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SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE JAMES M. RUSSELL

The House met at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order! On Wednesday upon the calling of Orders of the Day, the Government House Leader called Motion (14), the Motion standing second among private members' Motions on the Order Paper. The hon. member for White Bay South rose to a Point of Order, stating that under the Standing Orders, private members' Motions should be called in the order in which they appear on the Order Paper. He was quite correct. As it later appeared from his statement: the calling of Motion (14) by the hon. the Government House Leader was in pursuance of an agreement between the Government and the Opposition.

I have obtained a transcript of that day's proceedings and I cannot find any Point of Order specifically arising. The hon. member states and I quote; "According to Order (16) the Speaker himself must call the Orders in accordance with the order in which they appear on the Order Paper." Standing Order 16(a) says; "All items standing on the Orders of the Day (except Government orders) shall be taken up according to the procedure assigned to each on the Order Paper."

The hon. member seems to object to the Government House Leader informing the Speaker of an agreement which he and the hon. member had made. I cannot rule this to be a Point of Order.

In addition he says in part (and again I quote): "I would ask Your Honour to make a ruling on the Point of Order that I am now raising, either now or at some subsequent event or at some subsequent occasion, in anticipation of any problem arising on this matter."

Beauchesne, Citation 71, (2) says, in part: Quoting a Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons; "It is generally agreed that it would be impossible for me to give a decision at this time on a Point of Order to be raised in the future."

There are other references; but the hon. member is well aware. I am sure, that the Speaker may not decide questions that may arise in the future.

Since the hon. member states that

this request is made in anticipation of any problems arising, I cannot therefore give a ruling.

MR. ROWE: We of course, without any question whatsoever, accept your ruling in the matter. Yet with Your Honour's leave and the leave of the House, I would like to make one little point of explanation, if that is okay.

MR. SPEAKER The honourable member has leave.

MR. ROWE: Thank you, Sir. the point was that unfortunately no mention of any agreement made between the House Leader and myself was specifically mentioned on that day's proceedings. The point I tried to make and did not express very well on that day, was that it is incumbent upon the Speaker to call the first Order appearing on the Order Paper and at that point the House Leader would presumably rise in his place and say "with leave of the House can we proceed to Order or Motion such and such?" Of course, he would then have the consent of the House and then the Speaker would call that.

The only reason I rose on that Point of Order last day was, that although everything is sweetness and light now, there may come a time when it might not be so. I wanted to make sure that no wrong precedent was established last time when this Point of Order was raised. I wanted to make sure that no precedent was established which might be to the detriment of members of the House on both sides in the future. I would submit, Sir, it was not a hypothetical, Your Honour has treated it as such and of course, we appreciate Your Honour's ruling and we will abide by it.

PETITIONS:

MR. ROBEPTS: We are into petitions, I am not sure the procedure for raising it, although Hansard the verbatim reports are not an official record of the proceedings of the House, our journals are the official records, nevertheless, Hansard are the readily available public records and there is an error that I think is serious enough to bring to the attention of Your Honour. I do not know how else to go about it.

It is found on 1597 of the Hansard for this session, dated Tuesday June 6, which was distributed yesterday afternoon. It is with reference to the petition brought before the House by the member for Placentia West on which there was some discussion and Your Honour had to rule on a couple of points. Subsequently there was a recorded division. As I recall it (I have not checked the journals) every member voted in favour of the motion. Hansard, presumably from habit has the members of the government voting for the motion and those of us on this side of the House, Sir, voting against it.

I wonder if the appropriate action could be taken to correct that.

The whole point of our requesting the motion, on this side, is that we wished to record our votes. Normally, for say a word, one would not bring it up, but I think this is important enough - so I do raise it now.

MR. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House to present a petition on behalf of some sixteen hundred and eight voters from the Town of Happy Valley, Labrador. The prayer of the petition is this: "We the undersigned wish to bring to your attention the deplorable condition of our water in the town of Happy Valley. The present system was installed eight years ago and is completely unsatisfactory. We cannot drink it, we cannot wash in it. It ruins our clothers, our washing machines, our heating systems, etc. To our knowledge, our town council has done every thing in its power to have this corrected but apparently through the lack of funds and other resources they have been unable to correct the situation. We refuse to pay any further water bills until it is rectified. We humbly ask you to use the powers of your office to immediately initiate government action to correct our problem. We hereby request from your government a firm commitment by June 13, 1972, on what action will be taken to correct this problem."

Mr. Speaker, if I may add a few words in support of this petition.

This has been a serious problem as it is in the town of Happy Valley for a period of now three to four years. I think the problem itself is being brought about chiefly maybe because of the insulation being inadequate at the time of the initial installation of the water system. Then again, it has been partly caused by natural causes of the erosion from the Hamilton River banks. So, Mr. Speaker, this is a very serious problem. I will be talking about this on the Estimates for Municipal Affairs and Housing. I would like at this time to present this petition to the house and have it related to the department to which it relates. .

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I would like with all the energies I have to support this petition. In supporting the petition I am afraid that I am not

giving the necessary relief or cure that this very grave matter requires. This has been an ongoing thing. This did not happen since January 18. It has been on the go for a number of years. It is due, according to what we understand, the conditions in the river itself. The water is procured from the river itself. I have attended several meetings, particularly with the town council there. Alternate ways of supply water to Happy Valley had been discussed through MOT and also from the American Base. The hon. member, I think is very much aware of the great worry there. As he says about the water, you can drink it with a spoon on many occasions. It is like a porridge with the sediment in it. On Monday past I believe I received a call from the Happy Valley - Goose Bay Area. I received a request from Nolan-White Associates who had done quite a survey on that river. I arranged, through the office of the Premier and the Department of Mines Agriculture and Resources, who are responsible

MR. MURPHY: for the original survey, to dispatch one of these men there they wanted actually to be at hand. The ice apparently now is breaking up in the river and with this great rushing out, we are seeing a lot of this sediment and also the erosion of the river bank, which has been a tremendous problem in the Happy Valley Area. As far as I know the engineer is now on the scene, at least he should be because authority was given on Wednesday for him to proceed there.

But it is a problem. What the answer is, I do not know. If the honourable member has it, the Town Council has it, if anybody in Happy Valley has it, but it has to be cured somehow. It is going to require an awful lot of money. How far the Council have gone in negotiations with the American Base or with M.O.T to tap on to the water supply at Goose Bay and the base itself, I do not know, Sir.

But as the honourable member had said, it is bad enough not to be able to drink the water, but when you are scared to wash clothes in it and I think particularly those with small children with diapers and this sort of thing, it is really a terribly, terribly grave problem. So as the member says that the petition is being presented, I am sure it will be given every bit of sympathy and consideration that it requires and I hope sincerely that someone can come up with an answer to cure this dreadful thing that is happening in Happy Valley.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, if I may add a word or two on this, may I also welcome to the Chamber a very distinguished resident of the northern part of Labrador, Happy Valley, Father Charlie De Harveng who is with us today. My friend the minister has met Father Charlie recently. Father Charlie, if I am not mistaken, was on the Southern Labrador Coast for many years, Port Chimo and then subsequently came into the Goose Bay Area and has spent many years of his life there.

The minister says, and he is quite correct, Mr. Speaker, this is not a new problem, the problem with the Happy Valley water system.

MR. ROBERTS: Indeed, as I recall it, the first duty of the present Finance Minister when he was Minister of Municipal Affairs in the Smallwood Administration was to go to Happy Valley to open the water and sewer system. I never quite figured out how one opened the water and sewer system, how the honourable minister did. That was his first official duty.

The system as I recall it, Sir, at that time was very expensive because of the difficult soil or indeed because there is little soil in Happy Valley, the area is built on sand. Indeed that is why the base was put there originally I believe, it is a very deep sandy plateau. It was discovered I believe by one of President Roosevelt's sons in the survey party.

The system has never worked properly, Mr. Speaker. It is becoming an intolerable burden upon these people who live in that community, which is a large, which is a prosperous growing community. I have no magic answers. I agree with my friend from St. John's Centre and my colleague from Labrador North that it is going to be a difficult thing. But, Sir, if that community is to survive, if it is to continue it must have an adequate water and sewer system.

So all I can do is urge upon the government, as my colleague and friend the member for Labrador North has done, urged upon them the need to press ahead with this as speedily as possible. I know that the Minister of Labrador Affairs is cognizant of it. I can only hope that he can impress upon his colleagues the need and the need for action and the need for urgent action. Certainly for our part, Sir, we will do what we can from this side of the House to help this and to make it so.

MR. A. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House to present a petition on behalf of my constituents in Grand Bay West.

The prayer of this petition urges that the road be started as soon as possible. In supporting this petition I would say that I feel very

MR. EVANS: strongly on this point. These people are about one hundred yards from civilization, across a gut. It is impossible to put a bridge across there because boats returning and going fishing have to enter through this gut.

But the road that is necessary to bring these people into civilization is

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less than three miles long and you would have to see what these children go through in the winter in order to realize how serious this condition is. Half the time it is water and half the time it is ice. It is neither fit to walk on nor to sail over. They are very fortunate that they have had no serious accidents there over the years. They have been promised this road for the last twenty years or so in every election that came up. I did not exactly promise it but I said, "I am hoping that you will have it before the next election." This is signed by all thirty-eight voters of the Community of Grand Bay West. I wish that this petition be tabled before the House.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House support the petition.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Mr. Speaker, may I speak in support of the petition presented by my honourable friend, by leave.

MR. SPEAKER: By leave.

MR. ROBERTS: Sure.

MR. ROUSSEAU: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I was not able to get up before my -

MR. SPEAKER: Go ahead. The honourable member has leave to speak on the petition.

MR. ROUSSEAU: The hon. member from Bell Island is trying to confuse me.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: He just had a vote which does not register.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and the honourable members of the Opposition for granting me - I would like to add my support to the petition so ably presented by my hon. friend from Labrador North. Since all of Labrador is served by the same radio outlet, CBC from Goose Bay, I have been aware over the past few years of the problems created by the erosion of the river bank and the problem of drinking water is certainly serious, which is basic to a family's needs. I agree fully with the

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sediments expressed by the hon. Minister of Labrador Affairs. I would impress upon the department concerned the real need of the people for clean drinking water in this area.

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any other petitions?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

MR. T.M. DOYLE: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the hon. Premier, I would like to table the answer to Question No. 62 on the Order Paper of June 7, asked by the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

HON. H. A. COLLINS: (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing): Mr. Speaker, I want to table the answer to Question No. 77 on the Order Paper, dated June 7, in the name of the hon. member for St. Barbe North.

HON. A.J. MURPHY: (Minister of Provincial Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have the answer to Question No. 87 on the Order Paper of June 8. I believe it is in the name of the hon. member for Twillingate.

HON. J. C. CROSBIE (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the answer to Question No. 83 asked by the hon. Leader of the Opposition on the Order Paper, dated June 8.

HON. A. SENIOR (Minister of Community and Social Development): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the answer to Question No. 94 asked by the hon. member for White Bay South.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:XIX - Labrador Affairs:

MR. ROUSSEAU: Mr. Chairman, I suppose it is incumbent on me as the only sitting member for Labrador on the Government side of the House to say a few words in regard to the Department of Labrador Affairs. First, Sir, I would like to say a few words about the couple of items that have appeared over the past few days, since I have some area coverage to allow me to travel in this debate. I notice in the recent "Evening Telegram" in a story regarding the private members' bill I introduce on Wednesday that I was referred to as the Liberal member for Labrador West.

MR. MURPHY: I would demand an apology and I would sue the paper that said it.

MR. ROUSSEAU: I know it was an honest error. Today I noticed on the Order Paper that my motion was, the Order Paper for today lists me as the member for Labrador North. So I would like to take this opportunity to assure my constituents that I am alive and well and still sitting on the Government side of the House. Also I would like to add a word of welcome to the honourable Opposition Leader's welcome to Father Charlie, as he is affectionately known in Labrador. I stand here today as a member on the Government side of this House as a result of Father Charlie and the other members of the school board with which I was employed. He gave me a leave of absence to enable me to run in the last election. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him and to ask Father Charlie to pass on my warm regards to each and all of them.

