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SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE M. JAMES RUSSELL

The House met at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! It is a pleasure for me to welcome to the galleries today fifty-three grade five students from the Upper Gullies Elementary School at Upper Gullies, with their teachers Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Steele. On behalf of all the honourable members I certainly welcome you to the galleries and trust that your visit here is most interesting and informative.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS:

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Rehabilitation and Recreation.

HON. T. DOYLE, MINISTER OF REHABILITATION AND RECREATION: Mr. Speaker, among the special programmes and projects announced in the record Budget Speech that my colleague, the honourable Minister of Finance delivered yesterday, was the very welcome news that this government is establishing a new programme for assistance to build stadiums.

As stated in the speech, in the first instance the programme will apply only to the following nine communities, Whitbourne, Conception Bay South, St. George's, Windsor, Marystown, St. John's Avalon Arena, Bishops Falls, Wabush and Corner Brook. I would now like to elaborate on this policy, Mr. Speaker, so that the nine communities involved will be aware of the specific details of government's plans.

I would mention first that these nine communities had been given a commitment from our department of the former stadium capital grant of \$225,000 over a five year period. Since these commitments were given during the last year or so, the communities involved have been caught by the tremendous escalation of construction costs as well as the increases in the cost of money and while three communities managed to get construction underway, the other six had been delayed from making a start because of the financial difficulties.

The new policy is based on a maximum cost not to exceed

\$700,000. Any funds required over that amount must be found exclusively by the community concerned. The stadium capital grant by the Department of Rehabilitation and Recreation is to be increased from \$225,000 to \$300,000 to be paid in five equal annual payments. The balance of the costs involved not to exceed \$400,000 are to be shared equally by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the municipality by two methods.

The department's share will be financed on a long term basis by the Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation in the name of the council concerned, with the principle and interest to be paid by annual subsidy by that department. The municipal authority is to find the balance of funding required, either through outright initial contributions or by means of financing through a bank on the strength of an approval to borrow only, but without any government guarantee.

I wish to also state at this time that a moratorium has now been placed on capital grants for stadia for a period of at least one year. It is hoped that during this time costs will have levelled off. It will also give my department an opportunity to work out further policies with regard to the construction of any additional stadia in the province.

In future it is planned that this will be done on a regional basis with the size and cost of the facility bearing some relationship to the population served.

I may say, Mr. Speaker, that my department is seriously studying standardization of stadium plans in order to eliminate many of the costs which are becoming such a burden on communities wishing to construct major recreational facilities. In this

connection my department will be seeking the services of a full-time professional engineer so that we will be in a position to assist communities with their planning for recreational facilities. Government is very much aware of the demands for ice time on existing stadiums and arenas throughout the province. We are also very familiar with the problems which the nine communities named have been experiencing due to the current financial situation.

It is with these things in mind that this new and generous policy is announced. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to announce this new policy today coupled with projected, overall, increased spending in the field of recreation for the coming year. This policy is but another exemplification of the complete awareness by this government of the demands of our people in the field of recreation.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bell Island.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, increasing the capital grant commitments towards stadiums from \$225,000 to \$300,000 does not appear to us over here in the Opposition benches to be such a generous thing after all. I am not quite sure, Sir, we will have to wait for the reaction from the nine communities involved, before we can determine, Sir, whether or not they are able to raise their share of the cost of construction of stadiums.

In the case of Bishop Falls, I think it is \$200,000. I believe they already have raised almost that amount of money, but I am not sure about the other communities. They have to finance \$400,000, Sir, and that -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: No, Sir, there is not.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: My understanding, Mr. Speaker, is that \$200,000 will be backed by the Department of Municipal Affairs through the Municipal Loan Corporation. Is that correct?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: And the Municipal Loan Corporation will not try to recover the loan from the municipality. Oh well, that is a horse of a different color, Sir. The minister did not make that clear, Sir. If the government is going to retire that loan, then the nine communities involved may or may



not be able to -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: How much?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: \$500 out of \$7,000.

MR. NEARY: \$500 out of the \$7,000 would be financed by the government.

Well then, Sir, that seems to be fairly reasonable if that is the arrangement, but that is not what I understood from the minister. So, we will just have to wait and see, Mr. Speaker, if these nine communities can raise the \$200,000 necessary to provide their share of the contributions.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other ministerial statements? The honourable Minister of Transportation and Communications.

HON. J. ROUSSEAU (MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS): Mr. Speaker, it is that time of year again for motor vehicle registration. I would like to make a few comments on that. Due to the inclement weather experienced over the last few months coupled with the number of statutory holidays during the later part of this month, I wish to advise the motoring public that the Motor Vehicle Registration Division shall remain open until 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 26 and Thursday, March 27 and close on Good Friday and on Easter Saturday will be open from nine to five on Saturday, March 29. On the final day of March, from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. This applies to the regional offices in Grand Falls and Corner Brook as well.

Should the current mail service be disrupted in Labrador or in any other area of the province, especially the remote areas of the province, it may be necessary to consider an extension of the deadline on motor vehicle registration. Right now it is not a matter that is being considered, but should rotating strikes in the airlines or something happen, certainly people would not be penalized for that. Our good friend from Labrador North, over in the Eastern Area there, would not be penalized in that situation.

