelly Fish Cove. Nevertheless, the name L'Anse au Meadows suits the locality every bit as much as the other name, which probably originated from the plentiful supply of jelly fish floating around in the waters there.

Now at L'Anse au Meadows, we have a treasure, the value of which, in my opinion, would be difficult to exaggerate. It would catch the imagination, not only of Canada and of the United States, but of Scandinavian countries and of Europe, and it has been the thought of this Government to interest the Federal Government in making L'Anse au Meadows a national park. We have, actually, entered into very promising and very serious negotiations with the Federal Government concerning L'Anse au Meadows and the possibility of having

it declared a national park.

We have done some work with regard to its preservation, for instance, it is located near a brook which at flood time in the spring of the year can very easily do damage to the very delicate excavation ^{carried} out by Dr. Ingstad and his wife, particularly his wife who is the archaeologist of the team, and it has been covered over by a series of wooden buildings and that in itself gives you a kind of - oh, I do not know. It creates a feeling that you are with the past, when you go and see the dug-out parts of the foundations of these old Viking houses that were there in the old days.

Now the Federal Government have intimated that it is very, very deeply interested and has caught the vision of this national treasure. But, the negotiations at the present time have sort of veered a bit so as to attempt to dovetail the ultimate plan with the outline suggested in the White Paper, because, I believe, for one, that the larger integrated complex now recommended would ensure the success of the L'Anse au Meadows development even more than just catching the imagination of the authorities in Ottawa with regard to the L'Anse au Meadows site per se - in itself.

Now if we also get a paved highway, and I believe we will, eventually. We may take a few years. It will not be 3,000 people who will visit it - over 3,000, I might say, Mr. Speaker, visited L'Anse au Meadows last summer. It will not be 3,000, it could easily be 300,000, a ^{season}, if it ever gets developed the way I visualized its possibilities, ^{and} if we get a paved highway up the Northern Peninsula.

I can remember back in the 40's, in Commission days, making my first visit to Norris Point and Rocky Harbour. We had to go from Deer Lake by car to Lomond over very twisty, beautiful road, but kind of fatiguing to travel over.

Then we took a boat and went across beautiful Bonne Bay to Norris Point, I think it was - Norris Point, yes! The scenery across Bonne Bay was just out of this world. Now that was my first contact with getting near the base of

Mr. Frecker.

the Northern Peninsula.

Well quite a few years later, as a matter of fact just last year, I had occasion to go down to Port au Choix. We went by air from Corner Brook. The purpose of our visit, Mr. Speaker, was to see, at first hand, the work going on, the archaeological work going on, the burial sites at Port au Choix where Professor Tuck, the archaeologist at the University, had discovered some fifty skeletons buried near the seashore and again authenticated by carbon testing to go back about 4500 years. That is way before the advent of Christianity and which proves that Newfoundland is the site, the home, the habitat of primitive races that existed long before the Beothucks and long before the Dorset Eskimos ~~and~~ The intriguing aspect of the archaeological work that is going on in Newfoundland at the present time spells again tremendous possibilities for the future potential, terrifically and scientifically, of our Province.

I understand that off the island of Maine - I mean not off the island of Maine, but off Main in Labrador there is an island which again contains burial sites of archaeological finds of primitive races that antedate, by very many years, the Beothucks and the present Eskimos in Labrador. The Port au Choix site gave forth to science the richest cache, so far, of artifacts belonging to this pre-- Maritime Archaic culture that they discovered there. The University here is working on these artifacts, But we did not want, Mr. Speaker, to ignore the possibilities for the Northern Peninsula of having these historic archaeological finds. So we have set up a museum type of information centre at Port au Choix, which I have not had a chance to visit yet, but I saw the model of it, and when that is properly - it is built now and the exhibits are there and it is beautifully done by some of the people of the staff of the Department of Provincial Affairs. We have lost some of them now, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Premier. They have been taken from us because of their good work and taken to New Brunswick. When that site is properly - when that information centre is properly landscaped and properly developed

it will be a natural stopping-off place for people who are going to make a beautiful voyage up the Northern Peninsula on their holidays and on their exploration tours in the years to come.

The various aspects of this White Paper - I do not know why anybody on the Opposition side could find fault with the Government and with the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources for not being sufficiently alive to the needs for quick action. The definition, here given, will, I think, Mr. Speaker, give quite clearly why we cannot rush into a matter of this kind - of such complexity and of such great importance to the future of Newfoundland, the generations yet unborn.

On page six, you will find a definition, Mr. Speaker, which puts it in a nutshell why we cannot rush into this thing. Here again, I would like to make - put something on the record, Mr. Speaker. Two definitions; one given by the national authorities dealing with national parks and the other given by the Provincial Government. The national first: The philosophy underlining the national parks' concept in Canada is stated simply: It says; a 1965 policy statement of the Government of Canada declared: "the basic purpose of the national parks system is to preserve for all times areas, which contain significant, geographical, geological, biological or historic features, as a national heritage for the benefit of education and enjoyment of the people of Canada."

Now that is a very good definition, Mr. Speaker, but I think the Provincial one is even better and I would like to put this on the record: The philosophy of this Government, says the White Paper, as a Government, is also simply stated: "It is that representative areas of our Province and thus of the nation must be preserved for their esthetic, ecological and recreational value for present and future generations, but that an adequate balance must be struck between present and future life needs and the need for conservation for conservation's sake and that when conflicts arise, valued judgments must be made" - valued judgments, Mr. Speaker, must be made; regardless of the

Mr. Frecker.

consequences in the light of what appears at any given moment to be the entire public interest.

Now when one has to take into account, not only the matter as of today, but for the future and take in the entire range of interests that must be looked after, I think, it would be stupid, and we would be guilty of serious neglect of duty, did we rush into this and not try to get what the White Paper has so lucidly proposed. I believe the concept to be sound, and I believe that future generations looking back on Hansard will be scandalized to read the flood of anti-propaganda against the concept expounded in this White Paper.

Mr. Speaker, I will oppose the motion and support very strongly the White Paper.

MR BARBOUR: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for St Barbe South is a man, in my opinion, as I study his profile concerning his motion on the Order Paper, is very concerned about perhaps employment for the people. I think, in the first place, he should have withdrawn his motion, Sir, because I am satisfied, after hearing what the hon. the Premier has said in this House, in talking on the motion, that Bonne Bay, the Great Northern Peninsula, will have their park. I understand it is six hundred square miles. Well, the park in my district, which is in my district and nobody else's, the Terra Nova National Park is 153 square miles. And in this park there is a lot of employment all through the year.

In the park itself, for the tourists and the holiday seekers who go there, there are twenty-four units, 24 cabins. There is also a restaurant and a grocery department and also a department of the Board of Liquor Control where one who is in residence in the park can get his package of refreshments. I always refer to it as refreshments. I am a United Church man. I am an old Methodist.

Mr. Speaker, Section 4 of the National Park Act: "The parks are

hereby dedicated to the people of Canada for their benefit, education and enjoyment."

In the Terra Nova National Park we employ, during the summertime, seventy-four people. Thirty of the seventy-four are year-around employees, who are classified as such. Plus that, in the summertime seasonal employment, this summer, thus far is forty-four - so that thirty and forty-four is a total staff of seventy-four working in the park.

Now, Sir, in the winter it is a little different. The staff consists of thirty-seven, seven seasonal workers and thirty permanent workers. And the pay, at the present time, the minimum rate is one dollar and ninety-three cents per hour for men working on hourly pay. I do not know what the yearly men get. I do not know but I do know this; in addition to that, Mr. Speaker, there is Port Blandford, there is Charlottetown, practically in the park, where a number of men are employed in the two communities I just referred to because of the park. So I would say, all in all, there are somewhere from one hundred to one hundred and ten men who are getting a decent living because of the one hundred and fifty-three miles, square, Terra Nova National Park.

Now I am happy to say that I am getting my share. Very much so! Very much so! There may be the occasional man in Bunyan's Cove, there may be the occasional man in Canning's Cove or there may be the occasional man in Blookfield who may not be able to get a job when he wants one, but I can assure you Bonavista South is well taken care of. And if the hon. Leader of the Opposition has any doubt about that I would say to him; call the superintendant.