Also in discussing the Department of Labrador Affairs I would be remiss, I suppose; if I did not acknowledge the presence of so many ministers or past ministers

of Labrador Affairs in this House. The honourable member for Fogo the distinguished member from Fogo of course was a past member of the Liberal Administration of Labrador Affairs. The present sitting member for Labrador North was a past minister of Labrador Affairs. Our present honourable and distinguished, durable gentleman from St. John's Centre, is now the present Minister for Labrador Affairs.

I would like to say that I have been quite pleased as have many of the people of Labrador, with the minister of Labrador Affairs and his efforts over the past few months. I think he has shown a genuine and a real concern for the people and problems of Labrador. I would like to take this opportunity in discussing his department, to say to him on behalf of the people I represent, thank you very much for a job well done!

Sir, the Department of Labrador Affairs could in principle serve a very useful purpose. As a concept originally it was a sound concept. However, Sir, unfortunately in point of fact it has not served a useful purpose. I have taken the opportunity to read over the Act establishing the Department of Labrador Affairs. "An Act Respecting the Labrador Affairs Act," No. 43, dated March 25, 1966. To say that I was amazed at the powers that the Minister of Labrador Affairs has would be an understatement.

There were times, Sir, when I wondered while reading this Act whether I was reading an Act establishing a separate sovereign country. I quote: "the powers, functions, and duties of the Minister extend, to and include all matters relating to Labrador over which the Legislature has jurisdiction which are not by law assigned to any other department branch or agency of the Government of this Province." Section 7. Section 8 goes on to list some of the things that the minister shall do. Section 11, confers on the minister the authority to enter into certain agreements with the Government of

Canada. In itself the Act provides for a minister, a deputy-minister and assistant-deputy-minister, I use this example, Sir, to suggest that the original concept of the Department of Labrador Affairs has not been fulfilled. It would appear, Sir, that this Act would create a Labrador distinct from this Province.

Now, Sir, if I stand here in six or seven or eight years hence, I will stand here believing as I do now or I will not be here, with the strong belief that I belong to one province and that I am a Newfoundlander. If that costs me my future political hopes then I accept it. I am, Sir, a Newfoundlander, first. I am from that part of Newfoundland called Labrador. I was before I moved to Labrador, what was commonly referred to as a West Coaster. I was Sir, a Newfoundlander.

I think that the department was set up in an attempt to provide a channel of communications geographically between the island and mainland portions of our Province. They are geographically separated. It was meant to be a cohesive factor, I feel.

in point of fact, Sir, it has often been a divisive factor. Now I am sure the honourable member for Labrador North and the honourable member for Labrador South will agree with me and I will agree with them in that communications are difficult. There is no question about that.

I had a letter recently from a constituent in Wabush who underwent some great strain in trying to secure a motor bike licence for her child. This effort could have been facilitated had the person been in St. John's but unfortunately the person was not in St. John's and it took close to five weeks to secure that licence. This, Sir, is a communications gap. What can we do? Well, I think that the Department of Labrador Affairs could serve a useful purpose undoubtedly. I think there are a number of other ways that we could look at this and I look at it here, Sir, to suggest a communications method between the island and mainland parts of our province.

One way we could settle the issue once and for all is to create a Department of Newfoundland and Labrador Affairs, possibly one single department. Another possible way is to have information desks in the various departments of government which are most closely related to the needs of Labrador. We could have regional desks in those offices or those departments where communication would be often necessary with these departments.

I feel, Sir, that the Department of Labrador Affairs needs a complete re-evaluation and a decision must be made as to whether it is going to fulfill its original purposes, which I think were good, or whether it is going to continue to serve the caretaker basis that it is now serving. I am not, Sir, happy with the present functioning of the department and that in no way reflects the wonderful people that work down there as individuals. They have to work within a certain context and I am sure that the minister has on many occasions felt

frustrated with his attempts to help the people of Labrador through the Department of Labrador Affairs.

I would like to mention a few things about the actual estimates in the Budget. The travel and exchange program, the budgeted amount of \$80,000, Sir, is an excellent concept and I think and I say without hesitation it should be continued. The travel and exchange program is a program as you know whereby cultural and athletic groups are provided subsidy to travel to the island portion of the province in order to participate in cultural or athletic events. This, Sir, is absolutely a necessity to the people of Labrador because without it they would not be able to compete in tournaments or in festivals that may be held from time to time on the island.

The air passenger subsidy is, I think, a debatable point but with the air passage at the levels they are then some relief certainly is needed for the people of Labrador. From Wabush to Deer Lake the air fare is \$63.00 the equivalent of the air fare between Wabush and Montreal. The air fare from Wabush to Gander is \$74.00 and the air fare from Wabush to St. John's is \$84.00. So the return from Wabush to St. John's is now \$168.00. I have never been one to look at dollars as dollars, to me \$168.00 could mean anywhere from a take home pay of \$225.00 to \$350.00 gross pay for an individual working in Labrador. The \$168.00 return from St. John's is deceptive in that sense and a man has to earn much more than that amount to bring home \$168.00 to pay for the return fare.

This, Sir, creates some hardship on the people of Labrador. While I am on this air subsidy I have and will continue to pay praise to Eastern Provincial Airways. I remember when I traveled to Labrador in 1962 and Eastern Provincial Airways was then a very small airline with a C46 and a DC3. From time to time various planes were added to their fleet one of which we affectionately named "Moby Joe," the

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Corvaire. The Dart-Heralds were introduced a few years ago and now we are in the age of the jet served by three Boeing 737 jets.

I think, Sir, that Labrador West especially grew as a result of the growth of Eastern Provincial Airways and Eastern Provincial Airways grew, Sir, as a result of the growth of Labrador West. I appreciate their service and I would take this opportunity to respectfully suggest that I think the station in Wabush is one of the most well-manned stations along the Eastern Provincial Airways line. The new terminal facilities now which are presently undergoing renovations will add much to the passenger comfort at Wabush. We do have one problem, Sir, that sometimes crops up in our area,

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the inability to travel from Wabush to Montreal on Eastern Provincial Airways. Wabush passengers have no right to board. There are no passenger rights from Wabush to Montreal. I think this is a matter that has to be looked into. The service is a direct one whereas the Quebec Air service is a milk run. The time of arrival is quite convenient, early afternoon whereas the majority of the Quebec Air flights arrive late in the evening, early evening or late afternoon.

I have to take issue with my friend, the hon. member from Labrador South, who suggest that an air subsidy might not be necessary for the people of Labrador West. It is not a necessity. Certainly the hon. member has a point. I have to bring to the attention of this House a point which at times becomes upsetting to the people of Labrador West and I do not say this because the member from Labrador South brought it up, but many people bring this up from time to time. The point they raise is this. What do you need? You have everything. Sir, I say here now unequivocally the people of Labrador West do not accept his point of view. We recognize that we do have very much. We recognize that we contribute close to 20 per cent of the income of this Province. While we suggested on opening day that we are not looking for special concessions, nor are we, we certainly expect to share equally in the benefits accruing to this Province. We also expect to undergo any hardship that the rest of this Province experiences.

The student exchange programme, Sir, is a very worthwhile programme. As a school principal over the past few years I have been intimately involved with this programme. I think it is one of the finest programmes the government has in Labrador. There is one shortcoming, Sir, and I am sure that my friends from Labrador North and South, the hon. members will agree we would like to see a little more travel between points in Labrador as well as travel from Labrador to the island portion of the Province. The student exchanges are on a reciprocal basis where a school may send, normally, nine students and a chaperone to the Island for a weekend and a return visit is extended, on the following week or some time within the following month, to the school to return

to Labrador City and Wabush area, or whatever area may be involved, to pay a visit to the school which they hosted on a previous occasion. I think this exchange programme should continue. I am very pleased that our magnanimous Minister of Finance has seen fit to continue this portion of the Estimates in Labrador Affairs. Thank you very much, Sir. Your magnanimity touches us very much.

I am also pleased and I should mention this as well. I feel incumbent and I should hope that all of Labrador receives what any part of Labrador receives. So I am very pleased, Sir, with the coastal Labrador subsidized air service, which was introduced by my hon. friend from Labrador North and which was extended by my hon. and distinguished and durable colleague from St. John's Centre. It is a worthwhile service, Sir, and I hope that it is continued.

So, Sir, in closing these few remarks, I would like to respectfully suggest that an attempt to bridge the communication gap which has been allowed to develop over the last eighteen years has been evident in the creation of a Department of Labrador Affairs. I have some feeling that the original creation of this department developed out of political motivation. I would now say from my part that I would hope to see its extension as a full and viable department or a complete re-evaluation of its services looked at and an attempt made to provide for the needs of Labrador through some appropriate facility akin to this department.

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I do not want to prolong this debate on Labrador Affairs. We spoke very briefly on it last night.

MR. WOODWARD: But I cannot say that I am in complete agreement with the honourable member for Labrador West, I feel that although he lived in Labrador for a considerable amount of time and I am sure as a school principal in the City of Wabush - Labrador City he has contributed greatly to that portion of Labrador, but Labrador does not necessarily end, Sir, in Wabush or Labrador City. Labrador City and Wabush have probably the highest standard of living in this province and maybe one of the highest in the whole of Canada.

I sympathize with those residents of those communities, as I do with the honourable member, that they are left in isolation, Sir, and living today is uncomfortable wherever you live, if you live in isolation. So the people of Labrador West, I feel do live in it. But it does not necessarily mean, Sir, that the concept or the bill that brought Labrador Affairs into being was not necessarily a good bill.

Labrador Affairs was merely meant to bring the administration of government, and I am the first one to agree with the honourable minister that maybe it was not utilized to its fullest extent. There should have been more done. There should have been more travelling through the community. There should have been more information brought to the people as to what their government is doing and how their taxes are spent.

I think if you take this away from the people of Labrador and, as I said in my remarks last night, I think that you have to have a cabinet minister, Sir, one individual cabinet minister, a very strong member that sits on equal status in the cabinet with any other member to bring the affairs of Labrador to cabinet. Not necessarily to this House, Sir, because I am sure that most of the honourable ministers on the other side of the House are well taken up in their own departments' work which is spread widely throughout this province and no doubt is

MR. WOODWARD: overlapping in the areas of Labrador. But merely because of the geographic position the Labrador Districts do not get visits from cabinet ministers as often as they do here on the island portion of the province.

I suppose this was one of the reasons why we have discontent, and we have had discontent in Labrador for a number of years. There has been discontent because of the fact that they do not know what government is all about, neither have they been told, or maybe by some varying minor officials that have travelled in the capacity of welfare officers. Then again, Sir, not downgrading welfare officers, but junior welfare officers or junior civil servants end up in Labrador and the senior civil servants end up in the cities or the areas in the island portion of the province.

As the honourable the Minister of Justice said a couple of days ago concerning one particular individual who was a civil servant, he was being transferred out to Goose Bay. Goose Bay, in my estimation, Sir, is not an isolated area. Goose Bay as compared to some of the other communities on the Coast of Labrador is a heaven.

So I think this is one of the reasons for its being done and I think this is one of the reasons when our honourable member from Labrador West interpret the act to say it is a separate move, Labrador wants to set up its own government. This is not necessarily so, Sir. Labrador wants a part of this government, this government that exists in this House, and is struggling to do that.

Labrador Affairs, as far as I am concerned, should have been the instrument, the vehicle to launch that type of administration to Labrador. If you take Labrador Affairs away and you divide this up between the fifteen or seventeen that responsibility between the fifteen or seventeen ministers that we will have in this cabinet, the individual attention that Labrador will get, Sir, will be very small.

So I suggest, Sir, and as I said last night and I am very proud again to repeat today, when the honourable member mentioned being

MR. WOODWARD: a Newfoundlander, I am very much of a Newfoundlander as well. But my residence in Labrador and my long time, as a number of other people, I am sure that my good friend, Reverend Father Charlie, who have lived in Labrador almost as long as I have, will agree with me that there have been a gap that has not been filled. We are searching for it. Maybe if the honourable member for Labrador West can come up with an alternative move. He mentioned information desk. I shiver to think of having minor officials in government departments dealing with that important sector, Sir. Listening to the news of the day and thinking in terms of the Premier of the Province just announcing that on July 1 they will sit down with the great BRINCO people that have been doing so much work in the development of our water resources and minerals in Labrador to negotiate, possibly and to start development of the Lower Churchill.