I might also add - it is all on the statement, Mr. Speaker, - that up until today we had about approximately one third of the number

of motor vehicles in the province registered, about 60,000 out of about 180,000 anticipated.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bell Island.

MR. NEARY: The minister in his statement, Sir, did not make it clear what the reasons were for only thirty-three-and-one-third of the potential applicants already applying for their licenses in this province, what are the reasons? The minister must have some idea why people are not getting their licenses early this year. Is it because of the extra dollar just put on the license? Is it because they have to pay their traffic tickets in order to get a license. Is this the reason that only thirty-three-and-one-third per cent have applied for licenses so far?

Why is it that the Motor Registration Office has to collect the traffic fines? Is there not a traffic court in this province? Is this a form of blackmail?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I am asking the minister to clarify his statement, Sir, why people are not applying for their licence? Why does the minister think they are not applying early? Is it because they do not have the money or why? What is the reason?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Well does not the registrar know?

HON. J. ROUSSEAU (Minister of Transportation and Communications):

I do not know why two-thirds of the people are not applying. I have no idea whatsoever. By the way the Motor Vehicle Registration Division is not collecting fines. It is the Traffic Court.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

PETITIONS:

MR. R. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present -

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible).

MR. SIMMONS: No, not a new road.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Yes boy, learn the rules of the House and keep quiet for a change.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, the subject I have, I can understand the minister prating on, because the subject I have he probably anticipates, and he would probably want to ignore it.

It is my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to present a petition on behalf of nearly 1,300 people, actually 1,268, residents of St. John's, Kilbride, Portugal Cove, Manuela, Topsail. The petition, Mr. Speaker, relates to the petitioners concerned over the closing of the United Church Children's Home, and perhaps it is best I read parts of the petition, at least.

We, the undersigned, concerned citizens, feel the United Church Children's Home now scheduled for closing at the end of this month should be kept open. In view of the good work done by this home every effort should be made to ensure that the children living happily there are not forced to leave.

As I say, Mr. Speaker, this petition is signed by the residents of the St. John's area, 1,268 of them altogether. The petition came to us for presentation, but I should make it clear in view of the possibility of some aspersions from the other side of the House, that this is an item we did not solicit. It came to us quite unsolicited from the petitioners who requested that we present the petition as I am now doing.

The petitioners, Mr. Speaker, pointed out in private discussions with me that their main concern, which is in the prayer of the petition, they would like to have reiterated verbally, their main concern is for the children and for the continued welfare of the children. They have expressed concern in particular that contrary to what has been stated publicly by the minister responsible, they have some evidence that all the children have not been placed, all the children have not been looked after adequately, and it is with this kind of concern in mind that the petition has been signed by so many people. They would also like me to mention, in the light of their concern, that government be asked to reconsider this decision, and discuss it with the other authorities involved with a view to ensuring that the home stays open beyond the deadline at the end of this month when it is due to close, and particularly and ultimately that all of the children now in the home be adequately cared for.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure on behalf of the 1,268 petitioners to request that the petition be placed on the table of the House and referred to the appropriate department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Social Services.

HON. A. J. MURPHY (Minister of Social Services): It is not my purpose to support this petition because as far as my department is concerned the issue is closed. I would like to take the opportunity, Sir, to speak on the petition, the fact, because of charges made within that petition, Sir, by people unidentified, that these children are not -

AN HON. MEMBER: They are identified.

AN HON. MEMBER: Sit down. Know the rules, learn the rules of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: that these children are not being properly looked after, Sir. And I would like to say that this is an absolutely untruth.

MR. F. ROWE: On a point of order. It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that a person has a right to stand up and support a petition, and not to debate it. I submit that the Hon. Minister of Social Services is debating the contents of the petition and is not supporting it, and therefore it is quite out of order, Mr. Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. MORGAN: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker. A person can stand and speak on a petition, not necessarily in support of that petition. So the honourable gentleman for St. John's Centre is in order.

MR. CROSBIE: The rules of the House are quite clear about petitions. And the subject has been raised here earlier in this session. We are still proceeding under the lenient acceptance of a custom that has grown up in the House that a member can introduce a petition and speak for several minutes, and that other members of the House can be allowed to speak to it also without any major debate arising. You do not have to rise on a petition to support it, you can rise on a petition to oppose it if you wish, but within the bounds that you can only be several minutes and not have a debate on the matter.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order. If I remember correctly, Mr. Speaker, on the first or second day of the opening of this particular session Your Honour suggested to this House of Assembly that if a person was not willing to get up and speak in support of a petition that you would consider cutting off debate, or cut off statements made pertaining to petitions. And that was the same circumstance that very day that led you to make that statement. Now I submit, Sir, that the minister, unless he is prepared to support this particular petition, is completely out of order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! In reference to the first or second day of this session I said that I would certainly consider allowing any honourable member to reply to a petition being presented. To my knowledge there is nothing in our Standing Orders which says that a person has to support a petition. It is an understood leniency perhaps granted by the Chair for a person to speak in reply to a petition. To my knowledge he does not have to support the petition. So I recognize the Hon. Minister for Social Services.