It is a great industry. Sure! People are getting a great living, and if we multiply that by eight, that is eight hundred souls who are making a living or at least getting something to eat.

MR. BARBOUR: getting something to eat.

MR. MURPHY: Inaudible.

MR. BARBOUR: I beg your pardon.

MR. MYRDEN: Three thousand square miles.

MR. BARBOUR: I am talking about square miles, 153 square miles. The park itself from Port Blanford to the end of the boundary towards Gander is about twenty-seven miles of pavement, then there is a turn off to Eastport. Now I did not refer to Eastport, you see the park boundary goes within two miles of Sandringham, which is in Bonavista North. In order for me to get into my district, I must pass through the park boundary, I must pass through Sandringham, which is about three to four miles before I can get into my own home town, so to speak, Eastport, Happy Adventure, Sandy Cove and Salvage.

Now then let me say this, in Eastport many, many people find employment not only on the park, but because of the park, and people go there holidaying, tourist they go to Eastport, they go to Salvage, they go to Happy Adventure, what do they find? This is what they find, Mr. Speaker, this is what they find; In Salvage there is a museum. That is a fact, yes, there is, there is. And the place where the museum is stored, the house happens to belong to the hon. member for Trinity North, the hon. C. Max Lane. It is this house that has been taken over and turned into a museum, I would suggest to any hon. member, or anyone who visits Bonavista South, if they can find the time, to go down into the museum in Salvage, sign your name and you can have a look around, and I am sure you will be surprised to see what is there.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BARBOUR: You did not know this.

AN HON. MEMBER: Is there a sign up?

MR. BARBOUR: Yes, there is a sign up. Sure there are signs all over Bonavista South, because we want to guide people.

MR. BARBOUR: Now, Mr. Speaker, there is Eastport Beach, where even my hon. friend from Gander, the Lion's Club goes and has outings and makes money for the Lion's Club to be spent in Gander. I know what I am talking about. Because I have made donations to the Lion's Club of Gander at Eastport.

Then there is Happy Adventure, Happy Adventure we have there what is known as a lobster vat. In the old days, Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Premier will concur with me, we used to call it "Rams Horn", that is where we used to keep the rams horn in the water and put the lobster into the rams horn. Now we have a house converted into a lobster vat on the mainland, with running salt water, and I have seen as high as 1200 to 1500 lobsters, and I checked this today, and thus far while it is not the brisk season for the lobsters, yet there are quite a number and there is a ready market, and one or two people are employed there. Now what makes this? It is because there is a park. So when my hon. friend the member for St. Barbe's is talking about employment, and he is afraid there is not going to be many people, if the park is going to be two or three times larger than the Terra Nova Park, it should employ many, many, more people. right? So I would not worry, I would not worry about having a tennis court, I would not worry about having a golf course, I would not worry about having a swimming pool, I would not worry about that. That is all right, we should have that, it is recreation, I would not worry about recreation for the children, playgrounds, there is nothing wrong with that. I wish I had it in the Terra Nova Park, we have not got any of that because if you want to swim, I love to say this, if you want to swim, go up to the Barbour's swimming pool in Terra Nova. And speaking of the Barbour's swimming pool in Terra Nova, that is very well taken care of by the Community Council of Terra Nova.

MR. MYRDEN: Has the hon. gentleman walked on that water yet?

MR. BARBOUR: No, but I have faith enough to walk on it, because all

MR. BARBOUR: Liberals have faith in their country, in their fellowman, we have faith in helping those who need help, and that is exactly what I am trying to do.

Mr. Speaker, what I was going to say is this the park has meant a lot to the people of Bonavista Bay. My hon. friend the member for Bonavista North noticed it as well as I did, because he too knows there are a number of his constituents working in the Terra Nova Park. Now, then I say because this park is there, it has brought employment and it is bringing pleasure to people who visit the park. In the early morning or at dusk in the evening you can go up to the pit and you can see some three to five bears, the mother bear, the mammy bear and the baby bear. And as you enter this pit, the bears must be Liberals, because everytime I go up there, they stand on their hi legs as fast as they can, and they almost make me believe they are smiling. I am getting so bold now, Mr. Speaker, that I can almost shake hands with them. Then there is not only that, there is caribou, I think it is, and the moose. I am not much of a hunter, so I do not know one from the other, but I do see animals with four legs. There is only one problem in the Terra Nova National Park, and that is the horse. There are so many horses when you go through that park in the night, it makes you shudder, you almost got to get out and pull the car, instead of driving it.

MR. MYRDEN: You should have horse back riding too.

MR. BARBOUR: Well we can horse back too. Mr. Speaker, as far as the park itself is concerned, it is I would say, a great thing to the people of Newfoundland. And I remember the hon. Jack Pickersgill flying over this area in an helicopter, I remember this, I remember this, and I also remember something else, when this park was opened by Mr. Dinsdale I think it was, the minister that time of the Tory Government, to our sorrow, I happened to be invited and the Premier was one of the main speakers. But I remember him saying as he stood upon the platform, these were his exact words, " I am

MR. BARBOUR: flabbergasted because Jack Pickersgill was ignored, because he was not invited on the platform to speak". So were all of the people of Bonavista Bay, so were all of the people who came to that park, because Jack Pickersgill will live forever in the lives and in the memories of the people of Bonavista/Twillingate.

MR. COLLINS: That is why they all voted Liberal in the last Federal Election.

MR. BARBOUR: That is why they did what?

MR. COLLINS: That is the reason they all voted Liberal in the last Federal Election.

MR. BARBOUR: Do not rub it in, I know what you mean, but I will tell you this much, they did not vote Tory for me in 1966, they did not vote Tory for me in 1962, they did not vote Tory for in 1959 I came back with some of the biggest majorities that has ever come into this House. And when I go back there again, whether it be Bonavista North, I have a liking also for Trinity North, because I am doing some work for the people of Trinity North.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BARBOUR: Well the late hon. Minister of Highways' father, Roland Starkes whom I knew very, very well, once said to me; because he was so strong in Green Bay, he believed it was permissible to run in two district and for a while he was very, very serious about doing that.

MR. SMALLWOOD: It is quite lawful.

MR. BARBOUR: It is quite lawful.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Anybody could do it, yes.

MR. BARBOUR: Well I can take on the three, Bonavista North, Trinity North and Bonavista South.

MR. SMALLWOOD: He can only represent one, he can run in as many as he likes, but if he is elected in all of them, he can come only represent one.

MR. CROSBIE: Only one, which one would the member choose?

MR. BARBOUR: Well according to the "Evening Telegram" yesterday afternoon, there was a gentleman who wrote a letter and he said, "even Ross Barbour could beat Frank Moores", but that man signed his name as a Reform Liberal, and I know who he is, and the hon. member for St. John's West knows who he is. There is only one Reform Liberal in Bonavista, there is only one.

Mr. Speaker getting back to the Terra Nova National Park in 19-

MR. MYRDEN: We are talking about the Bonne Bay Park now.

MR. BARBOUR: I am talking about Terra Nova National Park to link it up with the Bonne Bay Park. In 1967 in the summer we had thirty-eight people working in the park, casual or seasonal and permanent. In 1968 in the summer we had twenty-six, but in the winter, you see it all depends how much money the Federal Government grants to the park, so in 1968 we had eighty people, believe it or not, in the winter working in the park. Now what do they do?

AN HON. MEMBER: Shovel snow.

MR. BARBOUR: Not only do they shovel snow but they also do some repair work other ways. This may be something else that may be interesting, up until last year fishermen, you may not know this, fishermen were permitted providing they had a permit to cut logs or timber by the water side to build or to repair their boats. But because this was becoming a regular habit the Park Management had to curtail this, and they had to cancel all permits. And I took it upon myself to investigate the reason why and when I talked to some of the fishermen they agreed that they thought it was time to stop it too, because there was always litter left behind, you know what I mean, and it was not very tidy, it could even bring pollution.