This is a big industry, Sir, if you are after a big bird and you are after a big return and a big investment the same as this province is after in Labrador, a great return for the province in royalties on its minerals, royalties on its forest resources and royalties on its hydro or water resources, then they must be prepared to set up a department, Sir, I do not mean a department that is going to go half way and a department with people that do not know anything about it, but set up a department with knowledgeable people that we can bring this about and maybe hasten this along.

So I feel and I am sure that the honourable the member for Labrador West mentioned a couple of times, I do not necessarily think, Sir, that his views that were expressed in this House today are necessarily the views of the people of Labrador.

MR. J. HARVEY: If I may, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a few comments on two point that I brought up yesterday in the House, which are the air subsidy for Labrador Airways and the Student Exchange Programme.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. HARVEY: You are right. Well I just want to bring to the attention of the House here some of the exchanges that took place last year.

Now I see here, Mr. Chairman, that on the Student Exchange Programme there were seven visits from A.P. Lowe Elementary School in Labrador City for a total cost of \$7,761.60 - seven visits, four visits from Hamilton Elementary and Happy Valley. six visits from Labrador City Collegiate and yet there is not one visit at all, not one from the whole Labrador Coast Area, although there has been a Labrador representative in Labrador South over the past, well ever since the department was set up. Now this seems like discrimination to me in some way.

I would like to point out here on the travel exchange \$82,000 provided for eight visits by the Girl Guides of Canada, for a total of \$2,380. Not one visit to Labrador South, four visits by the minor Hockey Association, ninety-eight persons travelling in all. I would think here that those twenty-five players constitute a hockey team. Mr. Chairman. Would twenty-five players constitute a hockey team?

MR. MURPHY: Four visits?

MR. HARVEY: Right, for ninety-eight people?

MR. MURPHY: Inaudible.

MR. HARVEY: Right and here is another one, six visits by the Newfoundland Amateur Softball Association for a total number of people travelling 139 people travelling, that would mean twenty-three people per team at a total cost of \$12,987.20. The Royal Canadian Legion, one visit,

Mr. Harvey.

160 people, \$8,418,50. Now not one exchange, like I said before, from the schools in Labrador South. We have probably twenty or twenty-five or thirty schools in that area. I am certainly in favour, as my hon. colleague from Labrador West is and my colleague from Labrador North, of the Student Exchange Programme. I would certainly like to see more exchanges made from the Labrador South area in this vote of \$50,000 this year. The \$140,000, the hon. Minister of Finance has said in the House here a minute ago that that will be taken care of. The subsidy will be given to Labrador Airways I presume. I will not speak on that any more.

I would like to end up by asking the hon. Minister of Labrador Affairs a question. I understand that the representative for Labrador Affairs, Mr. William Moores from Cartwright, had resigned on March 30. If the honourable gentleman could tell us when he will be replaced and by whom?

MR. ROUSSEAU: Mr. Chairman, I just have three points that I would like to clear up for my hon. friend from Labrador North. I did not suggest, Sir, nor would I want to suggest that Labrador begins and ends with Labrador City and Wabush. I have not spent much time in the Eastern portion of Labrador but I assure you now as I assure the people there, as I assure the people in this province, that my concern for them is great. I feel that although I represent Labrador West in this Legislative Assembly, I do indeed, Sir, represent the people of this province as well.

I did not suggest either, Sir, that the act was an act to set up a separate country. What I did suggest was that in reading the act, there were times when it appeared that way I did not call for the end of the Department of Labrador Affairs. What I did say was this: That I feel that either we should take this department and operate it as it should be operated under this act or let us not use a department of government merely for facilitating student exchanges, cultural exchanges and air subsidy. There is an awful lot more that can be done, as this act suggests.

Mr. Rousseau.

There are very many things. It is a good act. It establishes a viable department. If we are going to end up being a government which recognizes a department which in effect performs merely clerical duties, then I think that is a mismanagement of the people's money. I feel that unless this department is utilized in the way that it was originally intended, then certainly we should give consideration to other means of facilitating communications between the island and the Labrador portions of our province.

MR. ROWE (W.N.): Mr. Chairman, before the honourable minister rises to finish up this portion of the debate, there are a few words that I would like to say on this. I do not know if the present administration during any electoral process stated in as many words that the Department of Labrador Affairs was going to be abolished or wiped out or merged with the other departments of government. I must say that my firm impression, received over a number of months, either by reading or listening to honourable members who took part in the electoral processes during that period of time, was that it was part of the Progressive Party platform to abolish that department. That was the firm impression which I received. Perhaps the honourable minister would like to comment on that remark later on and to tell us in the House whether the government, the administration is in fact contemplating such a move or whether they intend to continue the department under its present act and beef up its functions or whether they intend to tone it down. Just what is it exactly that the administration intend to do about the Department of Labrador Affairs?

It may be quite true, as the hon. member for Labrador West has said, that the original motivation in setting up the department was a political one. Now we have a tendency in this House to label something which might be distasteful or bad or wrong, to label it political. In my estimation, Sir, there is nothing wrong at all in doing things from

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political motives. Surely the job of the government is to try to provide to people in various areas in the province, including Labrador, to try to provide to the people things, functions and services which they want and need as long as these services, functions and needs are consistent with reason and logic and availability of funds. There is nothing wrong with doing that. If it pleases people and if the politicians in the province get some political kudos as a result of doing that, I see nothing wrong with doing things for political motives as long as they are not blatantly unreasonable or illogical. There may have been a political motive in setting up the Department of Labrador Affairs. I think the political motive was to try to make Labrador feel part of the main stream. I believe there was a genuine, political desire to make Labrador a part of the main stream of this province and to stop any deterioration in relations between Labrador and Newfoundland, Labrador and the Newfoundland Government and to try to stem any tide towards (I suppose it is wrong to call it separatism) or any trend towards an independent movement away from the island portion of the province or the central government of the province. Those I believe are the highest political motives. I think they are admirable political motives. If they were done with the desire to please people and thereby have political overtones, as a result; then I think that perhaps we should do more things like that. There is nothing at all wrong with that kind of a motivation.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. ROWE (W.N.): I certainly do not but there is a tendency on the part of politicians themselves and people outside the political life to say, oh, that is just politics. That is done with a political motive or this is a politically good or bad thing. There is nothing wrong with that kind of a motivation. We are in politics. Politics comes from the word, "policy."

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You have a policy, a political policy in mind and you try to put it into effect. You try to please as many people as you possibly can. The greatest happiness of the greatest number is certainly the utilitarian approach of most politicians in this day and age. I would like to hear the minister on this idea of abolition or otherwise of the Department of Labrador Affairs and to give us a firm, clear-cut statement as to what the government's policy is now or what the government policy is developing towards in respect of the Department of Labrador Affairs. As I see it, there are two alternatives available to the administration: One alternative is to cut out the Department of Labrador Affairs completely and to move its functions into the other, align departments of the Government of Newfoundland. To make sure that Labrador as well as other areas of the province have public buildings, regional desks, as I think my honourable friend mentioned, to make certain that all government policies are brought to the people and the people of this province, whether in Labrador or in the Great Northern Peninsula or in the Connaigre Peninsula, no matter where, are aware of these policies and the officials of the government in these regional offices or public buildings can bring the policies of the various administrations to the people, with the minimum of inconvenience to the local people concerned. That is one alternative.

The other alternative, Sir, is to keep the Department of Labrador Affairs in existence. That would be wrong in my estimation unless the Department of Labrador Affairs is going to be taken seriously by the administration concerned. It would be like a fifth leg or a fifth limb. It would be something which is totally useless, something which expends money, merely diverts people's interests and does not fulfill any useful function for the people concerned. If it is not taken seriously, if it is

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merely used as a political tool and nothing else, then I would say
by all means abolish the Department of Labrador Affairs. Because, Sir,
in my estimation what would happen if it is just kept in existence
and treated as a joke

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is that officials and perhaps ministers in other departments would feel less inclined to deal themselves objectively and forthrightly with problems that might arise in Labrador and they might have a tendency to merely shift off the Labrador or the burdens of the Labrador portion of the province unto the department of Labrador Affairs. If that department is weak or has a weak head or has a weak administration then nothing is going to be done in respect of Labrador.

But, Sir, if the Department of Labrador Affairs is going to be treated seriously by the administration, this administration or any other administration, if the Department of Labrador Affairs is going to have a strong minister at the head of that department, then I submit and I suggest that by all means keep the department in existence.

I think, Sir, and this is not at all derogatory towards the honourable minister who has the honour to fill the post at the moment, I think, Sir, that it is essential, if we are going to keep the Department of Labrador Affairs in existence, it is essential that wherever possible the minister of that department should come from be a resident of the Labrador portion of this province. I hasten to add that this advertisement is not inserted by the member for Labrador West, although he may derive some benefits from my few remarks today. Unless there is a very peculiar coalition in the future in which case my honourable friend from Labrador South or Labrador North might be in the running for it, unless something peculiar and queer like that happens, I would say that the honourable member for Labrador West is in a fairly strong position to succeed to that post.

This honourable minister should accept nothing but minister first class. He should not, he should not consent to become minister fourth class in this tiered government which the honourable

Premier has announced we are going to have. We are going to have an inner group ministry, first class, then we are going to have ministers second class, then we are going to have perhaps ministers third class, with a shadow minister behind waiting, frothing and salivating at the mouth to jump in whenever the opportunity arises.

So the honourable member for Labrador West should insist on being minister first class, when he gets the opportunity to take over this portfolio. The reason, Sir, and my eyes were opened in this regard only a few short months ago. The reason I say that it is imperative to have a strong minister and a resident from the Labrador section of the province as a head of that department was brought home forcibly to me when the honourable member from Labrador North was appointed to that position some time last summer.

I saw at that time, the honourable minister come into Cabinet, I am not divulging any cabinet secrets, come into cabinet thump the desk, throw a little furniture around, yell and scream and bawl at his colleagues, we were scared to death Mr. Chairman. Frightened to death. The former Premier Smallwood used to sit back with a look of amazement on his face, and not talk for a - not a lengthy period of time, but he would listen for a certain period of time.

I saw this honourable member here get things through the Cabinet for Labrador that, a few weeks before that, I would not have thought possible. This Air subsidy for example. The coast of Labrador - subsidize air service. Nothing at all to do with the elections. Was it after the elections? There you go, Mr. Chairman, the difference between the two administrations. We waited until after the election to bring in this vote-getting measure, Maybe that is

why we are over on this side of the House now. We were too honest, Mr. Chairman, too honest altogether, politically naive. We did not do the right thing. We have now learned, Sir, from that mistake, you should give the people what they want before the election instead of after. That was our mistake.

But in any event, Sir, I saw what happened when you have a strong man who is vitally interested in what happens in Labrador, the type of interest that comes from being a resident in the area, a man who has his future tied, his past and his future tied to that portion of our province. This is why, Sir, I think that of the two alternatives which I have expressed, the abolition and the take over of functions by other departments or keeping the department in existence with a strong minister of these two alternatives I think the latter is the better, keep the department in existence, put a strong minister, not that the honourable minister is not strong himself. I am not suggesting that for a moment. Although, Sir, to hear him ask questions of his colleagues in the House sometimes on estimates you would think that maybe he does not get a chance to ask them in cabinet. I do not know if that is an unfair reflection or not. He has to find out his information, rather than in cabinet in this House.

I think he is a strong man, a man of integrity, a man who will push for Labrador but he would have to admit as well that although he has a great deal of interest, like we all have interest for Labrador, I think that it is necessary that a resident of the province, of the Labrador portion of the province, wherever possible, be in that portfolio so that he can feel it in his bones and in his blood, what has to be done for the area. That would certainly in my estimation ensure that the Labrador portion of the province will not suffer neglect whether it is financial neglect or merely communication gaps as the honourable member for Labrador West had mentioned earlier.