MR. MURPHY: If I may, perhaps I may rise to a point of personal privilege. With reference to the statement just made by the honourable Member for Hermitage wherein accusations were made that I, as minister responsible for my department, did something other than what was for the benefit of the children in this home. The charges being made by 1,269 unidentified people through the member - and I would just like to say, Sir, as far as I am concerned, and my department is concerned that negotiations were on-going with a private institution and eventually in view of the terrible mischievous things that have been done, not only by the members opposite, but by press, radio, and everything else - the United Church Conference itself

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: The United Church Conference itself stepped in, not the Board, Sir, not any other area, but the Conference itself stepped in and made a joint statement -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: I do not think we will vote anything to education, Sir, this year when we look at the gentleman opposite. I do not think it is worth it.

But, Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, a joint statement by the president, or the moderator, or the President of the Conference and myself set the facts out. Now anybody who wants to continue this to the harassment, if you like, of the children of this home are perfectly - I do not agree with them doing it. And I think it is a terrible thing that is happening. And I do not know who is at the bottom of it but I would like to see the petition and find out who originated the thing, Sir, and I will take action on behalf of my department to meet with these people, and hold a discussion with them. But I think it is very, very, mischeivous, and not at all in keeping with the record that the Department of Social Services has established, Sir, in looking after the children. There are nineteen Sir, of some 4,200 that my Director of Child Welfare is responsible for, Sir. So I think it is a very, very serious thing and a complete, Sir, mischeivous thing to bring into this House and keep this matter open.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Placentia East.

MR. AYLWARD: Mr. Speaker, I am sure this petition will generate nothing but support from both sides of the House of Assembly. I think it is really a most unusual petition in this mechanical, modern age. This is a petition from the residents of the Community of St. Bride's.

There are thirty horse owners, believe it or not, and they are supported by several other residents of the community.

AN HON. MEMBER: Horse owners?

MR. AYLWARD: Horse owners.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: What?

MR. AYLWARD: That is people who own horses.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. AYLWARD: No, no, no, no, no, I knew exactly what this would provoke, Mr. Chairman—Mr. Speaker, I am sorry—because all these honourable gentlemen undoubtedly have their vehicles and they are probably not as concerned. But this is a serious problem in this community and I think the Chairman of what is referred to as the Pasture Committee puts the plight of the horse owners and the horses more adequately than ever I could or indeed anyone supporting this petition.

So I am not going to stretch the rules but I am going to refer in particular to their prayer in their own words, and they say this, Mr. Speaker, "The Community Council at St. Bride's has passed a control law of animals at large as of the Spring of 1975." So that would become operative pretty soon, despite all the snow that we have had in that district particularly, which adjoins the district of my honourable and learned friend here from St. Mary's. I am sure he will be on his feet next to support this because the horses from Point Lance would also want the same liberties.

AN HON. MEMBER: Oh well.

MR. AYLWARD: But it says, "In the light of this, we the undersigned request permission for either the horses to be permitted on the



community pasture or the department give materials such as fence posts and wire to fence available land to pasture horses."

Well, Mr. Speaker, I think they put this in excellent language and it will bring home to us really how valuable the horse has been and still is in these rural communities.

Here is what they have to say, Mr. Speaker, and the letter is addressed to me of course, with the request that I present this to the honourable House.

"We are again soliciting your help in yet another matter of vital importance to the people of St. Bride's area, the problem is now our horses.

"The community council has a law passed that all animals are to be barred up this coming spring. We, the horse owners, met with the council and they promised us if we could get a place to put the horses during the summer months, they would not enforce the law. The horses are very much needed by the people since they are used practically all year around."

Listen to this, Mr. Speaker, you could not believe really how valuable it is, "In Spring, they are used to haul kelp and other manure for garden and hay ground, to transport fishing supplies and fencing materials for land. In Summer they are used to haul mowing machines and other hay making equipment. Then they are used to bring the hay to the barns. In the Fall and Winter the horses are used mainly to haul firewood, but their chores are varied and many."

AN HON. MEMBER: They are busy horses.

MR. AYLWARD: "Therefore, the men use these horses almost constantly."

"Now, Mr. Aylward, we are going to explain the problem to you. Eversince the first families came to St. Bride's we pastured our horses during the Summer months on the land which the Department of Agriculture fenced in for a community pasture. The rule they have is that horses are not allowed on community pastures." Can you imagine?

"We, the people of St. Bride's, consider this an unjust rule. For hundreds of years, the horses, cows and sheep, have pastured together on this land, Now our horses are out and we have no where to put them."

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. AYLWARD: It goes on, Mr. Speaker. "Mr. Aylward, you are a lawyer and do you think that if we went to the High Court of Canada - "

MR. ROBERTS: On horseback.

MR. AYLWARD: "Do you think if we went to the High Court of Canada, that the Department of Agriculture could stop us from pasturing our horses on this land when we had the rights to it for centuries.

"Everyone is quite satisfied to pay the fee for the horses, just as we do for the sheep and cattle, We are not condemning the community pasture as it is a wonderful thing for our community and our sheep and cattle are well looked after during the summer months.

"This is a very large pasture and we think it is somewhere in the vicinity of between 7,000 and 10,000 acres, but not one acre for the horses.