Mr. Speaker, there is untold work to be done in the park, the paving of the detour roads, the side roads, the cutting of trees, there is so much to be done, I just cannot go into it, I can imagine, Mr. Speaker, I can imagine

MR. BARBOUR: Bonne Bay Park, I can imagine it, I can imagine for instance this road from Deer Lake to St. Anthony somewhere around 272 miles or somewhere around 273 miles. What work that is going to give to the people a hundred million, a hundred million, a hundred million, a hundred million. All right, then I can imagine going across the Straits of Belle

AN. HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BARBOUR: \$100 million.

MR. WELLS: Well in excess of that.

MR. BARBOUR: Well in excess. Well more than that. Somebody said to start with it, it would be \$33 millions, just to upgrade it.

MR. SMALLWOOD: The upgrading, the pavement would be \$60 million.

MR. BARBOUR: Well it is only short \$40 million.

MR. SMALLWOOD: You are only talking now of the road.

MR. BARBOUR: I am talking only of the road now. I am only as far as St. Anthony yet, I have not crossed the Straits yet. Now I have been across the Straits. Mr. Speaker, I wonder how many hon. members in this House saw the warship, H.M.S. Raleigh go ashore in the Straits? Supposing I told you, Mr. Speaker, that in my late mother's home, 17 Blatch Avenue, we have the bathtub that my late father brought from that ship. We have it, and it is just as good today as it was then. Now I was just a mere boy, of course I am only a teenager yet, but I was just a mere boy then, and I can remember.

Now I can remember something else; I can remember crossing the Straits of Belle and I can remember going into Red Bay, that is on the Labrador side, Red Bay, and I am not talking about Angel Point, I am not talking about Blue Cove, that is on this side, I am talking about the Labrador side, and we used to take our guns in the evening, just before dark and we would go up into the bottom of Red Bay and we could shoot our wild game, such as geese, and we could shoot our rabbits, we could shoot our partridge, and we lived the life of Rielly because the wild life was so plentiful, therefore, to me this park will be a

MR. BARBOUR: Godsent, because I understand it will be crossing the Straits of Belle, I mean -

MR. SMALLWOOD: The plan, the plan.

MR. BARBOUR: The plan will be going across the Straits of Belle Isle. There is one thing that kinds of burn me up, when I hear somebody saying that the first Europeans ever to visit the New World landed in L'anse aux Meadows, I cannot take that down. I cannot take that down. We are going to say as far as the people from Bonavista are concerned, the first White European landed at Cape Bonavista, and there is nothing going to chance us, we do not give a damn for that. We do not care. They can all land down there, Erikson's son, we do not care who it is, but as far as we are concerned Cabot landed first. And I hope, that when the statue of Cabot, practically as tall as I am eight feet, when this statue is finished it will go to Bonavista and be erected by the Lighthouse, so that the people will be able to see it.

The hon. the Minister of Provincial Affairs spoke about, I think he said 3000 people visited L'anse aux Meadows. Mr. Speaker, even though the Lighthouse last summer was closed in Bonavista for awhile, 10,000 people visited that Lighthouse and the hon. Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation, who I accompanied to Bonavista, I took time out, I took him to the Lighthouse, but when we got there we were barred by the Lighthouse keeper.

AN HON. MEMBER: Who complained?

MR. NEARY: We will see the next time we go.

MR. BARBOUR: You are not referring to me, you are referring to him. But would the rest of the Ministers of the Welfare Department in the past, would do such a job as he is doing? I will tell you one thing he does -

MR. MURPHY: Did he take you over to Bell Island?

MR. BARBOUR: Yes, I have been on Bell Island, and I made a speech, remember when I was running for the Leadership, and I got more applause than anybody else got there. The hon. Premier was there.

MR. MURPHY: Who else was there?

MR. BARBOUR: My hon. friend was there too, and I think the hon. the Minister of Education was there.

MR. CROSBIE: Perhaps you were trying to get it.

MR. MURPHY: That is probably the reason why the hon. member retired, because he was being chased over there.

MR. BARBOUR: Well I saw one coming after me, whose shoelaces I am not worthy to unlace.

Mr. Speaker, why I retired from the Leadership Race, I knew that I did not have much of a chance, nor nobody else, when the Skipper, (The Premier) we call him the Skipper sometimes, decided to run. So I decided that I would back him, and he knows how loyal I was to him. He knows what we did in Bonavista South.

MR. CROSBIE: The hon. gentleman should be in the Cabinet.

MR. MURPHY: Yes, Sir. The Premier would not let you down.

MR. BARBOUR: Well, perhaps some day my turn will come, how do I know? That is the Premier's prerogative to invite members of the House of Assembly or outside the House to join his Cabinet. I see the hon. member for Bonavista North is grinning too. Well, you know perhaps I could make a half decent Cabinet Minister, as well as some of the ones that have been there. And they are no longer there, and they are no longer there.

MR. SMALLWOOD: At least there would be loyalty.

MR. BARBOUR: At least there would be loyalty. I would be true blue. What burns me up is this; when some hon. members say: "In order to get people to become members of this House we have to pay them big money because we want good men." Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I have to have a slap at some people, particularly lawyers, who have so much work to do they cannot afford to attend the House very, very much. They are missing very often, I notice. But if you had a regular man in the House of Assembly, who knows the people, who knows their wants, an ordinary person like themselves, he can do just as good a job as any lawyer ever did for the people of his district. I have proven it.

MR CROSBIE: We are all behind the hon. gentleman. We are right behind him.

MR SMALLWOOD: Watch himself. Watch himself, if you are behind him. Watch the knife. Watch for the knife.

MR BARBOUR: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say, before I take my seat, that I agree with the White Paper, very much so. I agree with it. I think the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources has done a good job, perhaps assisted by some officials, I do not know. But there is one thing I do

MR. BARBOUR: one thing I want to say is this. I have no doubt but when the time is ripe, the Park, the Bonne Bay Park will become a reality, and have no fear my hon. friend from St. Barbe South about employment. That will be created too. Then we will have our recreation, our sports, our enjoyment, our roads, paved roads. And something else, I do not think for one moment that the Federal Government will purchase the land from the people without paying for it. I think according to the hon. minister's motion, \$3 million. I do not think this Government will have to pay very very much for something that they are going to be responsible for. I do not think it. I do not think it. Anyway before I take my seat, I just want to say this, that I have enjoyed speaking on the Motion. There is no malice against my hon. friend. I am just trying to give you some facts concerning the Terra Nova National Park, and I can assure you as far as I am concerned, and I say this too, without prejudice, I will vote against the Motion.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I rise to participate in this debate for a variety of reasons, but I think my chief reason for wanting to say a few words on this White Paper, is to point out to hon. members of the House, that much of the criticism that has been levelled at this administration by our late departed colleague, is lack of planning. And a question of priorities Mr. Speaker.

Now I do not think that in my short history as a member of this House, that I have seen a better example of planning. And yet Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for St. John's West, who has continuously kept harping, criticizing administration for lack of planning, was one of the first to stand in his place in this House and criticize this White Paper. Mr. Speaker, I think that this is a master plan of development of the great Northern peninsula for the future. And our colleague, the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, is to be commended for his initiative, his imagination, and his creativeness in tabling

this White Paper in this hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, in talking about the White Paper, I think really we are talking about two separate things. We are talking about the National Park on one hand, and we are talking about protecting any natural resources, any national rights that the people may have in that area. We are talking about a continuation, or if we follow the recommendations of the hon. member for St. Barbe South, cutting off the rights of people to earn a living, because this is what would happen, if the plan that he proposed Mr. Speaker, were accepted by the Government of Canada. Then a large number of people in his district would be deprived of the opportunity for making a living. Because anybody who has visited the Bonne Bay area Mr. Speaker, or travelled down the St. Barbe coast would realize that a lot of people earn a living by moving in to summer fishing houses, that are scattered all along the beaches. They engage in the lobster fishery and the salmon fishery and the cod fishery.

And my understanding of the original proposal is, that all these little shanties and houses scattered along that coast would have to go. Not only that Mr. Speaker. We were also told that if the original proposal was proceeded with, that several communities would be transplanted. We are told Mr. Speaker, that Sally's Cove, there would have to be a complete transplant at Sally's Cove and Trout River.