Make sure that there is a good cohesive communication system between that portion of the province and essential government. Make sure that when it comes to the expenditure of money that the Labrador portion, especially coastal Labrador where, which is in greater need than any other part of Labrador of help, especially that portion does not suffer, is not neglected, it gets its fair share of the riches of this province.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Chairman, I imagine the honourable minister of Labrador Affairs would before responding and commenting upon questions and observations made by other honourable members perhaps prefer that everybody have their two cents worth, so to speak. So this is mine, if there is any change I would be glad to pick it up.

Mr. Speaker, commenting upon the one remark made by the honourable member for White Bay South there has not been any statement of government policy to abolish the Department of Labrador Affairs, nor any department. There has been no statement of policy to that effect. Nor is there any policy to that effect. There is no government policy to abolish the department of Labrador Affairs or department of Fisheries or any department. Each and every department, the functions of each and every department and indeed the function and structure and organization of government in the province is and will be subject to review by a committee of cabinet announced by the Premier about ten days ago. That will obviously include every department, Labrador Affairs and every other one. But there is no difference or distinction between this review of organization and structure of government with respect to Labrador Affairs than there would be to Health Services or Transportation or Education, or Mines, Agriculture & Resources or anything else. I think it is almost, it is almost inevitable that when there is a change of administration

a fundamental change of administration after every election there is obviously a fundamental change of administration, after a period of twenty three years then it is inevitable that there would be such a review and indeed anybody who, any group who took over the administration of a province after such a period and did not subject the structure and organization and functioning of government to a thorough and complete review would I think be very remiss in their duty. I do want to make that point clear, that there is no policy

to abolish Labrador Affairs, nor indeed any department, but that there is a policy to review the organization and structure of all departments in the whole organization of government. I would say as well, Mr. Chairman, that as the only member of that committee here now, and I have no doubt that that committee will be enlarged, as the only member of that committee here now, we will certainly examine and read and consider with great interest and attention the remarks made, obviously by all hon. members with particular reference to remarks made by the hon. member from Labrador, West, South and North. We shall certainly give consideration and study to the remarks made by all members, obviously, because there can be no discrimination amongst members from Labrador, members from Burin Peninsula and members from the Avalon Peninsula or anywhere else. But, with respect to any review and analysis of the functions of this particular department, we shall obviously be giving concern and attention and study to the remarks made by the three hon. members from Labrador.

There is only one other thing I wish to say on this matter, Mr. Chairman, and that is I personally, I suppose one really cannot speak to that personally, so put it this way, how pleased I am that all the members from Labrador in this House of Assembly are members of political parties who, whatever their differences might be, have among those things they share in common the belief in the territorial integrity of this one Province. Our views can be different on many things, on all kinds of things with respect to Labrador, with respect to the Linerboard Mill at Stephenville, with respect to housing at Happy Valley, with respect to air subsidies in Labrador, or with respect to any number of things, but these are logical, inevitable and healthy differences. If not, there would not be two parties, there could not be two parties. There are certain basic fundamentals and certainly for all of us the territorial integrity of this one Province, whether it be that part of vast actual wealth and even vaster potential wealth, the continental part of the Province, small in population but almost unimaginable in terms

of potential wealth, the continental part of the Province, the Island, the insular part of the Province, much greater in population, probably much less in terms of potential wealth, certainly untapped wealth in minerals and still in forests perhaps less great, the natural resources potential probably less great, the human resource obviously in numbers much greater. The important fact is that members in this House, in Opposition or in Government share certain things in common, (1) a belief in parliamentary government, (2) a belief in this and a belief in that. Certainly among those fundamental areas of consensus is that this is one Province and that we believe in the territorial integrity of that one Province. That, Mr. Speaker, is something which perhaps was not inevitable and that I think is one of the most welcome results of the last opportunity the people of Labrador had to make their views known on a number of things. I certainly am very pleased that that is the case.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly like to thank those who took part in this very interesting subject and vital subject of Labrador. Perhaps if the people, particularly in Coastal Labrador, realised how interested the members of this House are in their existence, in their well-being, they would be very, very happy people. Now one of the big problems, of course, with Labrador and basically again I refer to Coastal Labrador, is the line of communication. There have been several items raised and pardon me if I have not taken note of them all. I think I got the greater number of them. The first one, I think is with reference to Labrador South. Mr. Moores retired on pension at the end of May. There has been no appointment made yet for a reason that I will try to tell you in a couple of moments. There was a statement made last evening by somebody, that I had made the statement that there would be a public building built in the Happy Valley - Goose Bay Area. In many talks I have had in the area, I always stated that my firm and fond wish would be to locate a building in the Goose Bay Area that would tie in both ends or both sides of Coastal Labrador, because I think anybody - before I

go any further officially as minister, I would like to welcome Rev. Father Charlie. I am the official Minister of Labrador Affairs. I would say he is the unofficial minister of Labrador with reference to the interest he takes in it. If we are to do anything for Coastal Labrador - I have been in this House a good many years. I was here when this bill was being put through, Labrador Affairs. We fought it right from the start. "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." Platitudes were thrown out when this bill was being formed. Basically, it was to throw back in the face of Premier LeSage of Quebec. Here was our iron man here. He stood up and said, "LeSage, Labrador is ours." How did he prove it? By separating Labrador from Newfoundland. We fought that. We have not the Province of Newfoundland and Corner Brook nor the Province of Newfoundland and Bell Island. This province is the Province of Newfoundland. I think Bell Island is a part of the Province of Newfoundland. We do not have to say -

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible)

MR. MURPHY: Well, sometimes we wonder too. We think it has become one of the "have" provinces rather than the have not, Bell Island.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible)

MR. MURPHY: Basically, I think we have one. These are some of the things that happened that removed and sort of impressed on the people of Labrador that they were not a part of the island. Politics played a very major part in this. We had three members representing Labrador. I think up to about ten or twelve years there were two members. There was Labrador North and South. In 1966 we created West. Now we can talk about the thousands of miles and everything (1962) but when we look at the number of people resident, particularly in Labrador South, what have we got? Two thousand voters as such spread over a large area. I do not believe, Mr. Chairman, that we have done the job that - and I am not projecting myself - I have tried in the past six months to meet with and talk with the people of Labrador. They have been, in my opinion, absolutely neglected.

The honourable member here raises the point, with reference to this travel thing where we had some 531 and 1,400 people, young, medium or old, took part in 144 visits. How many from Labrador South in that? One? Two? Three? Not one! Why? I am Minister of Labrador Affairs. I also represent a district. It is not up to me to go in and do the leg work for the members in Labrador. They are elected. They are being paid for doing a job as members representing these districts. It is the first thing I impressed

on the people. When I spoke to any of them I said, "Whether you vote for me or not it does not matter because I am not looking for your vote. I am not looking for your votes here in Labrador I look for the voters in St. John's Centre to elect me."

MR. HARVEY: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: You came in between, right. As it happened when the honourable member took over, and I must give him credit and I will say this that he has been trying to do the job that has been neglected for so many years. In Labrador now with communications, and the honourable member for Labrador West has referred to CBC in Goose Bay where I think we get most of our news, but I would like, Sir, to pay tribute to CFLW in Labrador West which I think brings a lot of news of Labrador. People, I hope, are listening because we want them to listen. In the back of my mind there is a feeling that a great portion of our province are still without communications as to what is happening basically in the rest of the province.

If we looked at this last election results I think we can see, and I am not laying any charges against any people outside, that the line of communication, what is happening here in our province is still not filtering out to places where these communications are not - We can look at the standings in the House and it is funny that up to a certain area the people here decide to vote one way and when we get outside, I call it the Twilight Zone, we get a different result. I have heard the honourable member for Labrador West say -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: I have not been on the Coast. I admitted that. I have said it many times. How many visits have the honourable member paid to the Coast since January, the West and North Coast?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: Right. Why?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. MURPHY: Right, right. What we wanted was a clear-cut majority in Labrador South. That we do not have in Labrador North today where I think for the first time in the history of this Parliament there is a sitting member who does not represent the majority of the people in the district. I think this is the first time it has happened in the history of Newfoundland politics where a man sits representing a district who does not represent the majority of people in that district.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: He had the right to. But I do not know if there is any more to the honourable - One of the gentlemen referred to the fact that it is the intention of this government to phase out Labrador Affairs. I do not know. There has been no clear-cut policy but any time I discuss Labrador in our government I say it is still a part of the Province of Newfoundland and I think it is one thing that should be made clear to everybody that Labrador has the same services as any other part of this province as far as departments are concerned.

MR. HARVEY: The honourable minister made reference to a member in the House not representing the majority of the people in his district. Who is that member?

MR. MURPHY: The member I mentioned yesterday, Labrador North. It was a three-way vote, right and I think the member represents some forty per cent of the vote, I am not sure but I say it is a unique thing and I pointed out yesterday where there was a coming change in Labrador, where there was more than one party in existence. I was just speaking of the fact that -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: I do not know. These things have not been decided yet but it is just a fact. I would say that it is a unique thing that the

former Minister of Labrador Affairs, who has done the job, a tremendous job, according to what we heard from one of his colleagues, and I have no quarrel with the honourable member, but still after doing all this he still could not get a majority of the votes to be elected, in the sense, and when I say a majority it is a clear majority of the voters.

But as far again as Labrador is concerned there are many, many items and perhaps we could spend two or three weeks speaking of it, of the things that are needed. I believe that Labrador still, and I have heard it said I do not know by whom, but it is the last frontier for Newfoundland, if we are to have industrial development. I listened to Monsignor O'Brien two weeks ago in Labrador City who told us, he is some eighty-eight or eighty-nine years old, who has travelled Labrador as a missionary since 1911, and he used an expression, and I do not know if I have it correct, he said, "Rather than say that Labrador is the land that God gave to Cain rather it is Abraham's Land of Promise," and I think that is basically a tremendous thing. I think the honourable member for Labrador North quoted earlier today about this development on the Lower Churchill, we have the Linerboard Mill and I hope please God that it will produce, with the help of the men we have working. The base is still a bit of a worry to us but generally I believe that things are looking good, but we must get into Coastal Labrador.

Now I was speaking of this building and I said my fondest wish would be to have a public building right there in Happy Valley-Goose Bay Area that would tie in both ends of the coast. We have in Happy Valley a residence there with a permanent commissioner, a permanent representative of the government who handles any routine calls that comes up. His job is to work with any member there. He is not a political appointee as such. He is a civil servant and I think his job is to work with anybody. Of course, the minister goes and visits

there surely, as he has the same privileges. But what I would like to see, and I think we have the plan for it, whether it is the member for Labrador West, South or North, if the Coast of Labrador is to be served we have to have a very, very active person, young, medium or perhaps not too old who will travel that coast, keep in touch with the members, whether they are Liberal or Progressive Conservative. I think the fate of the people is still in the hands of the elected member, let us face it, and I think basically although we are political, we do make snide remarks at each other but when we see people isolated, and as I said yesterday, and I do not want to repeat myself, perhaps the toughest winter ever known on the Coast of Labrador and when I reported here yesterday that the news I had received from Cartwright where the "Sir John Crosby" the ship was steaming at one mile every five hours in forty-three inches of ice. You know that is a lot of ice and I think it is still 200 miles off. So since November that is a long, long time for people to be tied down in isolation.

So basically Mr. Chairman I do not know if I have answered all the inquiries put there but when we come to the items anybody wants any elucidation on the thing I am only too happy to give it. So all I say is this that I am trying to do the best I can with what knowledge I have. I may not know all about Labrador but I think I know a fair bit about people, about their needs, as I have served them here in this House for nine years. Basically, I think that wherever you live the basic needs of a family are the same. They want to earn perhaps a decent living, have a decent home, have the comforts of life, so as far as Labrador is concerned, again let us all work together and if the time comes that it is decided to phase out, well I certainly hope that it will be accepted into the orbit of government the same as any other part of this province of ours.

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Chairman, while I have the latitude and on the

estimates before we get into the headings, I would like to say to the honourable minister if he recalls, and while I am speaking, I did not get a satisfactory answer on a public building for Happy Valley, if he recalls prior to the March election, and I think he was accompanied by a number of ministers, two, three, four other ministers into Happy Valley. and it was discussed with the Town Council of Happy Valley a public building. Maybe if the minister would care to elaborate a bit more on what took place.