"Yet the Department of Agriculture does not want the horses there with the cattle and sheep. There are lots of places they could fence off for our horses for the summer months as they have barred our right we have had for centuries." In other words, they say, for 400 or 500 years took his horse to pasture and now the government have erected a pasture on which they only allow cattle and sheep.

"We are enclosing a petition from the horse owners and people depending on horses in the area." Listen to this, Mr. Speaker. This will bring back memories I bet you of early days in the district you represent of Lewisporte. It says, "Sometime families have a horse between them. In other cases, three families share the one horse. There are roughly thirty horses in the community. If we have to bar up our horses on our land and during the summer months we will have to do away with our sheep and cattle as we will have no hay to feed them and the horses will have it all grazed." They say they are spending the petition to the - copies of it - to the Minister of Agriculture and to the representative in Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker, we take it in a jocular way. I respectfully submit that this beast of burden is an important element of the community life of this small town. As they say, there are thirty of them there, but not alone are there thirty horseowners themselves, but the others who share the horses and who also, of course, have occasion to borrow them or to use them. It is a serious problem for these individuals and I sincerely solicit on behalf of all these horseowners and residents of St. Bride's the wholehearted support of the House. I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that what is involved is a very small outlay of funds here. Apparently some extra fencing to fence off a portion of the existing pasture so that the horses can be accommodated.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask leave that this petition be tabled and referred to the department to which it relates. I hope that speedy action will result.

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I rise on this side of the House and speak on behalf of my colleagues here in support of this petition. I am sure this is a very serious problem to the people involved. It may pass

through this House, Sir, in a jovial mood. Of course, we may snicker and grin at it, and there may be some amusing words in connection with the petition, but I am sure to the individuals concerned this is a very serious matter indeed and one which should be considered by the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture. I notice he is not in his seat today. It is too bad, because I think his predecessor last year was the man who raised the fees on community pastures in the province, thereby laying an extra burden on the cattle and sheep owners of our province and also the -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: They were not raised.

MR. THOMS: Oh, they were raised, my friend. Indeed they were raised. They were tripled as a matter of fact.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: No, they were not.

MR. THOMS: Oh, indeed they were tripled.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: The honourable member had better go back and check.

MR. THOMS: They were tripled. I have a copy of the minister's statement and the fees were tripled in 1974.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. WILSON: Then you must have chickened out.

MR. THOMS: Well, Mr. Speaker, this to the people of St. Bride's is a very serious problem. I am sure the expenditure of funds in what this petition represents is only a minor one considering now that we have topped the \$1 billion mark in our provincial budget. I am sure the present minister will be able to find the funds to help out the people, the horseowners of St. Bride's, so that their problem can be rapidly overcome.

HON. T.V. HICKEY (MINISTER OF TOURISM): Mr. Speaker, I would like to add a word of support to this petition, being familiar with the area my colleague refers to. I do not find that I can agree with the honourable member for Bonavista North very often but I do agree with him occasionally. This is one of the times that I agree when he says that this is a serious matter with regards to the people who are concerned enough to present a petition to their member.

I would also like for the benefit of the press, Mr. Speaker, to correct a statement made by the honourable Member for Bonavista North about fees being raised last year. This is totally incorrect. Fees were not raised.

MR. THOMS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

MR. HICKEY: Fees were not raised, Mr. Speaker.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Order, order, order.

MR. THOMS: Why do you cover up?

MR. HICKEY: We are not covering up, Your Honour, at all. There was no increase in fees. There was a discussion paper issued. There was no final decision made. In fact, the final decision with regards to raising it was not made at all. The fees were never raised. It was purely the basis for discussion. But, Mr. Speaker, as per usual the opposition - I suppose their role is to seize any opportunity, no matter how cheap it might be. However, I would just like to say that I most sincerely, Mr. Speaker, -

MR. SIMMONS: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. On a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, the minister is obviously engaging in a debate on this petition and that is clearly against the Standing Orders of the House, Standing Order (97) in particular. I would suggest he be asked to follow the rules like the rest of us have to, unless if he wants a debate we would be happy to have one, Mr. Speaker, as long as we can all participate in it.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. CROSBIE: The honourable Member for St. John's East Extern is simply commenting on this petition and correcting a mis-statement of fact by the honourable Member for Bonavista North. In no way is it debate.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Carry on "Tom",

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the Minister of Fisheries.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The honourable Minister of Tourism, the Chair does not consider that he was engaged in a debate on this particular topic, but has been given the leniency of the Chair as other members have in replying to a petition. He may continue.

MR. HICKEY: Thank you, Your Honour. I was about to conclude, Mr. Speaker, when I was interrupted by the Member for Hermitage and I hope he follows the rules as rigidly as he would like us to follow them today.

I wanted to say in conclusion that I support this petition very sincerely and very seriously because as indicated by my colleague from Placentia West, it is a very grave problem to the people who were confronted with it. While it may seem not so important to members of the House or to the people in other parts of the Province, to those who were confronted with this problem it is a very real one and I hope that something can be done about it.

REPORTS OF STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Transportation and Communications.