Although the hon. member for St. Barbe South is not in his seat Mr. Speaker, I think that he will concede that that was what was proposed in the original proposition that was made by Ottawa. Even if it was only six months ago Mr. Speaker, I think he will agree with me that it was intended to have a complete transplant of Trout River and Sally's Cove. Is this not correct? And I understand from my colleague the Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources that this was the intention up to twelve months ago. Now Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, this would

be a great shame. Because I do not think that in all my travels and I have done a fair amount of travelling, I have not travelled probably as much as the hon. Premier, or the hon. member for St. John's West, or some other hon. members of this House, but I have done a fair amount of travelling in this man's world. I probably travelled about half way around the world Sir. And I do not think that I was ever as moved by a community as I was in Trout River. And I think it would be a crime Mr. Speaker. It would be scandalous for any Government, I do not care if it is a Tory Government or an N.D.P. Government, or a Liberal Government. But I think it would be one of the greatest scandals that would be ever perpetrated against the people of Newfoundland to move the people out of Trout River.

Now Sally's Cove, there could be a complete transplant, but I understand that the people do not want to leave Sally's Cove. They want to stay there, and I think it is only in the last twelve months Sir, that the Power Commission put electricity in Sally's Cove. The hon. member for St. Barbe South says, no, Mr. Speaker. But I remember I took a trailer down to Western Brook about a year and a-half to two years ago, less than two years ago, and I used to visit a house in Sally's Cove where I got fresh milk and fresh eggs, and they did not have electricity in Sally's Cove a little less than two years ago. And this was one of the big complaints that the people had in Sally's Cove at the time. And I assured the people because when they found out who I was, they wanted me to - because they had so seldom seen their own member in St. Barbe South Mr. Speaker, they asked me if I would pass along a message to their member, because the poles had been lying on the side of the road about a year and a-half or two years. If I would pass along a message to their member, and ask him to please get the electricity in Sally's Cove. And I do not know if I played any part in

their getting the electricity Mr. Speaker, but I certainly passed the message along to the hon. member.

MR. MYRDEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. member permit a question? For his information Sally's Cove was linked up with electricity in either the summer of '68 or very close to the Fall. It was September. So probably the hon. member was right. He probably did get the electricity.

MR. NEARY: Well Mr. Speaker, if I played any part in getting the electricity in Sally's Cove, I am very pleased about it.

Mr. Speaker, I have visited the Bonne Bay area and have been up that great northern peninsula on several occasions. And I must say that I was rather impressed as all hon. members who spoke in this debate were, with the beautiful scenery, especially in the Bonne Bay area. And Mr. Speaker, I do not mind admitting to this House, that I have actually felt ashamed when I was in the Bonne Bay area, that I did not have the talent of an artist. I really felt ashamed. Sometimes I feel ashamed Mr. Speaker, that I cannot play the piano, because I just love piano music. But I do not have a musical note in my body. But when I go down to Bonne Bay, I actually feel ashamed that I do not have the talent of an artist, so I could paint and draw in Bonne Bay. I think it is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. I have been in Switzerland. I have travelled up the Rhine, as probably Your Honour has. I have gone on a boat from Geneva to Lucerne. I have gone on a boat Meissen to Coblenz to Dusseldorf. I have been in the hon. member's native land of Labrador West, both in the north and south of Ireland. And I can understand Mr. Speaker, sometimes in this hon. House while he gets a little fired-up, as I think I can understand the psychology of the Irish people. And I have travelled throughout England, Mexico and the West Indies. Eastern Europe and Germany, France, in Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and all down around the Mediterranean Mr. Speaker. But I think I can say without fear of contradiction, that I have never

seen scenery as beautiful as it is in Bonne Bay. And some day, Mr. Speaker, if I ever have the opportunity I would not mind retiring in Bonne Bay.

AN. HON. MEMBER: It will not be long now.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentlemen like to poke fun. The hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, who tabled this White Paper in the House, has been referred to as the "Rocky Harbour Rooster." He has been referred to Mr. Speaker, as "Silica Callahan," by an amateur Walter Winchel in Newfoundland. He has been referred to as the "Rocky Harbour Rooster" by the hon. member for St. John's West. Well Mr. Speaker, I am sure that sticks and stones will never break the bones of the hon. Minister. That would be a satirist with the "Evening Telegram."

Mr. Speaker, it is very sad, as the hon. the Premier points out. But they can poke all the fun they like at the hon. minister, but this, in my opinion, is a very historic document. And the hon. member for St. John's West, Mr. Speaker, has been referring to the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, as the "Rocky Harbour Rooster." Here is a little pamphlet he had out last November. It says, "Crosbie, Crosbie, a new generation of leadership." Mr. Speaker, I could substitute another word for leadership, but I am sure that Your Honour would consider it very unparliamentary in this House.

A new generation of leadership Mr. Speaker. I will tell you what the new generation of leadership is in this House. The new generation of leadership I think that the hon. gentleman is talking about, Mr. Speaker, is to tear down, is to try to obstruct and delay the plans of this administration, the master plans that we have worked out over a period of ten years for the great northern peninsula. And then he sulks Mr. Speaker, and, as the Hon. Minister of Social and Community Development points out, he is like a "big sook," when he does not get his own way.

On one hand he criticizes us administration for not producing a plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please!

MR. NEARY: Well anyway Mr. Speaker, getting back to the White Paper, the Bonne Bay Park. I started to say that I have travelled the great northern peninsula several times as my hon. friend from St. Barbe South knows. As a matter of fact, I believe the first time I met the hon. gentleman was at Norris Point, when he was selling Securities, long before he ever dreamed of becoming a politician. But one thing that always struck me about that coast Mr. Speaker, especially after the road was put through. And I believe the hon. member will agree with me on this. That after Newfoundland went into Confederation, and the people became a little more affluent, but I think more especially after the road was built down the great northern peninsula, then the outsiders came into Newfoundland, and they raped that coast of antiques and anything historic that was on that coast. I think the hon. member will agree with me on this.

MR. MYRDEN: They would take money's worth.

MR. NEARY: These were outsiders Mr. Speaker. I believe they were from the United States, but the point I am trying to make Mr. Speaker, is that our own people did not realize the value of the items that they sold. And I have actually seen very valuable antiques Sir, thrown out in the back yard, thrown out in the garage. I remember in Cow Head. For about five years now I have been trying to get a lady there to give, or sell me, or donate to the Museum, an old spinning wheel. I do not know whether hon. members are aware of it Mr. Speaker, but down that coast, there is still a little spinning going on.

AN HON. MEMBER: Spooning too.

MR. NEARY: And a little spooning, and I have done a little spooning down there myself. But this particular spinning wheel is a homemade affair. I do not know if my hon. friend has ever seen it. But it really, in my

opinion Sir, would be a very worthwhile contribution to the Museum. And that is why I wanted to try and get it. But for some reason or other, the lady is rather reluctant to give it up. And the last time I was there, it nearly broke my heart to see it thrown down under the house. So when I went and asked her about it again, she took me down and showed me the old spinning wheel, thrown in a pile underneath the house. And one of her friends had given her another homemade spinning wheel, which was a little more modern than the one that she had discarded. But she still would not give it up Mr. Speaker. And I believe myself, that this is one thing that we should try to impress on the people down that coast, is to try to retain what they have now because in this White Paper, if it is accepted by the Government of Canada, and I have no doubt but it will be. Because after all, we have a Liberal Government in Newfoundland, and we have a Liberal Government in Canada. And I can think of no reason Mr. Speaker, and this is liberal thinking, of why this very worthwhile document would not be accepted by the Government of Canada.

MR. MYRDEN: You know if it is, somebody will die of heart failure.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, apart from not having a general strike in Newfoundland as a result of all

MR. SMALLWOOD: Who would never have the face to drive over the paved road.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to be in this hon. House the day that this White Paper is accepted by the Government of Canada. And look at the expressions on the faces of the hon. gentlemen sitting on the opposite side from Labrador West to St. John's East Extern. I would especially like to see the look on the face of the hon. member for St. Barbe South. As I have no doubt at all Sir. There is no doubt in my mind. Because you have a Liberal Government in Canada who are striving for the just society, and because you have a Liberal Government in

Newfoundland Mr. Speaker, our hearts beat in unison. Mr. Speaker, we think alike, and can Your Honour tell me if there is any reason why the Government of Canada would not accept this White Paper?