MR. MURPHY: I am sorry, it had been spoken about but the honourable Minister of Health and the honourable Minister of Public Works and Highways we visited

MR. MURPHY: Labrador West and had a look at the hospital. Then we went to Happy Valley. We met with an education committee under Reverend Father Charlie and his group. We met with the Council at seven o'clock that night. There were many things discussed and I think one of the serious things at the time was the river thing that came under consideration and Dr. Farrell or the Minister of Public Works or Highways, whatever classification you want to place him, made up notes that night with the idea of going into the thing, which he did. But unfortunately and possibly this was not known, he was very seriously ill and shortly afterwards and as a consequence our return visit to renew talks on this building did not come up.

But at that meeting it was imparted to us by Council that if there was any building to go in Happy Valley they would like to be the ones to erect it rather than government, if we did have the money or did have the desire to do it, go out and build a building, that the Council would build a building. There would be space there for the court at the time for their own Council Chamber, for departments, he went through the whole works and that government would rent from them rather than build our own building and it would become a municipal, if you like, like our City Hall in this way and by doing this and by getting a guarantee from government, which we were in no position to give. I think anybody can understand that. That with this guarantee of occupancy of so many offices at so much per year they would be in a position to go to the bank with this thing, Deputy Mayor Warr has mentioned this thing since and I told him as far as we were concerned we were not at any stage to discuss it any further. I do not know if they had a plan drawn up. It was suggested at the time that they might draw a plan. I think the honourable Minister of Health who was there that night can bear me out on just how far that had gone. But still it is a darn good idea.

On motion subheads 1901 through 1903 carried.

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Chairman, if I may on 1904-02, there has been an increase over last year of \$10,000. I am wondering if the minister at this time with the additional increase each year or the normal rate of passengers, the growth of passengers travelling to and from Labrador and looking for this particular subsidy, does he feel that the \$10,000 is sufficient or was there sufficient funds there last year?

MR. MURPHY: Yes, everything turned out all right but we feel that this is a kind of natural increase, if not we will have to go and look for supplementary supply. But basically you can only project the figures.

MR. WOODWARD: The honourable Minister of Finance does not give supplementary supply this year.

MR. MURPHY: Well does the honourable member want an answer or does he want me to inform the House about the honourable the Minister of Finance.

I have been asked a question and that is the answer I give, Sir, that we hope this will be sufficient, if not, there will be nobody denied their air subsidy when the time comes.

MR. WOODWARD: Very well, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CROSBIE: 1904-03, Mr. Chairman, I have the pleasure of moving an increase in this vote.

MR. ROBERTS: Hurrah!

MR. CROSBIE: That is for the Opposition, on the government side, you mean.

I would move, no, 03.

MR. MURPHY: 04.

MR. CROSBIE: 04, I am sorry. 1904-04. Okay could you call 03 then.

On motion 03 carried.

MR. CROSBIE: 04 - There is a mistake in the figure here because

MR. CROSBY: apparently \$30,000 was thought to be the cost last year but it was only the cost for four months last year. So, therefore, I would move an increase in the vote from \$50,000 to \$90,000, an increase of \$40,000.

MR. MURPHY: Now who has a heart of conscience, come on?

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Chairman, I am very moved at this time to see the honourable Minister of Finance so ably moving an increase to this subsidy. For a period of time I felt that we would have to suspend the service for four months of the year owing to the subsidy not being provided. So I think that the honourable Minister of Finance does deserve a word of praise.

MR. MURPHY: Basically it was the fault of the minister who was aware of some of the impact of a contract made last December. But as I said last night, when I went to look for it in my office there was nothing in the minister's files. I understood that they were transferred to Goose Bay. So through the good efforts of the Deputy Minister, who put me on the right track, everything is all right.

MR. HARVEY: I forgive the honourable Minister for Labrador Affairs and thank the honourable Minister of Finance for the increase.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The motion is 1904-04 instead of reading \$50,000, the increase would be to \$90,000, an additional \$40,000.

On motion 1904-04 carried.

On motion subhead 1904 carried.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Chairman, I have finished it up and I would like to thank everybody very sincerely for the very active interest they took in Provincial Affairs and Labrador Affairs.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is not finished yet.

MR. MURPHY: It is not finished yet?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is moved that the total subhead be increased by \$40,000.

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On motion total subhead increased by \$40,000 carried.

On motion Block Provision: Canada Pension Plan carried.

On motion Block Provision; Unemployment Insurance carried.

On motion total as amended carried.

On motion Subhead XIX - Labrador Affairs carried.

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On motion that the committee rise report having passed estimates of expenditure under the following heading: Labrador Affairs and all items with some amendments, item 1904-04, and ask leave to sit again, Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair.

On motion report received and adopted.

On motion committee ordered to sit again on tomorrow.

MR. ROWE (W.N.): Mr. Speaker, before we go on, I think the hon. Minister of Provincial Affairs adjourned the debate the last time and I believe, subject to correction by my honourable friend, that if you are in the middle of a speech and you adjourn the debate, then you cannot relinquish your turn with the expectation of speaking again. Now I mention that for the benefit of the honourable minister. If he wants to speak again, he cannot give it up now and come in later.

MR. MARSHALL: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker. The situation is (the hon. member for White Bay is correct. I mean he could not speak again) in actual fact the hon. Minister of Provincial Affairs all he did was just merely adjourn the debate. Having adjourned the debate, of course, that does not mean he necessarily has to speak. It means he has the courtesy of the House which will be afforded to him to speak which he may decline. The fact that he is not electing his prerogative, does not mean that he loses his chance to speak. I think this is the situation. He was not in the middle of his speech. He just adjourned, so consequently -

MR. ROWE (W.N.): If the honourable minister merely adjourned the debate before speaking, the position is as I stated, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable House agree that the honourable minister does not lose his right to speak? Agreed.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I think it will be a pity if the hon. member for St. John's South lost his turn in this debate because I am sure that after he listens to me this afternoon, that there are a few things that he may like to say a little later on in the debate.

MR. MURPHY: Is the honourable member referring to the hon. member for St. John's South?

MR. NEARY: No, Mr. Speaker, I am referring to the hon. member for St. John's Centre. Did I say St. John's South? The honourable minister wears so many hats, Mr. Speaker, these days you do not know how to refer to him. I was very happy this afternoon to hear the Minister of Finance announce an increase in the subsidy for Coastal Labrador. We have been lead to believe now for the last week or ten days that the cupboard was bare. The minister managed to find a few dollars this afternoon which shows, Mr. Speaker, that he does have a heart. I do not know what kind of pills the doctor has prescribed for the honourable minister but I would suggest that if he is on the pill, Mr. Speaker, that he put them in front of him on his desk this afternoon because he may need them before I am finished.

Mr. Speaker, post-election delivery is a far matter from pre-election promises for our new Tory Government. Remember, Mr. Speaker, all the ramping and raving, both inside and outside the House of Assembly and over radio and on television and in the newspapers about the paving of the Bonavista Highway, the road at Brown's Arm, paving of the Great Northern Peninsula, extension to the Mental Hospital, Elizabeth Towers, unemployment, welfare allowances, health services and just about every other matter you could mention, Sir. Well, Mr. Speaker, after all the belly-aching from members of the new Tory Government, when they sat on this side of the honourable House, one would expect to find some of the answers to these problems in the budget which was brought down last Wednesday by the hon. Minister of Finance. (It is all in there, the honourable minister says). Well let us find out what is in there, Mr. Speaker, if the honourable minister would just give me a chance to carry on my few remarks, we will find out maybe a few things which are not in there and a few things in there that maybe should not be in there. Instead of announcing steps towards the brave new

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world, Mr. Speaker, that the Tories have been preaching about and promising over the last two or three years, our big-hearted Minister of Finance gave notice last Wednesday that there would be little sympathy for the steady flow of requests for improved public services in this province for the twelve month period just ahead. In a cold, calculated manner, Sir, the Minister of Finance jammed on the brakes on expenditure which will bring our great march forward for the past twenty years to an abrupt halt.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not know if the hon. Minister of Finance has a psychological quirk about poor people for it is they, Sir, who will bear the brunt of the minister's axe. The honourable minister says "bunkum" Mr. Speaker. It is a fact. You would swear, Sir, you would swear that the honourable minister had ice water in his veins as he stood in front of the television cameras, exposed to the people of the province and announced the new Tory Government's dreadful policy of slashing expenditures which, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, will wreck the economy of this province and send our unemployment figures sky-rocketing next fall and winter.

MR. CROSBIE: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: The honourable minister says "junk." Well we will see.

Mr. Speaker, unlike some of our sister provinces that are highly industrialized the economy of this province (the honourable minister knows this) depends largely on government spending. It is virtually impossible, Sir, to speed up the economy once you have slowed it down no matter what the reason is for slowing it down. Mr. Speaker, any Grade III student knows this. I am sure that the hon. Minister of Finance knows that this is true. Yet despite all this, Mr. Speaker, the minister elected to slam on the brakes and let the chips fall where they may. For all the strong words the honourable minister used in his speech, Mr. Speaker, he was unable to cover up the fact that there will still be record borrowing and a current account deficit this year.

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The very thing, Mr. Speaker, that the Tories when they were in opposition most criticized the Liberals for. The minister tried to cover up this fact by going aboard the previous administration which seems to be the trend which they have established in their first few months in office. Well, Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Minister of Finance and his colleagues on the other side of the House that now the people of Newfoundland and Labrador have had a chance to study the budget, to digest the contents of the budget, reaction is building up, Mr. Speaker, and there is bitter resentment against it, Sir, for the -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. NEARY: The hon. member does not have the same pipeline as members on this side of the House.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. NEARY: The hon. minister is probably moving in the wrong circles because, Sir, it is the masses of our people, the ones who will suffer most are the ones who resent this budget. Even though, Mr. Speaker, the hon. Premier and his colleagues are planning on running a pipeline into every news media in this province to pump in its propaganda, Sir, not a single word of it will be believed by the people of this province. It is not talk they want, Mr. Speaker, it is action. They want action, Sir, not talk.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in this House of Assembly, along with the majority of people in this province, we will be watching with great interest the serious impact resulting from the curtailment of the university capital works, the cancellation of the mothers' allowances...

MR. CROSBIE: Why did you not give them the money last year? You gave them nothing last year.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I wish the hon. minister would take one of his pills and let me carry on with my remarks.

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible)

MR. NEARY: When I get around to the hon. member for St. John's Centre, he will wish that he had taken a powder before the afternoon is over, Mr. Speaker. Everything has been sweetness and light in this House for the last couple of days, but the hon. minister for Provincial Affairs always manages to get his little digs in. All right, he had better be prepared to accept a few this afternoon, Mr. Speaker. The trouble with the members on the opposite side of the House is that they can dish it out but they cannot take it.

We will find out very soon, Mr. Speaker, what the mothers of this province think about having their allowances cancelled. We will find in September what the students over at Memorial University think

about the minister stiffening up the Student-Aid Regulations and the elimination of the student - teacher bursaries. Mr. Speaker, it will be interesting to see how this government weathers the storm of their first budget. We have seen examples already in this honourable House, Mr. Speaker, where the roof is starting to come down around their ears, Sir.

We have seen the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance, and we saw it here again this afternoon, shift their ground on a number of occasions in the last week or so.

Mr. Speaker, what does Your Honour think would be the reaction of the people of this province when they find out that the Premier's office is costing the taxpayers of this province nearly a quarter of a million dollars annually? Under Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Speaker, under Mr. Smallwood, the Premier's office cost \$142,000. Under Premier Moores it is going to cost the taxpayers a quarter of a million dollars. What will our people say, Mr. Speaker, when they discover that Premier Moores has an executive assistant who receives \$19,000 a year and a parliamentary assistant, Sir, a luxury that this province cannot afford, \$10,000 a year? There are three others in his office, Sir, in the \$11,000 a year range. Of course, Mr. Speaker, of course, there is that infamous Director of Information Services at \$15,000 per annum, Dr. Goebbels. Would you believe, Mr. Speaker, would the members of this House believe that the total staff in the Premier's office at this moment is twenty-six and climbing steadily?