HON. J. ROUSSEAU: I would like to table, if I may, Mr. Speaker, the following highway traffic regulations, 1975, for snow clearing in the Corner Brook area which was gazetted on January 24. Highway traffic supplementary regulation, 1975, snow clearing in Corner Brook area, gazetted on February 21; Highway traffic regulations, 1975, snow clearing Corner Brook, gazetted on January 24; Highway traffic regulations, 1975, snow clearing in the Grand Falls area, gazetted January 24; Highway traffic snow clearing, January, 1975, gazetted on January 24; Highway traffic regulations, 1975, snow clearing in the St. John's area, gazetted on January 24. There are sixty-five copies of each. Also there are copies of regulations under the Highway Traffic Act or amendments to the regulations in respect to snowmobile operations in Churchill Falls and that area.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. EARLE: Mr. Speaker, I have the answer to question number nineteen on the Order Paper of March 12 asked by the honourable Member for Bell Island. The question is "At any time has Mr. William D. Saunders, formerly the Member of the House of Assembly for the District of Bay de Verde, withdrawn any of the contributions he made to the Government Pension Plan for members of the House of Assembly and if so, (a) What are the amounts that have been withdrawn. (b) On what dates were they withdrawn? and (c) What is the value of any amounts that remain to his credit in the said Pension Plan?"

The answer, Mr. Speaker, is that on July 19, 1974, Mr. Saunders requested in writing that his pension contributions paid during his term as a member of the House of Assembly be returned to him in full. A full refund was forwarded to Mr. Saunders on August 8, 1974. Now, Mr. Speaker, in giving the answer, I do not intend to answer the rest of the question because I think that a man's pension plan is his own private business and I do not think that I should disclose the amounts he contributed or the amounts he withdrew.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Hear! Hear!



ORAL QUESTIONS:

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Industrial Development.

HON. W. DOODY, Minister of Industrial Development: Answer to the question on the Order Paper of Monday, March 10th. by the honourable Member for Bell Island. To ask the Minister of Industrial Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

For the fiscal year which began April 1, 1973, and as of a current date, what is the number of applications for financial assistance in respect of which financial assistance was offered by the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation for each Electoral District and showing also for each Electoral District the value of financial assistance so offered the persons and companies making the aforementioned applications?

The information is here, Sir, and I would like to read it out to the House.

MR. NEARY: Table it.

MR. MORGAN: No, read it out.

MR. DOODY: The Development Corporation and the department spent quite a considerable amount of time and effort in compiling the information and I think the honourable House has the right to hear it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. NEARY: A point of order, Your Honour, Mr. Speaker, Your Honour called Order number five, answers to questions for which notice had been given and the honourable minister did not rise, Sir -

MR. DOODY: I did. I did rise.

MR. NEARY: To give the answer to the question to which a notice had already been given. This is the oral question period we are in now, Sir, and I would submit that if the minister wants to give the answer that he table it in the House.

MR. DOODY: Your Honour, I will read it on Wednesday.

AN HON. MEMBER: What Wednesday?

MR. DOODY: Any Wednesday.



ORAL QUESTIONS:

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relation, Sir; would the honourable minister care to tell the House why in all decency he refused to intervene in the dispute between IOC and the workers in Labrador City when the workers down there requested the minister -

MR. CROSBIE: Point of order, Mr. Speaker -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. CROSBIE: The honourable gentleman well knows that a question is not supposed to contain any statements of opinion and so on. It is an improper question, "Why in the name of decency," etc. and so on is all improper.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

Order, please! I wanted to let the honourable Member for Bell Island finish his question. I was certainly going to rule him out of order.

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will rephrase the question, would the minister care to inform the House why the minister did not grant the request of the workers in Labrador City to intervene in the dispute between the workers in Labrador City and the Iron Ore Company of Canada?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations.

HON. E. MAYNARD, Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations:

Mr. Speaker, this province would probably be a lot better if the honourable Member for Bell Island would stop trying to sabotage labour relations in the province and try to be a responsible citizen.

The request that came from Labrador City was for me to intervene personally and I did not see any advantage for me to intervene personally while we have had a conciliation officer on the case. The conciliation officer is still in contact with the parties and will continue to be and there is no point whatsoever of my getting

involved personally at this time.

All the Member for Bell Island is trying to do is sabotage the negotiations in Labrador City. He is trying to make a political point for himself.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. MAYNARD: Yes, it is in order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Could the minister indicate to the House if negotiations are ongoing, if the conciliation officer is now in Labrador City and if so what progress is being made? Is there any possibility of settling this without the minister's intervention?

MR. MAYNARD: No, Mr. Speaker, this conciliation officer is not at the present time in Labrador City. He has been in contact with both parties. He has had continuing contact since he has been assigned to the case a number of weeks ago. He will continue contact with the parties and as far as I know, negotiations or whatever talks between the two are still ongoing. And I have no intention regardless of which question the member asked, to intervene at this point in time while ordinary labour relations are ongoing.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, supplementary, would the minister indicate the reaction of the workers in Labrador City when they got the word that the minister refused to intervene in this dispute? What was their reaction?

MR. STAGG: I have not had any reaction.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Fogo.