Mr. Speaker, I think some of the remarks made by the hon. gentleman on the opposite side of the House were made with "tongue in cheek."

Now Mr. Speaker, the Hon. the Minister of Provincial Affairs pointed out in his remarks that the Brief that was presented by NARDA recently, that practically everything in that Brief coincides with that White Paper. And yet Your Honour, we heard hon. members on the opposite side of this House have the audacity and the gall to stand up and accuse us here in the administration of not consulting with the people on the great northern peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, this Government believes in two-way communications. This Government believes in feed-back from the people. And that is why Mr. Speaker, that the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, went down to Rocky Harbour and chaired a public meeting in that community. And that is why Mr. Speaker

MR. CROSBIE: That was a complete fraud and the hon. gentleman know it too.

MR. NEARY: You know Mr. Speaker, you know what the hon. member for St. John's West reminds me of? He reminds me of an old farmer who was having trouble with a thief getting into his hen house and stealing his hens. This is the approach they use on the opposite side of the House. They use the shot-gun approach, Mr. Speaker. He reminds me of this old farmer that was having trouble with a thief getting into his hen house and stealing his hens. So one night he heard a noise. He jumped out of bed. He grabbed his shot-gun and all he had on was his night-shirt. And he went out and he aimed the shot-gun at the hen house, and he was telling his friend about this the next day. And then the friend said, "yes, yes, what happened?" "Well, he said, I took aim at the hen house, and I was waiting for the thief to come out when the dog with a cold nose sneaked up behind me and away goes the shotgun, and I have

been cleaning hens ever since. Now Mr. Speaker, this reminds me of the hon. member for St. John's West. He is over there with a shotgun. He does not use the rifle approach. He uses a shotgun.

AN HON. MEMBER: Mostly a pop-gun.

MR. NEARY: It is mostly a pop-gun Mr. Speaker, but it is the shotgun approach. We can do nothing right.

As I started to say Mr. Speaker, I think the WHEREAS in this Motion, put by the hon. member for St. Barbe South, the WHEREAS that says, "it is desirable that members of this hon. House of Assembly and the public of Newfoundland be fully informed of the position with reference to the establishment of the Bonne Bay National Park." I would probably consider that as the most significant part of the Resolution. But I agree with other hon. members that have spoken in this debate Mr. Speaker, that once the White Paper was tabled, then I believe the hon. member for St. Barbe South should have withdrawn his Resolution. But he decided not to do this. I am sure that every private members' day since he put this Motion on the Order Paper Mr. Speaker, it has been most embarrassing for him. He seems to resent the fact that other members want to speak in this debate. We have heard complaints that it is a filibuster on this side Mr. Speaker. But I can assure the hon. gentleman that it is not a filibuster as far as I am concerned, that I am genuinely sincere in what I say about this White Paper.

You know Mr. Speaker, one of the most valuable assets that we have in Newfoundland, and I do not want to go into competition with the hon. Premier when he talks about our natural resources, but I think one of the most valuable assets that we have in this Province, is our pure, unpolluted mid-Atlantic fresh air. And Mr. Speaker, where can you get better pure unpolluted fresh air than down that great northern peninsula.

Now Mr. Speaker, I was addressing a group of students in Glovertown last summer representing— They were a group of exchange students. And I remember at that time telling these students about the clear unpolluted mid-Atlantic fresh air that we have in Newfoundland. And they were rather impressed by this. And I bought along a bottle Mr. Speaker,

a bottle of fresh air. I bought along this bottle Mr. Speaker, and I presented a bottle to each one of these students. It is just a bottle with a little drugstore label on it, and if my hon. friend from St. John's East Extern or St. John's West, or whoever it was can give a plug to I.A.C. I am sure I can give a plug to Wabana drugs. But it has the label on it Wabana Drugs and typed on is clear "unpolluted mid-Atlantic fresh air all the way from Newfoundland."

Now Mr. Speaker, this bottle has been on my desk for some time. And I can tell Your Honour, that I have had literally dozens and dozens of requests for a bottle of clear unpolluted mid-Atlantic fresh air. I was going to suggest to the hon. member for St. John's West that if he should become unemployed after the next election Mr. Speaker, this might be a good business for him to get into.

MR. NEARY:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the agricultural people tell us that there is not enough manure in Newfoundland to grow mushrooms on Bell Island but I am sure after this session of this hon. House, Mr. Speaker, that we know where we can get the supply of manure but in the meantime, Sir, I believe this is one of the greatest assets that we have in this Province and I think it would be a shame to pollute the air in Newfoundland. I believe, Sir, that is another reason why we should proceed with the plans that are outlined here in this White Paper by the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources. I do not think, Sir, that you can just build a park in Bonne Bay and forget the rest of that Coast.

I think his master plan links up the whole area beautifully. It provides for improved ferry service across the straits of Bell Island, Sir, I might say that this was one of the items that was referred to in the Province's brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications, when they visited Newfoundland last fall, that pending the construction of a tunnel across the Straits of Bell Isle, Mr. Speaker, to link the two land masses, that the ferry service be upgraded. Maybe I am naive and stupid, Mr. Speaker, but does it not make sense, does it make sense to Your Honour that the island of Newfoundland and Labrador should be linked by a tunnel?

Am I twenty-five years ahead of hon. members on the other side, Mr. Speaker, and is it not as plain as the nose on your face that the road up the great Northern Peninsula should be paved? Is it not as plain as the nose on your face, Mr. Speaker, that the Trans Canada Highway should be extended right from Eastern Labrador right across to Western Labrador so that you can get aboard of your car in St. John's and drive right from St. John's down the Northern Peninsula under the water through the tunnel across the Trans Canada Highway into Labrador and into Montreal or New York or San Francisco or Arizona or wherever Your Honour would want to go on a holiday or on business? Is that not as plain as the nose on your face, Sir?

Well, why, Mr. Speaker, why would hon. members object to this? What is the objection? Mr. Speaker, I know the hon. members are embarrassed about all this.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, that is a horse of a different colour and the hon. member is not going to take me away from the subject of the White Paper and the Bonne Bay National Park. Stick to the subject, Mr. Speaker. So therefore, Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand members on the opposite side of the House in their thinking. It is negative thinking, Sir. When, Mr. Speaker, in this hon. House and it would do my heart good if it would only happen, I would like to see it happen tomorrow, I would like to see every hon. member on the opposite side of the House tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, stand up in his place in this House and throw out a helpful suggestion or an idea to the Government instead of tearing down, Mr. Speaker, and obstructing and criticizing and trying to destroy Newfoundland in the process.

Mr. Speaker, if I ever and God forbid this happening, if I ever found myself in Opposition what I would do (and I am sure this would appeal more to the people of Newfoundland than the strategy that is being used now and the tactics that we have seen in this session of the House) I would take my place in this House, Mr. Speaker, and I would come up with constructive ideas such as the ones that are in this White Paper on the development of the great Northern Peninsula. Mr. Speaker, I think I will say this that if the hon. members ever want to get anywhere in politics in Newfoundland they are going to have to forget their negative attitude, they are going to have to provide positive ideas as the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources provided in this White Paper.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Ah, Mr. Speaker, I am really getting through to the hon. gentlemen now. Their blood pressure is going up now, Sir, and they are beginning to bitterly resent this. The truth hurts, Mr. Speaker.

MR. CROSBIE: So does the Minister opening his door with his news and views.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, if I were to give and I am sure that the hon. members on the opposite side of the House would not take my advice anyway, but if I were to give the hon. members a piece of friendly advice I would advise them to change their thinking, to try to come up with helpful ideas and suggestions and concrete proposals for the good of Newfoundland and forget this negative

MR. NEARY:

attitude and the hon. Leader of the Opposition nods his approval of this because I think, Mr. Speaker, he is in complete agreement with what I am saying. But, Mr. Speaker, in this session of the House the members of the Opposition have sort of been pushed in the background. They have been pushed in the background, Mr. Speaker, by the renegades who have crossed back and forth across the floor three or four times in the last couple of years.