AN HON. MEMBER: What about Trudeau?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we are not quite as wealthy as the Government of Canada. Mr. Speaker, what will univeristy students and mothers in this province do when they learn that the government has four persons employed for the purpose of giving information and pictures to the news media? Total salaries, \$50,000, Mr. Speaker. Incredible! What will the taxpayers in this province say when they find this out? It is not for putting out pictures, Mr. Speaker, of children who are

available for adoption in this province, but pictures of the hon. ministers, the honourable member for St. John's Centre...

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible)

MR. NEARY: I am sure he takes a beautiful photograph, Mr. Speaker, especially in colour. His chest is so big these days and he is after getting so swelled headed since he became minister sitting on that side of the House, Sir, that you will never get a camera large enough in this province to take a picture of the hon. minister. Why, he can hardly get up in the elevator in Confederation Building.

MR. MURPHY: (Partly inaudible) that will go down in posterity.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I am sure too that the hard working fishermen of this province will be very happy to learn that a portion of the revenue of doubling the taxes on tobacco products will help pay the salary of a provincial sculptor. In addition to getting his picture taken, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for St. John's Centre may some day have his bust out in front of Confederation Building.

AN HON. MEMBER: Buried, I hope.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I cannot let that last remark go, Sir. With reference to this sculptor, is the member insinuating that I hired a sculptor this year 1972-73?

MR. NEARY: No, Sir,

MR. MURPHY: Go on then, tell us the facts so the people may know, not me, I know the facts. Do not try to mislead the public, tell them all about it.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. minister will get a few facts before the afternoon is over if he will just sit in his seat for a few moments, maybe get a pill from the Minister of Finance to keep his blood pressure down.

MR. MURPHY: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker, please. The statement made by the hon. member I think will lead people to think that I, as Minister of Provincial Affairs, hired a sculptor and paid him a salary this year. Now that is absolutely false. The sculptor has been on the payroll I

think for the past three or four year, I do not know how many years.
I would like to have that corrected.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to that Point of Order, would the hon. member just keep quite and take his seat and just let me repeat what I said?

MR. MURPHY: Has Your Honour yet decided on the insinuation, Sir, or not, or has the member taken over as Speaker too?

MR. W.N. ROWE: On that Point of Order, Mr. Speaker, there is no Point of Order when it is a matter of a disagreement between two members on a point of fact. Whether what one person says is true or not may be disputed at a subsequent time in debate by another member, as to whether it was true or false or mistaken or erroneous. There is no Point of Order to be raised on a point of fact like that, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: I think we will have to accept the honourable member's reasoning. When he said he did not hire a sculptor, we will have to take that as fact.

MR. NEARY: I do not care who hired the sculptor, I do not care who hired him, what I said - let me repeat, Mr. Speaker, what I said. I said, "I am sure that the hard working fishermen of this province will be very happy to learn that a portion of the revenue that will be collected by the Minister of Finance in doubling the taxes on tobacco products will help pay the salary of a provincial sculptor." How can the hon. minister take exception to that, Sir?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. NEARY: I did not say any such thing. I beg the hon. minister's pardon, Mr. Speaker, that is precisely what I said, exactly what I said.

I would suggest to the honourable minister he go down and take a course in listening.

MR.SPEAKER: Order.

MR.NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I think I have the right to carry on my few remarks without interruptions from the other side of the House.

MR.SPEAKER: The member does have the right to be heard in silence.

MR.NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the tobacco tax, Sir, I doubt very much if the Minister of Finance will get his \$4 million that he expects to get from this tax anyway, as most of the people were only looking for an excuse in the interest of their health to quit smoking. I understand too, Sir, I do not know if the honourable minister has quit himself. I understand Sir, that roll your own kits are in great demand these days. Those who cannot quit, Sir, who do not have the will power to give up smoking, I expect that they will be rolling their own in future. I do not think the tax applies to plug tobacco. They will be buying plugs and rolling their own.

Mr. Speaker, it is almost impossible to imagine the damage that this government has done to this province in such a short time. Why, Sir, from the speeches we have heard in this House of Assembly so far this session one would get the impression that the members of the government still think they are in Opposition. Not one constructive idea, Sir, has yet come from the other side of the House in this session of the Legislature. I think, Mr. Speaker, that it is just about time that the government kept some of its election promises and outlined some of the measures that they hope to take to keep these promises.

Mr. Speaker, will hospitals, roads, water and sewerage, schools, all the other improvements that we need in public services in this province be done on a pay-as-you-go basis. Is this the new Tory philosophy? If so, Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that the citizens of this province are in for a very rude awakening and a rude jolt. The Commission

of Government Mr. Speaker, will only be in the shade to our Tory friends on the other side of the House. Indeed, Sir, it looks very much to me, to the people of this province as if the old saying "Tory times are hard times" is coming true again. We are seeing evidence of it, Sir, with every day that passes.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to deal with the minister's reference to material to repair houses on Bell Island. I want to, first of all, Sir, remind honourable members of this House that in 1966 a major disaster took place in Newfoundland when DOSCO pulled out of Bell Island leaving the people over there economically marooned. The phase out of mining operations on Bell Island Sir, began in 1959 when the first mine closed, involving a lay-off of nearly 600 men, most of whom were heads of households. You may recall, Mr. Speaker, that following a number of successive close-downs many families were forced to relocate in other parts of Newfoundland and indeed, Sir, in other parts of Canada. So, that these people who were forced to leave Bell Island, Sir, could at least recover a small part of their investment in their homes and property, a special housing programme was implemented whereby the province guaranteed an owner who was leaving Bell Island a minimum price of \$1,500 for the sacrifice that he would have to leave behind.

Well, Sir, somewhere in the vicinity of three to four hundred houses were acquired under this programme, most of which were turned over to the occupants in 1971. Now, Sir, as these dwellings were in the main occupied by welfare recipients, as all other houses on Bell Island had greatly deteriorated since the 1959 phasedown commenced, no repairs made on the houses, the department of Social Services & Rehabilitation was called upon to provide material to make the homes waterproof and wind tight. The only alternative, Sir, was to build new homes either on Bell Island or on the local mainland. The building of homes Mr, Speaker

for several hundred families on Bell Island would have cost the province twenty-five times the amount expended from the Department of Social Services & Rehabilitation in rendering the existing homes habitable. I would say, Sir, the expenditure on Bell Island repairing homes, although apparently large and apparently disturbs the minister greatly, was absolutely necessary Sir. It was the least amount that could be managed on the promise Mr. Speaker, that our social obligations to recipients of Social Assistance, of people who were forced on welfare through no fault of their own, include the provision of human existence in our particular climatic environment.

Our St. John's millionaire minister of Finance does not know anything about that Mr. Speaker. He singled out Bell Island for criticism, and the money spent on the necessary repairs of these homes for four or five hundred Bell Island families, who I would like to inform the minister had been solely dependent on welfare since other Montreal millionaires robbed them of their means of livelihood.

Mr. Speaker, the honourable minister wept no crocodile tears when over an amount of twenty times that total spent on Bell Island went to buy the votes of the people of Burgeo. No crocodile tears from the minister then. I want to tell the minister that on the basis of population the price of the votes in Burgeo looks to be somewhere in the vicinity of \$2,000 to \$2,500 each for a total of at least \$3 million gouged out of the provincial treasury, Sir, to buy that district for the minister of Finance and his colleagues on March 24th.

Mr. Speaker, I am coming to the mill at Stephenville I have a few things I have to say before the afternoon is over about that mill in Stephenville, what I think of what the minister did in Stephenville.
(inaudible)

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, does the honourable minister want me to answer that? Does the honourable minister know the purpose of the trip? What was the purpose of the trip? Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the

honourable member, right here and now, the right honourable the sneaky junior member for Harbour Main South - Mr. Speaker can table them if he wants to, but I will tell you that that trip to Labrador and my honourable colleague the member for Labrador North can verify this, Mr. Speaker, the honourable member for Labrador North can verify this, that that trip to Labrador saved this province hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars. Prove it? There was a wildcat strike on with Javelin Forest Products when I went into Northern Labrador as acting minister of Labour. I resolved that dispute Mr. Speaker, in cooperation with the member for Labrador North and came back the same night, Mr. Speaker. I want to tell the honourable member that I was sent there by my colleagues. I left this building 6.30 p.m. one evening, got aboard of a plane, went down and resolved this dispute, this labour dispute in Lake Melville, and was home in my bed again one o'clock that night.

I want to ask the honourable minister a question seeing that he raised it, Mr. Speaker. Has the government changed its policy now? Are ministers given cars on a permanent basis? Go down in front of Elizabeth Towers, Mr. Speaker, if the honourable minister wants to save the taxpayers of -

this province a few dollars and see the car of the Minister of Social Services parked out front while he is using one that belongs to the taxpayers of this province. There is something for the honourable minister to look into and the honourable Minister of Public Works let him look into the white wall to wall broadloom that has been laid in suite 309 in Elizabeth Towers. see if the government has been repaid for that yet. There are a few things for the honourable minister to look into if he wants to save money.

Mr. Speaker, the honourable member is dealing with the wrong man here. dealing with the wrong man. I would like for the honourable minister to tell this House if the Department of Public Works has been repaid for the white wall to wall broadloom that has been laid recently in suite 309 in Elizabeth Towers.

MR. CROSBIE: That has not been repaid as they never paid for it.

MR. NEARY: The honourable minister better check his facts. If they did not pay for it why were the employees of the Department of Public Works over putting down that carpet? The honourable minister better check his facts as he does not know everything that is going on on that side of the House. Does the honourable minister know that the Minister of Social Services has a car ever since he got elected while his own is parked over on the parking lot?

MR. CROSBIE: The previous minister used to have one. I do not know -

MR. NEARY: For driving around town, Mr. Speaker. for driving around St. John's.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Vardy had one for -

MR. NEARY: I do not care what Mr. Vardy had. Mr. Speaker. I do not care what Mr. Vardy. That is all in the past. That is what we were criticized for. Are they going to do the same thing, Mr. Speaker? Are they just going to have a video tape of what happened in the past?

Mr. Speaker, they have a lot to learn. I will expect the

honourable Minister of Supply and Services to bring me in the answers to the matters I just raised in this House as quickly as possible.

AN HON. MEMBER: Put them on the order paper.

MR. NEARY: I will put them on the order paper. Before the afternoon is over the honourable minister will be on the pill all right.

Mr. Speaker, the honourable minister wants to fight, well okay let us have a fight. Let us have it, Mr. Speaker. We have had peace and quietness and harmony in this House now for the last couple of days, everything sweetness and light, I thought the minister's halo was starting to hurt. If the honourable Minister of Finance is so smart, Mr. Speaker, why does he not go down and settle that strike at Newfoundland Farm Products, seventy-five workers? Why not, Mr. Speaker? Why does the honourable minister not go down and settle that dispute? Why take the hard line? The other day he told us it was an irresponsible action on the part of the employees. Mr. Speaker, this is a part of the free collective bargaining in this part of the world. We are not living in Russia, not living in Russia yet, Mr. Speaker. If the honourable minister is so smart let him go out and resolve that dispute the same as I did with the one with Javelin Forest Products in Goose Bay.

This strike down here, Mr. Speaker, is costing the taxpayers of this province a substantial amount of money and it is the public who are suffering, not the farmers as the honourable minister thinks.

MR. CROSBIE: It would cost them a lot more if I did what you suggest.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, it will cost a lot more with what the honourable minister is going to do by paying the farmers for their losses. It would be far better, Sir, if they gave a few more concessions to the employees. It would cost far less, believe me, in the long run but the honourable minister likes to take the hard line.

MR. CROSBIE: What did the honourable member do with the teachers last year?

MR. NEARY: But there were more teachers involved. There are seventy-five, seventy-five workers, Mr. Speaker. Just seventy-five Newfoundlanders.

AN HON. MEMBER: We were not bankrupting an industry either.

MR. NEARY: No, Mr. Speaker, and when the teachers were on strike we were not bankrupting an industry. Now, Mr. Speaker, if the honourable minister keeps provoking me this afternoon there are a few more little suggestions I have to make to him.

MR. CROSBIE: We are not worried about anything you say.

MR. NEARY: A few more little suggestions, Sir.