CAPT. WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, might I direct a question to the honourable Minister of Social Services; can the minister tell us if there is any arrangements made to get some of this McCain's food over to

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Fogo Island? I understand there is a trailer going to be stationed at Carmanville but how about Fogo Island and perhaps Change Islands?

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister of Social Services.

MR. MURPHY: The honourable Member for Fogo asked a question. I wrote it down for him today. I am aware that he asked me again - if he would ask the question because I presume he wants his constituents back on Fogo Island, that it be in the press to say that he did ask the question. I will acknowledge that.

Mr. Speaker -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: Do we want an answer to a question, or do we want everybody -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: (Stagg) They are rambling on.

AN HON. MEMBER: Carried! Carried!

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. The honourable gentlemen are asking questions. Now if they want answers, Mr. Speaker, they will have to allow the answers to be made without all of these interjections. And I will further point out to Your Honour that they are completely ignoring any attempts by Your Honour to maintain order. I suggest, Sir, that the proper procedure should be followed if this continues, and that the offenders be named.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

The Hon. Member for Hermitage.

HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker -

AN HON. MEMBER: They will not give us the answers.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: Now who is ignoring the Chair?

Mr. Speaker, to the point of order. We ask questions, we expect to get answers. The minister has not the answer, of course, but if he is going to answer he ought to do so in accordance with the rules of the House. And the rules on this point are very clear, Mr. Speaker. It says, Standing Order 25 (a) "But in putting any such question or replying to the same, no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same." And we have been sitting here, Mr. Speaker, ever since this session opened putting up with all kinds of innuendo from various ministers. And let them answer the question or decline to answer but stick to the point.

HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: What would you know -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The Hon. Member for Fogo asked a question -

MR. WINSOR: I addressed a question to -

MR. SPEAKER: Well just a minute, please! The honourable Member for Fogo directed a question to the Hon. Minister of Social Services. And in attempting to answer the question the Hon. Minister of Social Services may have strayed somewhat from the rule. However, he did not get a chance to proceed with his question because honourable gentlemen to my right and to my left perhaps interfered with him in giving an answer. I would certainly request that if a member asks a question he certainly has the right to an answer, if the minister wishes to answer, and another honourable member should let him be heard.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I thank you, Sir. With reference to the shipment of food to Fogo and Twillingate I have asked my department if some arrangements could be made, Sir. As I said yesterday, perhaps it needs a little explaining - these are sixty foot trailers, refrigerated trailer trucks, and they carry 40,000

pounds of food. We have tried to serve every area of the province we could, some twenty-five, except - and perhaps the Member for Labrador North was not here. But unfortunately due to transportation -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. MURPHY: If he does not want it, good enough. But anyhow, the honourable Member for Fogo did ask me yesterday, Sir, about the thing, and I gave him the answer today in writing, as best I could. But the story is this the ferry to Fogo has agreed to carry free of charge anything that we may want to send over there, Sir. It is a physical impossibility, absolutely impossible to put this sixty foot trailer on that ferry. I did ask the Member for Fogo if he could arrange with someone, perhaps someone on the Island or somewhere else, or perhaps we might try to do it, I do not know if we can quite frankly, to perhaps get someone to donate a truck for perhaps to transfer some of this food to the truck to go on the ferry. That is the point as far as we know - we are arranging - we can arrange to get the food to Fredrickton, which I understand now is the terminus to connect with the ferry to Fogo. And also for my honourable friend, and distinguished, and educated, and mannerly, and lovely gentleman for Twillingate, I just want to say that we are trying to arrange also, Sir, something to Twillingate. Our Mr. Moss at Lewisporte is trying to work out the whole thing. So we are doing everything within our power, Sir, to make this food available to everybody that needs it by our standards, and please God we will be able to make the arrangements. And I assure the Member for Fogo that if we can do it, or if there is any help he can give us in any way - and, Mr. Speaker, if I may at this time just avail of the opportunity to ask any member of this honourable House, Sir, where the food will be going, if they would arrange with someone in their own areas, like a Service Club or something else to dig in and give us a hand, I have asked the media to do it, Sir. And I got a tremendous response yesterday. We cleaned out everything we had for St. John's. And anybody who can give us any help to distribute this stuff, Sir,

I would appreciate the members contacting either me, or Mr. Jerry Power who is doing a tremendous job in my department to facilitate the distribution of this food. So do not feel shy to phone me at anytime today, I work from 8:30 until 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. MURPHY: I cannot guarantee chips.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Member for Labrador North.

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Hon. Minister of Health. I asked before in the House, and he told me to wait until the budget was brought down and he would give me an answer. I want to ask the minister if construction will start this Summer on the expansion of the Paddon Memorial Hospital in Happy Valley?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Health.

HON. DR. A. ROWE (MINISTER OF HEALTH): Mr. Speaker, I cannot give a specific answer as to whether or not construction will start this year. The member is well aware of the fact that there has been a Federal-Provincial Planning Committee doing the whole study on the proposed extension of the hospital concomitant with the priorities of which part of the extension expansion is most urgently required. I can only tell the gentleman now that the budget is out I will be speaking more of it and giving you more details of this Planning Committee, and the plans in the future in the Health estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member for Hermitage.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transportation and Communications. I wonder would the minister care to indicate to the House when he expects to make public or table the list of roads to be upgraded and/or paved in the forthcoming fiscal year 1975-1976?