MR. SMALLWOOD: They wore out their feet and they had roller skates.

MR. NEARY: Well, I would not exactly say they have worn out their roller skates, Sir, but they probably need a little oil put on the wheels.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if I were the hon. gentlemen, if I were sitting over there in their seats I think I would change my attitude. I think the people of Newfoundland would probably be more willing to accept the hon. members if they were to develop positive thinking instead of taking the negative approach to everything. Now I can understand the hon. member for St. John's West and from Labrador West taking a negative approach to everything because I have visited Ireland and, Mr. Speaker, the things that go on between the North and the South of Ireland, you know you talk about not being able to understand why hon. members will not agree with this White Paper well I tell you this that I am one who could not understand the friction and the animosity and the difficulties and the problems and the trouble between the North and South of Ireland. Maybe my hon. friend could explain it to me sometime.

But, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Labrador West I think should get down on his knees and thank Almighty God that he can come into this hon. House of Assembly in Newfoundland and Labrador and get up and make the speeches that he makes because he would not be able to make them in his own native country. He should get down on his knees, Mr. Speaker, and thank Almighty God that he became a citizen of Canada.

MR. SMALLWOOD: How did he become a citizen of Canada?

MR. NEARY: He became a citizen of Canada because of this party and this administration.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Well, let him get up and tell who did it.

MR. NEARY: Let him get up and deny that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Let him get up and tell who got him his citizenship.

MR. CROSBIE: The official sponsor.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Let him get up, I dare him to get up.

MR. SPEAKER: We have strayed a long way from the Bonne Bay Park .

MR. NEARY: I understand, Mr. Speaker, but Your Honour will realize they have been embarrassed, Mr. Speaker, and they bitterly resent it. Their blood pressure is going up but the hon. member for Labrador West knows what I am talking about. He knows how he got his citizenship in Canada and I tell you this, Mr. Speaker, there may not be many people in Northern Ireland like the hon. Minister who is on his feet right now because I doubt very much if I could get my citizenship in Northern Ireland the way that hon. member got his citizenship.

MR. SPEAKER: We are now discussing the Bonne Bay Park resolution on the Order Paper in the name of the hon. member for St. Barbe South.

MR. NEARY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have heard quite a discussion on the paving of the road up the great Northern Peninsula.

MR. CROSBIE: What about that tunnel across to Bell Island? Tell us about the tunnel. Why do they not put a tunnel across through the Bonne Bay Park?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, if I have to stick to the Bonne Bay Park and not answer the hon. parrot, the hon. pompous porpoise who is poking fun across the way there.

MR. CROSBIE: Pompous porpoise was it?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please!

MR. NEARY: But anyway, Mr. Speaker, we have heard quite a bit of discussion about this road up the historic coast. Mr. Speaker, the hon. Minister of Highways informs me that the reconstruction and paving of this highway will cost in the vicinity of \$33. million. \$33. million, Mr. Speaker. Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not think it would be fair for hon. members to expect the Government of Newfoundland to raise \$33. million to pave that road up the great Northern Peninsula and then once the road is paved Your Honour then the people will start to demand a tunnel across the Straits of Bell Island. Then once the tunnel is built across the Straits of Bell Island then they will start clamouring for the

MR. NEARY:

Trans Canada Highway across Labrador to link up the two land masses.

MR. MURPHY: Who do you expect to do it, Prince Edward Island?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, little Newfoundland, Sir, in my opinion, unless we —

MR. MURPHY: It was little in 1949 when we were going to be the greatest Province in Canada with a lot of great shouting and everything else.

MR. WELLS: They said about the Trans Canada the same thing the hon. gentleman is saying now.

MR. CROSBIE: Twenty-one years of wind and it has not done much for it.

MR. NEARY: There is the wit again, Mr. Speaker, there is the wit. The hon. member's blood pressure must be up now. Mr. Speaker, it is a pity we do not have a doctor in the House.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this road is going to cost \$33. million. The developments of the historic sites both at Port Aux Choix and L'Anse au Meadows will probably cost a fair amount of money but I think the whole program, Sir, take the program in total and I do not think that little Newfoundland could afford to implement this master plan and therefore we have to ask Ottawa for assistance. Mr. Speaker, I might point out that this is not a begging expedition. This ties in nicely with a brief that I presented recently to the Senate Committee on poverty. But listed here, right in this White Paper, Mr. Speaker, a list of special projects that I hinted at in the brief that I presented to the Senate Committee on poverty for special works projects so that people could go to work for good wages instead of having to take social assistance from my department, Sir. To implement this whole plan, Sir, would create this special list of work projects that I referred to and would give badly needed employment down the great Northern Peninsula.

But apart from that, Sir, apart from the employment that would be created in the construction stage it would make that great Northern Peninsula one of the greatest tourist attractions on the North American Continent. Sir, I will tell you this, that during one of my visits down the great Northern Peninsula I visited a beach just the other side of Cow Head, maybe the hon. member for St. Barbe South could tell me the name of it? You could drive by this beach because the wind blows the sand up in sand dunes right beside the highway, as

MR. NEARY:

a matter of fact the Department of Highways have to continuously keep moving the sand back from the center of the road. So tourists, Mr. Speaker, and not only tourists but Newfoundlanders who go down that coast are not aware that right in over these sand dunes, and I think my hon. friend will agree with me on this, is one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

Sir, I have been on the beaches in Morocco as the hon. Premier has and I have been on the beaches of Nice and I have been on the beaches of Acapulco, Sir, and I have been on the beaches of several other countries of the world but I can tell Your Honour this -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: That was before I became a politician too, Sir, I can tell you that. That is where I got part of my -

MR. NEARY: That is where I got part of my education, travelling around the world with a sack on my back, hitch-hiking most of the time, sleeping in fifty cent flops Sir

MR. CROSBIE: I had an idea like that of Trudeau

MR. NEARY: Well Mr. Speaker, the hon. Prime Minister is only getting

MR. SMALLWOOD (J.R.): The wit, I cannot take it, the wit, it is just overwhelming.

MR. CROSBIE: The hon. Premier cannot take it

MR. SMALLWOOD: Look at the coming Premier, look at the leader

MR. CROSBIE: Ah, now he has it

MR. SMALLWOOD: Look at the leader, the leader, all the qualities of a leader

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Prime Minister of Canada is only getting his education now, but I got mine the hard way. I travelled half way around the world when I was an employee of DOSCO long before I ever dreamed that I would take a seat in this hon. House. I can tell you all of this, that I have seen beaches, beautiful beaches, but Mr. Speaker I have never in my life seen a beach as beautiful as that beach outside Cow Head. As far as the eye can see Sir, the fine sand. It reminded me a lot of Cape Cod, but I think it is even a more beautiful beach and it is one of the longest beaches I ever saw.

MR. SMALLWOOD: How long, how long?

MR. NEARY: Perhaps the hon. member can tell us how long it is.

MR. MYRDEN: Oh, it is about two miles long from one end to the other

MR. NEARY: About two miles Mr. Speaker, but I thought it was a little

MR. SMALLWOOD: I have never seen a beach that long in my life

MR. NEARY: Well, the hon. Premier should hook his trailer on the back of his car this summer and go down this historic coast and just as he gets on the outskirts of Cow Head, he will see this big pile of fine sand, practically out in the middle of the road, he should climb in over that sand and walk about a quarter of a mile and there it is. I doubt Mr. Speaker if a half dozen tourists have ever gone on that beach because, they do not know it is there. It is kind of hidden away.

AN HON. MEMBER: How long is it?

MR. MURPHY: What is the tourist department doing about it?

MR. NEARY: It is two miles long.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Have you ever seen one six miles long?

MR. NEARY: Well, I topped it, perhaps my hon.