MR. CROSBIE: So provoke all you like, come on now -

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest the honourable minister get his pills out because I am only half through yet. I am only half through.

MR. CROSBIE: The honourable member is half through already, I think.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, one of the worst features of the Budget and one which may have been overlooked by a lot of residents of Newfoundland because of the torrent of political attack on the previous administration in the Budget Speech and the numerous phrases made by the honourable gentleman indicating, Sir, a hostile attitude to present industrialists in this province who are struggling hard to make a go of their particular project in the province. Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the honourable minister -

MR. CROSBIE: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: I will come to that. I am coming to that. If the honourable minister will just be a little bit patient I will get around to Mr. Doyle and the Linerboard Mill and then the honourable minister may be like the junior member for Harbour Main South, he may regret that he opened his mouth in this House.

AN HON. MEMBER: The honourable member better check the vote again as I am sure it would be an eye opener.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, it does not take word long to get around in international circles that the government here in this little corner of the world, Sir, that the government here in this little corner of world, in this little island stuck out in the mid-Atlantic is hostile toward venture capital from outside this province.

MR. CROSBIE: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I hit a very sensitive spot with the honourable minister. I want to say to the honourable minister that once outsiders are scared off our industrial development scene the honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development will find himself faced with the desperate chore, Sir, of getting his fellow native millionaires to take their money out of stocks and bonds and put it into labour-intensive industry in this province.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I do seriously, sincerely feel and strongly feel, very strong on this, that it is a mistake for the honourable minister or his government or anybody else on that side of the House to harass businessmen especially those from outside the province. What government really should be doing, Sir, is creating an atmosphere whereby business and businessmen can flourish rather than destroy and tear down.

Mr. Speaker, the honourable minister brought up the Linerboard Mill and I want to inform the honourable minister, Mr. Speaker, that the take over of the Linerboard Mill at Stephenville came as no surprise to me. It merely confirmed, and the honourable minister knows this, what I had been saying for the last six or seven months. Sir. The reason I was saying it, Sir, that the Tory Government through their spokesman, the Finance Minister, publicly stated, Sir, publicly stated that when they assumed office in this province that they would banish the Doyles and Shaheens. Sir, you mark my words, you mark my

words that with the tough words that were used in the Minister's Budget Speech that it will not be too long. Sir, when there will be a showdown with the oil refinery people at Come by Chance. The handwriting is on the wall. Sir, for that oil refinery at Come by Chance and it was obvious. Sir, right from the time that this government took over on January 18 that the handwriting was on the wall for the linerboard.

I predict, Sir, that the Come by Chance Oil Refinery will meet the same fate and the purpose this time, Sir, the purpose in this instance the oil refinery at Come by Chance would appear to me at least to be the minister putting the credibility of this province in danger to satisfy his own personal ego, to vindicate himself, Sir, to justify his actions over the past two or three years. Remember, Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Speaker, remember this, the minister and a number of his colleagues went around this Province for the last three or four years beefing their gums over four projects. Four, Sir! Four that the Liberal Administration had the gumption to start. Number one, the Come By Chance Oil Refinery. Number two, the Stephenville Linerboard Mill. Number three, the Newfoundland Bulletin. Number four, Mothers' Allowance. Let me open the eyes of the hon. members in this House this afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

I submit sir, that in the main the criticism of certain members on the opposite side of the House was leveled at these four items. It must be obvious, Mr. Speaker, to members on both sides of the House by now that a pattern has been established. Three of these projects, Mr. Speaker, to which I referred to a few moments ago have been ruthlessly dealt with. The hon. minister will not be content, Sir, until he has accomplished the ultimate in his personal crusade to vindicate himself. That is to force the Come By Chance Oil Refinery into the position of becoming distressed merchandise, up for grabs by some Tory millionaire, Sir, who did not have the guts to start it in the first place.

Incidentally, Mr. Speaker, all previous criticism of the hon. minister and his colleagues goes down the drain with the take-over of the Linerboard Mill. For, Sir, not only have they increased our provincial debt by the amount needed to pay off Mr. John C. Doyle, but are now making the entire Linerboard debt the entire and sole responsibility of the Province. An amount, Sir, that I would estimate in excess of \$160,000,000. A big, big, price, Mr. Speaker, to pay for pre-election grand stand play by hon. members on the opposite side of the House but I am sure, Sir, one that will misfire as soon as the people of Newfoundland and Labrador understand what is happening.

Mr. Speaker, I do not hear any comments from the hon. minister now. The hon. minister knows I am right. The hon. minister knows I am right. No pills out yet. Oh, we will just see if we can get the pills out.

Mr. Speaker, concerning the Mothers' Allowance there is still some hope, Sir, that the allowance will be continued. In response to my request last Thursday in this hon. House as to whether the Federal Government's hoist of the new family security plan for a year would cause the Tory government to reconsider their ruthless elimination of this allowance, common with mothers all over this Province, Mr. Speaker, I was glad to hear the minister state that once that this delay is confirmed and it has been confirmed since then, that the minister would reconsider. So, Mr. Speaker, there is still hope that next September mothers will receive the regular back to school allowance. I do hope, of course, Mr. Speaker, that the two and one half or the three million dollars, whatever the cost of the allowance is, will not result in the restoration of the social security tax on children's clothes. Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, the allowance could be reinstated by delaying final payment in the Burgeo Fish Plant sell out.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible

MR. NEARY: You would never know, Mr. Speaker, never know. The hon. member should ask the hon. member for Placentia East. Mr. Speaker, in connection with the dropping of the Newfoundland Bulletin, I feel it is now up to this government and especially the Premier to present at once to this House cost figures on the new very expensive propaganda service being built up to take its place. My bet, Sir, is that the \$125,000 generally estimated cost of the Newfoundland Bulletin will look like chicken feed by comparison.

AN HON. MEMBER: It would have cost \$180,000 last year.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. minister said it would have cost \$180,000 last year. That we do not know. Even if it did cost \$180,000 it would look like chicken feed compared to the propaganda machine that is now being created down on the eighth floor. Mr. Speaker, I was amused recently when the hon. member for St. John's East in a recent speech, I think it was to the Knights of Columbus, was severely critical of news media in this Province. Surely, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's statement was either made out of

ignorance or hypocrisy. Surely the hon. member himself must assume his share of the blame for creating a kind of situation in this Province that he spoke about to the Knights of Columbus. In case he does not, Mr. Speaker, accept that responsibility, may I remind the hon. member of this scandalous hiring of two former newspaper men which as I stated last night, Mr. Speaker, has all the appearances of a bribe for their pre-election cooperation in newspaper reporting. Why, now, Mr. Speaker? Why the holier than thou attitude all of a sudden by the hon. minister? Is the hon. minister having pangs of conscience watching the government payroles being padded with pitiful individuals who, as I said last night, remind me of monkeys on the backs of tax payers in this Province? I would not mind it so badly, Mr. Speaker, if this Goebbels type propaganda machine was serving any useful purpose for our people, but it is just doing the opposite. Let me show hon. members what is happening.

MR. DAWE: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Let me show hon. members what is happening, Mr. Speaker, and if the hon. junior member for Harbour Main South will just keep quiet, I will show him what is happening. Instead of bringing government to the people, Sir, it is protecting the government from the people. A closed door policy has emerged with this new system and believe me, Mr. Speaker, it is common talk these days of how hard it is to get to see the hon. Premier and his ministers. People phoning, Sir, or coming to Confederation Building are pawed off on some party flunky or expensive assistant. I am told, Sir, that it does not make any difference the distance one has to travel to get into Confederation Building. If you live in the city or if you live in the rural areas, you are considered as a bother, if you try to get an audience with any of the ministers in this government. Mr. Speaker, I want to remind hon. ministers that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides for adequate representation in government for all the people without prejudice or discrimination. Someone should tell Mr. McLean, Mr. Speaker, that it

may be possible to get away with this sort of impersonal treatment in some of the ridings in Toronto, but it is not acceptable in this Province and our people will not tolerate such brazen arrogance very much longer. Expensive public relations firms, Sir, may be able to mold a certain amount of public opinion, but I do not envy the Bay Street boys in trying to shape up public opinion, Sir, with some of the material that they have to work with on the opposite side of the House.

Mr. Neary:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words now about unemployment and education and how these two are related. Incidentally, Mr. Speaker, it would be interesting to find out what the unemployment figures are at this particular time. It would be interesting to find out what they will be six months from now, twelve months from now. We will see, Mr. Speaker. We will see. With the kind of budget the honourable minister brought into this House, we will see. Mr. Speaker, our provincial unemployment rate, despite our annual increases in the number actually employed, points up the need for a thorough rethinking of our educational and even our vocational training programmes. Since, Sir, the number of young people are pouring into the labour market annually, it is beyond its powers to absorb. It would appear, Mr. Speaker, that not too many of these young men, young women that are coming out of the university, the College of Trades and Technology, the vocational schools are really fully equipped to fit into available job openings, without more on-job training than the private sector employers can afford.

Mr. Speaker, I personally think that it is about time to set up a fact-finding authority, a royal commission, if necessary, to evaluate the spending of our education dollar and the relevancy of our present educational institutions from kindergarten right up to the world that we live in today. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the reduction in the upgrading centre at Stephenville is probably a step in the right direction. Mr. Speaker, as research has shown, even secondary schools should not for maximum results exceed populations of 700. Because of the specialized and intensive nature of the upgrading courses at this centre, Sir, it would seem much more instructionally sound to scatter them throughout smaller establishments throughout the province in areas that are closer to the trainees' homes. Perhaps greater use, Sir, could also be made of the existing institutions through the sharing of facilities

Mr. Neary

enjoyed by day students, by the introduction of a modified shift system and a conducting of upgrading classes over the weekend.

Mr. Speaker, talking about unemployment, it is obvious now that the employment situation at Churchill Falls this summer will be very limited indeed. Those lucky enough to get jobs will probably be tradesmen or technicians. Unfortunately, Sir, there is nothing on the horizon to take the place of the high paid job opportunities that Newfoundlanders had in the past four years on construction of the great Churchill Falls Project. There is no indication, Sir, by this new government so far anyway if ways and means are being sought to find alternative employment and to fill the vacuum left as Churchill Falls nears completion.

Mr. Speaker, it must be clear by now to this new administration that they must proceed with all haste with the development of the Lower Churchill, both from the standpoint of providing low-cost power for the development of industry in Labrador and on the island here and as a means of creating work for our people, Sir, who are now forced to accept welfare. No effort should be spared

either Sir, by this government to see to it that the uranium enrichment plant we heard so much about a year ago is located in Labrador. I do hope, Sir, that negotiations for these two important projects as well as negotiations for the third paper mill at Come by Chance will be carried out in an atmosphere of goodwill and well-being of the Province, not in the hostile attitude to settle an old score that we have seen in the case of the Linerboard Mill at Stephenville.

Mr. Speaker, a few days ago in this honourable House I brought the honourable member for Placentia East, I think a former president of the Newfoundland Law Society, to his feet. He came to his feet, Sir, defending against remarks that I have made about excessive legal fees charged in this province for real estate transaction. Well, Sir, I am not going to try to counter what the honourable member said. That controversy raged four or five years ago, Sir. Mr. Kostaszek, one man, royal commission of one, confirmed that I was right, verified what I had said, recommended that the lawyers clean their own house, which they have not done to this moment, Sir.

I hope that one does not get the impression that this is open season on lawyers. I am not jealous or envious of the lawyers, Sir. They are the second highest paid in Canada, I think. The only lawyers in Canada who earn more are in Ontario, wealthy Ontario. Our lawyers here are even ahead of rich British Columbia, second highest. Sir, just as a matter of comparison. Would Your Honour say that we have about fifteen or sixteen thousand fishermen in this province? Does Your Honour know that out of fifteen or sixteen thousand fishermen that only 981, I am talking about the year 1969, Sir, only 981 earned enough to pay income tax, compared to lawyers that same year, 1969, whose income was \$27,000 each a year, the second highest in Canada, higher than even wealthy B.C.

But, Sir, it is not my intention to get embroiled in another

controversy with the lawyers of the Newfoundland Society. I would prefer myself, Sir, to take a positive attitude towards this problem. In my opinion, Sir, with our government's ownership of the Newfoundland and Labrador Computer Services there is no reason at all why the registration of all real estate title changes should not be computerized.