MR. ROUSSEAU: Where? Where?

MR. SIMMONS: In the province.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Transportation and Communications.

MR. ROUSSEAU: In due course. No, I am not going to tie myself down to a date, but when the lists are prepared, and that takes quite awhile. Certainly I am sure the honourable member can appreciate you do not want to leave any area out. That is a very comprehensive report. When we have it then we will take a look at it.

MR. SIMMONS: A supplementary. Of course a lot of areas were left out, if you would go by the budget. Is the minister saying that the decisions have not yet been made as to where the money is to be



expended on road upgrading this year? Have the decisions been made as of now?

MR. ROUSSEAU: Not all of the decisions. Some of them in respect to the completion of last year's were commitments that have been made but the rest of it will develop as the year progresses.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Member for Labrador North.

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transportation and Communications. I wonder if the minister could tell the House if there will be any airstrips developed along the Labrador Coast this year?

MR. ROUSSEAU: We would certainly hope so.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. ROUSSEAU: You know if you would let me finish the answer, I will tell you. We have made application provincially to the federal government. We have some money in the budget, as you see, for landing strips. We have made application for areas on the Coast, one of which I can mention, by the way, is Cartwright. Of course, we are hoping to have that one ready for the Summer. We made applications for others, but until we come to an agreement with M.O.T. I think it would be inappropriate for me to say. But we are now talking with M.O.T. but one of the areas, especially because of the gas find off the Coast is, Cartwright and the company involved are interested, as is the federal government, of course, and the provincial government in that area. But we have indications from the federal Government that the amount of money available for the landing strips may be increased. There is only \$2 million as the honourable member knows now, or in that area, available for all of Canada. We are sort of hoping that the federal government would agree with maybe a two year package for us, or something, so we would know which way to go, and we would be able to make a start on them. But we have made applications for airstrips on the Coast of Labrador. Yes, Cartwright is one of them, and is a priority

but there are a couple of others, too, that we are considering. As soon as we have anything definite from M.O.T. we will certainly make the House aware, and the honourable member aware of the areas. As the honourable member can see in the budget there is an amount of money for these strips from the provincial point of view.

MR. WOODWARD: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell the House what time he expects to hear from Ottawa if there will be funds available?

MR. ROUSSEAU: I could not tell you that. I know that we -

MR. WOODWARD: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. WOODWARD: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The Hon. Member for Hermitage.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Hon. the Premier in the absence of the Minister of Public Works and Services. The Public Tendering Act, Mr. Speaker, in Section 42, provides that the minister shall within fifteen days from the opening of a session of the House table in the House a list of specific public works projects executed by Crown Corporations since the last proceeding session etc. Would the Premier indicate when the government intends to table in the House this list of projects?

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. the Premier.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable the Premier.

MR. MOORES: I do not know if there are any, Mr. Speaker, but I will take notice of the question and find out.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Bonavista North.

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the honourable Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, Could the minister inform this House if the pasture fees which his predecessor imposed on March 6, 1974, were enforced as the statement stated that they were going to be enforced?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Forestry and Agriculture.

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member is going to have to be more specific. I really cannot answer the question. Maybe he can be more specific.

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, is it permissible for me to read out the statement given on March 6 -

MR. SPEAKER: It is the oral question period and I will not permit the reading of statements.

MR. THOMS: Well, Mr. Speaker, could I direct another question to the minister, is he aware of the statement that his predecessor made on March 6, 1974 in this honourable House, stating that the pasture fees had increased over the previous years.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Forestry and Agriculture.

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the pasture fees have not been increased.

MR. THOMS: It is here in black and white. You do not even know -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

MR. SPEAKER: The Address in Reply, I think the honourable Member for Bell Island adjourned the debate last day.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, would you indicate Your Honour, how much time I have left?

AN HON. MEMBER: Forty-five minutes.

MR. SPEAKER: You have some thirteen or fourteen minutes left.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, just to recap some of the things that I mentioned in the Throne Speech on Monday. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I intimated that the theme of the Throne Speech all the way through, and I think everybody is getting this reaction now, was the dangerous implications that it had, Sir, that our whole democratic system was being placed in jeopardy, that our idea of representative democracy, Mr. Speaker, was being swept aside and there was every indication in the Throne Speech, Sir, that the control of large expenditures of money, the decisions for large expenditures of money were going to be placed in the hands of a few people, rather than right here on the floor of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, this concentration of power, in my opinion, just turns the House of Assembly into a mere rubber stamp. It is a sell out, Sir, as I indicated on Monday, to the pseudo intellectuals that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Industrial Development and the Minister of Mines and Energy, have contracted on their staff, Sir, over the past three years.

MR. DOODY: If I am one of them -

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, in the last session of this House, an amendment, an amendment was passed, Sir, to enable the government to appoint a president of the Treasury Board other than the Minister of Finance, and we raised strong objection at that time, Sir, to this bill, because we felt, Mr. Speaker, that this would give too much power to the trio on the government side of the House, Sir. It would put too much power in the hands of the honourable the Premier, the honourable Minister of Industrial Development and the honourable Minister of Public Works and Services, the real power in this province. The rest of us, Sir - no, not the Minister of Finance, not the Minister of Fisheries, the previous Minister of Finance, that minister got the flick, Sir, got the flick.