MR. MYRDEN: (Inaudible)

MR. SMALLWOOD: That is very funny, wit is running riot here today

MR. NEARY: But Mr. Speaker, I have, I tell you this, that I have been in New York City in heat waves and friends of mine and relatives of mine have invited me to go to the beach. I do not know if Your Honour has ever experienced this, but you get aboard of the car at six o'clock in the morning, you get in a traffic jam and you probably arrive at the beach after inhaling all these gas fumes and oil fumes for a whole day, and finally you arrive at the beach at seven o'clock in the evening, and it is so crowded Sir, that you cannot find a place to put your picnic basket down. Then you spend a couple of hours and you have to get back aboard the car and you have to go through the same ordeal to get back to the city.

Mr. Speaker, I would venture a guess that right at this moment, that if the whole population of New York City, and that is about what, 20 million people right now, fifteen, seventeen million of New York City, if they could see this beach I am sure that every individual in New York City would come down and spend an afternoon on that beach just outside of Cow Head.

MR. SMALLWOOD: The trouble is, that the beach would never be the same again would it?

MR. NEARY: Your Honour, the thing that irritated me about these beaches down on the Great Northern Peninsula

MR. WELLS: Who wants a cold beach? The water is too cold to swim in.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Humber East said the water is too cold to swim in. Well I can tell you this Your Honour

MR. SMALLWOOD: You do not have to swim.

MR. NEARY: That I have stubbed my toe on, or I have put my toe in that water, and I am sure that if the hon. member who is accused of having a gangrenous toe would just put his toe in that water down in that beach outside Cow Head, it would be cured in a hurry. Because, the water Your Honour, the water is not too cold.

AN HON. MEMBER: He would probably lose his toe.

MR. NEARY: The water is not too cold because, the sun pours down on the sand

MR. SMALLWOOD: Sun and sand, and the water

MR. NEARY: That is right, that is right Mr. Speaker, and for about two months

MR. SMALLWOOD: Ninety per cent of the people never go in the water they just go on the beach

MR. NEARY: That is right

MR. SMALLWOOD: All over the world that is what beaches are, ninety per cent do not go in the water, they sun bathe.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Humber East and the hon. member for St. Barbe South disagree on this because, the hon. member for St. Barbe South agrees with me that the water is not too cold to swim in, the water is warm. but not on that particular beach. I doubt if the hon. member has ever swam on that beach. But Mr. Speaker, it would be worth the effort if hon. members of this House did nothing else this summer except go down and take a look at that beach, and if they feel inclined to jump into the water and stay there

MR. SMALLWOOD: And stay there

MR. NEARY: Well some hon. members Mr. Speaker, I would like to see stay there, but, I would not want to be unkind Sir, but I think it would be a real treat and a great experience. I think the hon. member for St. Barbe South will agree with me.

MR. WELLS: We will agree when there are mushrooms on Bell Island

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the mushrooms are coming to Bell Island, and we know where to get the manure.

MR. WELLS: The hon. member is producing lots of it right now.

MR. NEARY: Now Sir, while I am on the subject of beaches, that beach Sir, although as beautiful as it is was completely littered with old logs and sticks and kelp, and lobster pots and so forth. Not only that beach Mr. Speaker, but I think every beach, just about every beach up and down that coast

MR. WELLS: On the coast

MR. MYRDEN: Not in the Bay

MR. NEARY: On the coast Mr. Speaker, that is what I am talking about, along the coast. I think it is a shame that these beaches should be polluted the way they are. I do not mean the water is polluted, I mean tin cans, broken bottles

MR. MYRDEN: The hon. gentleman can see what efforts are being made. This is not mine now, this is something that came from the tourist bureau.

MR. NEARY: Yes Mr. Speaker, and I was rather disgusted. As a Newfoundlander I was really disgusted with the condition of most of the beaches, but I was more disgusted with the condition of Western Brook, because Mr. Speaker, I spent some time at Western Brook, and I must say it is one of my favourite parts of Newfoundland. In Western Brook Sir,

MR. MURPHY: Not like Bell Island

MR. COLLINS: The Premier is going to Gander

MR. NEARY: Western Brook is an unsupervised camping area. Unsupervised, I think the property probably belongs to A.N.D., or does it belong to the Bowaters? Nobody has been able to get a concession Sir. Western Brook, my God, Mr. Speaker, is there anything as scenic as Western Brook? I have walked right up that brook, and I have walked right up to Western Brook Pond, and I have fished in Western Brook Pond. I am not a very good fisherman Sir, I have fished the Lomond River and Western Brook, and River of Ponds, and Caster River, but I cannot say that I caught many fish.

MR. ROWE (F.W.): Did the hon. gentleman fish in the head waters of Trout River?

MR. NEARY: No, I have not fished in the head waters of Trout River Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the hon. Minister of Education would be glad to give me a guided tour when the salmon season opens down there.

MR. ROWE: I was thinking of the scenery

MR. NEARY: The scenery, oh, I have been to Trout River

MR. ROWE: The scenery at the head waters

MR. NEARY: At the head waters, no I have not

MR. ROWE: About twenty miles up

MR. NEARY: I walked right in to the foot of Gros Morne mountain Sir, but I started to say that I was rather disgusted with the condition of Western Brook. Because, I would say Mr. Speaker, that outside of the national park, Terra Nova National Park, that more tourists concentrate in the Bonne Bay area, especially around Western Brook, than in any other part of Newfoundland and I have been in some of the Provincial parks, supervised parks, but I have seen more activity in Bonne Bay once you come down towards Wiltondale and you swing off, and then you get down to Western Brook. I have seen more activity there than I have in some of the Provincial parks. Most of it is unsupervised Sir, and Western Brook, I was really disgusted because it was completely littered with paper and garbage and even buckets of night soil were thrown out in the woods there by the people who frequent the place.

You see the hon. member has to agree with me. Look, I may not be an artist and I may not be able to play the piano Sir, but I do know something about Newfoundland and I am learning more every day.

Mr. Speaker, the point I want to make here is that they were all non-supervised areas

MR. MYRDEN: Careful now

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I can carry on for another hour or so, but if the hon. member for St. Barbe South wishes to withdraw his motion well I will be

glad to concede.

MR. MYRDEN: You must be joking

MR. NEARY: I will give the hon. member for St. Barbe South an opportunity to withdraw the motion if he wishes.

MR. MYRDEN: Let the hon. member carry on, we are interested

MR. NEARY: His answer is no Mr. Speaker so therefore I will carry on. Just another little courtesy we offered to the opposition from this side.

Now Mr. Speaker, in conversation with a gentleman who operated a service station in Western Brook, and a little

MR. MYRDEN: Confectionary store, there is no service station

MR. NEARY: A little confectionary store and service station at that time, that is a year ago I am talking about now. The gentleman who operated the confectionary store and service station is a mutual friend of the hon. member and myself and he tried for several years Mr. Speaker, to get a concession from A.N.D. to

MR. MYRDEN: Bowaters

MR. NEARY: From Bowaters to supervise that property and he was turned down and I think it was a very great shame because, I think he would have done a good job. If Your Honour will go there in July month I think he will see camper trailers, and house trailers lined up waiting for a place to park in Western Brook.

Mr. Speaker, while I am on the question of trailers I do not think myself that there is any real need for building any great luxurious hotels down on the Great Northern Peninsula. You see Sir, the trend today, and this unfortunately happened just about the time in Newfoundland that we were building a chain of hotels, and private enterprise as my hon. friend from St. John's East knows, private enterprise got into the hotels, Humber East, private enterprise got into the hotels in a big way. They expanded in his own city of Corner Brook. Hotels expanded because it looked like it was going to be a thriving business. You know with the influx of tourists especially

MR. MYRDEN: Come home year

MR. NEARY: Especially as we progressed near come home year. It did look like this was going to be one of the most lucrative businesses to be in in Newfoundland, the hotel business.

MR. MURPHY: The hon. Minister of Education can tell you

MR. NEARY: But Mr. Speaker, what happened was that right around that time came the camper trailers and we had house trailers before that, but the camper trailers arrived on the scene and the camper trailer I suppose Mr. Speaker, took off faster than the ski-doo. You know the ski-doo overnight became a boom, but camper trailers today seem to be the thing and so what we have not done in Newfoundland, we have not made facilities for camper trailers and house trailers because, I think the hotels could still do a fair business with their bars and lounges and their restaurants, and by selling, you know, confectionary and that sort of thing and maybe some people staying there.