Then Mr. Sneaker, when you or I or the honourable member for St. John's East or the honourable member for White Bay South want to buy a house and make sure that the title was clear, all we would need do, Sir, would be to visit the ground floor of Elizabeth Towers, state the location of the property, an immediate check of the ownership could be run and a certificate of clear title should be had in return for a small fee realistically set to cover the service. Perhaps twenty-five or thirty dollars, Sir.

Well, this, Mr. Speaker, I would say, when you compare this to the five to eight per cent of the purchase price getting into the thousands of dollars, Sir, with which our Newfoundland lawyers are high-jacking the public every day and ruining their chances of ever owning their own homes,

MR. NEARY: would change that situation drastically and I commend this to the government for consideration.

I might add, Mr. Speaker, the reason I mention the figure of \$25. or \$30. was because when a person gets a certificate they would have more respect and they would value it more than just brushing it off with twenty-five cents. You cannot even buy a pack of cigarettes in this province today, Sir, with the high taxes we have, for twenty-five cents.

Mr. Speaker, talking about Churchill Falls. I asked a question in this honourable House last week, I directed my question to the honourable the Minister of Finance. I asked the honourable minister what measures have the government taken to hold equipment, bunk houses, trailers and other tools and supplies in Labrador for the development of the Lower Churchill, following the official opening of the Churchill Falls next weekend?

I asked the minister if it would not be in the best interest of the public or in the public interest for the government to purchase all these items and move them to the Lower Churchill for resale later to Brinco? Or, Mr. Speaker, an alternative, if the government have no hope of developing the Lower Churchill in the foreseeable future, would this be not a good opportunity for the Department of Social Services and Rehabilitation to pick up some low-cost housing for recipients of social assistance by purchasing trailers as distressed merchandise?

Would you believe what the honourable minister's answer to that question was? No. Plain "No."

Sir, my main reason for asking that question was because I had heard, perhaps the honourable minister can confirm or deny this, that immediately following the official opening of Churchill Falls a contract has been let with a Montreal firm to start in to dismantle all the bunk houses, move all the trailers and move all the equipment out of Churchill Falls, except what they will need to finish the

MR. NEARY: remaining ten or fifteen percent.

Sir, in my opinion, that will be a sorry day for Newfoundland. Sir, if I were sitting on the opposite side of the House, as a minister today, I would insist that all this equipment be kept in Newfoundland and if necessary purchased by the government, moved down to the Lower Churchill for resale to BRINGO at a later date. Because believe you me, Mr. Speaker, once that equipment is taken out of Labrador it will make the development of the Lower Churchill next to impossible.

MR. CROSBIE: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Carry on.

MR. CROSBIE: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, it is a selling job that has to be done on the Lower Churchill, the honourable minister knows that. You have to make it attractive, Sir.

MR. CROSBIE: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: Oh, oh, oh, Mr. Speaker, what a joke? What a joke? The honourable minister does not believe that himself -

MR. CROSBIE: I sure do.

MR. NEARY: because, Sir, it is not true.

Mr. Speaker, how many entrepreneurs? How many industrialists and businessmen are lined up down on the eighth floor since this government took over on January 18? Come up in the elevator, Mr. Speaker, when the honourable Premier Smallwood was down there, why you could not get into that office, people trying to get in to develop this province. They are not down there now, Sir, Go down now. Do you know what will happen next, Mr. Speaker

Mr. Neary.

Mr. Speaker would the honourable members on the opposite side mind if I carry on my few remarks, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER: Order!

MR. NEARY: They will have an opportunity to speak in this debate.

I hope the honourable minister will have some answers to the questions that I have raised. The honourable minister will be on the pill for the next forty-eight hours I am afraid. Mr. Speaker, what will happen next is that the barbed wire will be put around Confederation Building, and you will have to get a pass to come in here. That is what this government have done. Welfare recipients, people who are unemployed, coming into Confederation Building, Sir, pawned off on party hacks and flunkies, expensive ones too at that, Mr. Speaker. They are very expensive ones. They cannot get to see the ministers. Ah, yes, Mr. Speaker, I want to repeat what I said in my opening remarks. Pre-election promises and post-election performances are two entirely different matters. I have to agree with a recent editorial in one of our daily newspapers, Sir, that in his first budget, the Minister of Finance struck out.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, it would appear as though nearly everything had been said regarding this budget. I think I can provide a few extras for consideration by both sides of this honourable House. Sir, the hon. Minister of Finance has often been referred to by the honourable members on the opposite side as being temperamental. In my opinion, he has shown himself as being very consistent, straightforward and extremely able. In fact the man who could fill his shoes in his capacity as Minister of Finance would be hard to find in this province. If he does not smile often, it is simply because the heritage left him by our predecessors does not provide him with a cause for mirth.

Mr. Speaker, the budget that was brought down on Wednesday, May 31, was in my opinion a good budget under the circumstances. As it has been so

often pointed out, it was not really a Progressive Conservative Budget in essence as most of the spending outlined in it had already been committed by the previous administration.

Sir, it is a type of budget that should have been brought down long ago, before our province had reached the position where it had been committed to financial suicide. Sir, I expected to see our province in these dire straits after seeing the former Premier for the first time shortly before we entered into Confederation with Canada. While he was campaigning in the cause for Confederation, I heard him state that if we did go into Confederation with Canada, we would never pay over \$2,50 for a sack of flour. At that time it was all sold in one hundred pound sacks. I remarked at the time that whether he realized it or not, the price of flour depended upon the price of wheat. I doubted if he could forecast the price of wheat the next day.

Sir, in my opinion any person who would make such a statement was irresponsible and my reasoning has been well borne out by the results of such a responsibility. The saddest aspect is that it took so long for the public of our province to realize what was happening. When it finally became apparent to the masses, they lost no time in eliminating the cause of their betrayal.

Mr. Speaker, to state it bluntly, the former Premier was not a businessman in any sense of the word. If someone came along with a likely story, he resorted to the media at once and made millions that same night on the air. Probably, we never heard of this budget again. If we did not, we were fortunate. We saved millions, as evident by those projects which he did not drop, many of which were

given Barnum and Bailey ideas and the people of our province paid for them all and our unborn progeny will be forced to continue paying for them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible)

MR. EVANS: All right, you will get it. Now, Sir, we have to pay the piper and everyone knows that the longer the party lasts the greater that payment will be. This party set a time limit record, twenty-three years, so our payment comes extra high.

Mr. Speaker, I know that many of the members on both sides of this honourable House will be disappointed in that they will not be able to provide immediately many of the things they had intended for their districts. It would not be catastrophic for my district if we received nothing from this budget as we have been accustomed to receiving practically nothing for the past twenty-three years. However, Sir, I know that this will no longer be the case, even in this year.

Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman who leads the Opposition referred to me as the most expensive member in this House. He was of course, referring to the purchase of the Burgeo Fish Plant and also to the fact that it supposedly helped to re-elect me. Sir, I would like to point out the fact that I was elected last fall when the strike was still on. Even then, I won a majority in the count at Burgeo. He made reference to a statement of mine, made on February 17, declaring that the plant was actually worth less than \$1 million. Probably it was not, but we did not buy the plant only. Sir, I made another statement in this connection stating that there was more involved than the plant itself. Many people were involved and you do not measure people's happiness in dollars and cents.

I am sure, Sir, that if the honourable Leader of the Opposition had been at Burgeo with the Premier and myself when we announced the opening of the plant, and if he had seen the happy faces of the people of Burgeo as we did, he would have felt that no price was too high in

achieving this. I would even venture to say that he would have wished that he had been a party to the settlement.

Sir, I would like to reassure the hon. gentleman that I have already given full value for my expensive price tag by four separate accomplishments alone. (1) In getting my people in Burgeo back to work with a decent settlement. (2) In getting the Burgeo road under way in a direction which will benefit the people of Burgeo and Ramea. (3) In having a new water system installed in Channel, Port aux Basques. (4) In securing a good settlement for our salmon fishermen who were banned from using drift nets by the Liberal Government in Ottawa.

Sir, the hon. gentleman who leads the Opposition seemed quite concerned about Burgeo - LaPoile. I would like to assure the hon. member here and now, that Burgeo - LaPoile is quite adequately represented. I hope White Bay North will be as fortunate.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. EVANS: I am not interested. You are getting twenty-five percent of the vote in the next election.

AN HON. MEMBER: Do not lose your faith ...

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, we have had the hon. members on the other side of the House continually pointing at the fact that the hon. members for St. John's West, Fortune and Brin were members of the cabinet that brought us so much grief in this province. Sir, they have already made it more than clear that they had intestinal fortitude to leave that cabinet and repudiate its actions when they realized where we were heading.

On the other hand, Sir, those who are pointing the finger at the hon. members already designated, not only stayed on at that time, but still stayed on after they were defeated in October, thus signifying their willingness to subject the people of this province to an extra dose of the misgovernment we had already endured for twenty-three years.

Mr. Speaker, my district has more needs and complaints than the Patriarch Job. We desperately need water and sewerage installations at Isle au Morts, Burnt Islands and Rose Blanche. A road only slightly over two miles can relieve the isolation of my people in Grand Bay West. We know that these things will come under our four-year-plan, probably earlier than we expect, considering our present financial condition.

Our people are sensible enough to realize this as well as the cause of this set back. However, I intend to press for action to be taken as soon as possible even if it involves more DREE funds. The minister responsible for the administration of the DREE programme has stated that he will not increase the number of special areas under DREE. If that is the case, he will have to cancel out one of the existing areas which has received its share of DREE grants, in order to accommodate my area.

You might ask why, Sir, as to this reasoning. It is quite simple. My district is one of the most prosperous in the island. It paid for many roads and other services in other areas of this province without receiving the same services. I believe in combating regional disparity but not through one district reducing the disparity of others to its own detriment. This belongs under national level.

Mr. Speaker, in the past my fishermen have not had much success in securing suitable fishing boats through the Fisheries Loan Board etc. It should be apparent to anyone who have any knowledge of the fishery that they are more deserving of decent boats and have a much greater chance to repay the loan as they are in an area in which they can fish all year around. I can assure you they really merit the title of fishermen. I am confident that this situation will soon be a thing of the past.

Mr. Speaker, I know that when we left home to attend this session of this honourable House none of us had any idea that we were embarking on a trip encompassing such a span of time as Ulysses returning from the Trojan wars, but at the rate we are presently proceeding it could last just as long. Sir, we have heard argument after argument just for argument's sake. I agree with proper debate on any point that merits such, but not just for the sake of filibuster. The honourable member for Bell Island originally referred to the honourable Minister of

Finance as his sparring partner. I am sure that neither the national nor the world boxing associations would sanction such a mis-match between a lightweight and our formidable Minister of Finance, the book title would not have a prayer.

Mr. Speaker, the antics of a couple of our opposite members of late should not, in my opinion, be wasted upon the restricted audience in this honourable Chamber. I am certain that the public should be able to witness this on television. The "Bugs Bunny Show" would probably be doomed by this competition, but they are expendable. Mr. Speaker, it is my considered opinion that we should get down to the serious business that confronts us without delay. We have a great responsibility to the people who elected us to this honourable House and the only way we can show our acceptance of this responsibility is by working together, regardless of party lines, in order to make the best of a situation which is far from being ideal but it is not at all hopeless, if we use the intelligence we possess coupled with all the energy we can contribute.

I am confident, Sir, that if we conform to these ideas that within our term of office we will go a long way toward correcting the present melee in our province and will restore it to a position which will be a great deal more acceptable to our people and will most certainly improve our image in their eyes.

MR. HOWARD: Mr. Speaker, -

MR. MARSHALL: Before the honourable member for Bay de Verde proceeds, I wonder, it is almost six o'clock and I wonder whether the honourable member would like to adjourn the debate.

MR. HOWARD: Mr. Speaker, owing to the lateness of the hour I move that the House adjourn.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I do move that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Monday at three o'clock in the afternoon and that this House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER (MR. DUNPHY, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES): This House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, June 12, 1972 at 3:00 P.M.