I think they should design facilities aimed at now, catering to the people who come in camper trailers.

MR. MYRDEN: Ninety per cent.

MR. NEARY: Because as I would say, ninety per cent Mr. Speaker of the tourists that come across the gulf today come with either a house trailer or a camper trailer and therefore, the people who are building service stations and hotels or expanding hotels or motels in the future, I think they would be very well advised Sir, if they designed facilities to provide service to the families who come with their camper trailers

MR. WELLS: There is a lot of truth in that, but I think the Ministers figure is a bit high

MR. NEARY: I said ninety per cent Mr. Speaker, but I doubt very much if my figures are high

MR. SMALLWOOD: The Tourist Board would know

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MR. NEARY: The Tourist Board would know, and the type of facility that I am thinking about Mr. Speaker, is where you can drive down by the side of a

pond - I think a person who builds a service station or a restaurant or a motel, should build it near a pond or a lake or a river so that in the evening when a family arrives in their camper trailer, they can go down and park by the side of the pond, or by the side of the river. You have fresh water there that they can have. You have a plug where they can plug in for electricity, and you would have all the other facilities that go with catering to camper trailer type of tourist.

I believe this is where the future of the tourist industry in Newfoundland lies. I do not think Sir, that any substantial amounts of money should be invested in hotels and motels in the future. Therefore, down this historic coast I would suggest that more of the energies of the Government of Canada, and the Government of Newfoundland be directed in providing such facilities as the Banff school of fine arts that I had the pleasure to stay in a few years ago. I think this is the type of thing Mr. Speaker. I think that lifts should be developed.

My hon. friend from Humber East is boasting about the Marble Mountain

MR. WELLS: I am not boasting just stating facts

MR. NEARY: Stating facts or boasting about the Marble Mountain Ski Resort. and my hon. friend from Labrador West boasts about the beautiful ski facilities they have down there, but I do not think that any of these could be compared to what you have in Bonne Bay Mr. Speaker, so therefore, I think that the paper is absolutely correct when it says that this is the type of thing that you should focus attention on.

Mr. Speaker, it is near six, could I move the adjournment of the debate?

MR. WELLS: Mr. Speaker, May I suggest that when we rise at six o'clock it will be until eight and that we return at eight and sit until eleven o'clock unless we are adjourned by motion put.

Motion, the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I do not know if I am wrong, but I think this should be a very memorable day in the history of the Province according to radio, and I may be corrected on this, but I heard a radio station say today that this is the twenty-first anniversary of the Premier's election to that office. Am I right or wrong on that?

MR. SMALLWOOD: I heard the same thing, I do not know if it is right or wrong

MR. MURPHY: I assume that it is right Mr. Speaker, and I would like at this time to extend, I just heard it today and I thought it would be very neglectful of us to pass this very great anniversary and to extend to the Premier our best regards at this time and doubly so I speak, because of it because it possibly will be and most certainly in my opinion, the last anniversary that he will celebrate as Premier. I would like, and I am sure all the House will join me in wishing the Premier many happy returns of the day, and I understand from the hon. member for Gander that he is going to Gander tonight to visit with the big crusade tonight, and we certainly wish him the best of luck and hope that there are none of these dirty reformers around that will interfere in any way with the meeting.

Quite seriously Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to extend to the Premier, and I know I speak in behalf of all the House, many happy returns on his twenty-first anniversary. I may never be forgiven but, with the addition of the fact that it possibly is his last anniversary as Premier of this Province

MR. COLLINS: He is going back to celebrate

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for his very gracious speech. It is precisely the kind of graciousness that we have come to expect from him. He seems to be unfortunately or fortunately devoid, utterly and completely devoid of rancour, of maliciousness, or anything small. The only thing small about him is the same thing that is small about me, we are not very tall. I am grateful to him and, I am deeply grateful. It is a kindly remark. Frankly I was not thinking of it.

I did hear this morning that it was twenty-one, and I did not even stop to wonder. I felt it was wrong until later. I understood that what was referred to was my election. This may be the twenty-first anniversary of my first election by the people. I became Premier following the stroke of midnight on the 31st. of March, 1949. That same day, or at least the next day on the 1st.

MR. MURPHY: When was that, fifty years ago?

MR. SMALLWOOD: Twenty-one years ago on April 1st. past, and then there followed an election and I scooped in. I did manage to get elected and that was the first of six general elections in a row and I am very grateful to the people of Newfoundland for that.

I have the gravest doubts that I will ever again lead a party in a general election in Newfoundland. I have the gravest doubts. I had those doubts before and I was rudely interrupted. I was rudely interrupted but I administered the proper rebuke for the rude interruption and that having been done, and that little matter cleared away I now pine once again to do the thing that I pined then to do and I hope and pray that I have contested my last general election.

So, there are twenty-one years as elected Premier of the Province and they have been pretty exciting years and full of error, full of failure, full of excitement. A success here and there and I like to think that each success was the equal of a thousand failures. If I had 10,000 failures it means about ten successes, and these successes I hope the people of Newfoundland, I am not in an election, I am not running, but I hope the people will believe ultimately when the passions die down and the political prejudices disappear, the people will believe that the ten successes are equal in weight and importance to the 10,000 failures. One can always hope.

In the meantime, I thank the hon. gentleman for the extremely decent and gracious remarks that he has uttered here.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, it would be very remiss of the renegade liberals if we did not say a word on this occasion, the Premier's twenty-first

anniversary of his election as Premier. We think that the Premier has had many successes and on this particular occasion we would not mention any failures that the Premier might have had. Certainly it is the most distinguished record of any Newfoundland politician since politics started in Newfoundland and nobody can deny the Premier that.

The Premier said that he was going to retire on a previous occasion but he was rudely interrupted, and he is now considering retiring again. My only comment on that Mr. Speaker, is that old expression "if it t'were done t'were well t'were done quickly." If it were done quickly then the Premier would not have to think too long about that, but whether or not this was the right time.

Mr. Speaker, whether the Premier does retire or does not, certainly if he did retire we would certainly all miss him in the House and outside the House.

MR. MURPHY: A strange place indeed

MR. CROSBIE: Yes, in fact this House would appear to be very peculiar. Nobody would know what this House was like without the hon. the Premier here. One just wonders what the past several months would have been like if the Premier were not here, I mean there would not have been any excitement at all I would suspect.

In any event Mr. Speaker, on this occasion we certainly congratulate the Premier and wish him well. Certainly if he retires we wish him well, if he does not retire we will not wish him too well.

MR. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I think this is the nice thing about politics. I think this is possibly when we are asked why we entered the political scene, as I have told this hon. House so often before, the only logical answer I can give is temporary insanity. I think though, that one of the things that do attract us to politics is the fact that while we may sound and act and possibly mean to be malicious in the heat of debate, after this debate is over I think that we have all, or we can forget our differences of opinion, our differences of political beliefs and sincerely

and honestly recognize the value of the opposition that you face from time to time whether you agree with their opinions or not.

If the hon. the Premier runs again, I can assure him that I will drive him out of Labrador West that is for sure, but at a time like this I do not think I could find the words to be able to adequately describe the feeling of gratitude that I have had on occasions when he has stood up and spoken sincerely from the heart about the problems of Newfoundland. I think I may have mentioned it to him personally on one occasion once before, that no matter how hard I as an opposing politician will fight against him, in the event that he ever was defeated I think I would be one of the first to go into a corner and cry for him alone.

I do sincerely congratulate him if this is his twenty-first anniversary of election. He deserves all the credit in the world and well, time will tell what will happen in the forthcoming months or years. Time will tell, but as of this minute I sincerely congratulate him.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I can say gratefully to the two hon. gentlemen, first to the first of them that I hope I will not be rudely interrupted again. Because, if I am there will be the same result. I hate being rudely interrupted, I cannot stand it in fact and I have to fight back. I hope I shall not be rudely interrupted and that I shall not have to fight back.

In reply to the second hon. gentleman I would almost wish that I could be defeated to see him go in a corner and cry.

On motion, the House at its rising do stand adjourned until Thursday at 10:30 a.m.