MR. EVANS: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: He did not have the courage to face the rounds of negotiations that are coming up between all the various civil service groups, and besides that, he was not prepared to toe the line. The Hon. Premier wanted complete and full control, and he wanted his buddy, the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development at his right hand, and he wanted the Minister of Public Works and Services, the president of the council, at his left hand.

MR. EVANS: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: And, Sir, there was a method in the Premier's madness, Sir, and we saw it, Mr. Speaker, we saw it only recently, when the Power Corporation Bill came before this honourable House. Mr. Speaker, somehow or other, even some poor, old members of the press, of the media, of the hot lines, the open line programmes, still believe, Sir, they still think that the objectionable clause in that piece of legislation giving the power to this trio and the new Power Corporation, has been removed or is going to be removed, when in actual fact, Sir, the Premier, speaking for the government, and the Minister of Mines and Energy, stated emphatically in this honourable House that it was not going to be removed. Will everybody please get that straight? It is not going to be removed. It is putting the authority to borrow \$1.6 billion in the hands of this clique, of this corporate monster that the government have created. Mr. Speaker, somehow or other, in the Throne Speech, Sir, when they announced this, they tried to leave the impression, Mr. Speaker, that this bill meant the development of the Lower Churchill when, in actual fact, it does not. It in no way, shape or form means the development of the Lower Churchill.

Now, Mr. Speaker, who benefits by this concentration of power other than the trio themselves? Well, Mr. Speaker, we are all aware, Sir, that big money, huge international corporations fronting for international bankers, have bank rolled just about every revolution. They have bank rolled war, Sir. They have bank rolled even President Nixon down in the United States. They have bank rolled the Bolshevik Revolution, Sir, in Russia.

AN HON. MEMBER: Great Throne Speech stuff.

MR. NEARY: And that is what it is, great Throne Speech stuff, and I have not even got warmed up yet.

AN HON. MEMBER: Come on boy!

MR. DOODY: Bank rolled your election on Bell Island -

MR. MURPHY: We could not afford that.

MR. DOODY: - with the Department of Social Services.

MR. MURPHY: My department paid for that.

MR. NEARY: We all saw -

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: We all saw -

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

The proceedings have begun to degenerate. The honourable member has three minutes left, and I suggest to all honourable members to my left that he be heard in silence for the remaining three minutes.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I thank Your Honour for trying to restore order on the government benches, Sir. They have over the past three years, Sir, downgraded this honourable House to the standards of a beer garden.

MR. EVANS: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I think it is about time that we tried to restore a little decorum in this House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to conclude this part of my remark, Sir, I would like to move an amendment to the Throne Speech, Sir.

MR. EVANS: Another one?

MR. NEARY: My amendment is as follows, Sir, to the motion -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! Order, please!

The honourable member is moving an amendment, and I would like to hear it.

MR. NEARY: I have a copy for Your Honour, if the page would come and collect it, Sir.

BE IT RESOLVED that all words after "that" be deleted and the following words substituted therefore, "This House, Sir, regrets the failure of the present administration to introduce programmes to lessen the severe impact on our people of the rapidly rising cost of living, and regrets the shameful failure of the administration to introduce programmes aimed specifically at reducing the constantly increasing number of our people who are unemployed, and further regrets the complete disregard for instituting measures to deal effectively with the dramatic increases in the number of work stoppages through strikes and lockouts, both legal and illegal, and no concern or indication of any measures to research the rising tide of vandalism and criminal activity on the upsurge daily in urban areas throughout Newfoundland and Labrador."

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, if I may? Did I understand the honourable member to say he is going to amend the Throne Speech, that he has got the audacity to amend the speech given here by the Lieutenant-Governor? What?

AN HON. MEMBER: Her Majesty's Gracious Speech.

MR. MURPHY: Is that an actual fact, Sir? I would like to get that straight.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: What, going to amend the Throne Speech? God help us almighty, a traitor put him out! Put him out, Sir.

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MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

The honourable member's time has expired, and in view of the fact that there are a significant number of points raised in the honourable member's proposed amendment, I am not going to rule on it at this time, but I will make a ruling sometime, hopefully, later on today.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I intend to speak on the amendment, Sir. This is my intention, to carry on, Sir. This is traditional in this honourable House that when there is an amendment made, Sir, that the speaker who moves the amendment has the right then to speak on that amendment so would Your Honour like an adjournment for - incidentally, I might point out -

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): The honourable member -

MR. NEARY: - I might point out to Your Honour that this is a similar amendment that has been made over the last two or three years so there are no complications. It is straight forward. But Your Honour may need a few minutes to go out and consider it.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): That is correct, yes.

The honourable member is quite correct and if the amendment is in order, he does have the right to continue, and I will adjourn for a few minutes to consider it.

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MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Some honourable members wished to speak to



a point of order before I adjourned, and I will allow them to do so now if they wish.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, the point of order I was going to raise was that the honourable gentleman from Bell Island did not specify what kind of an amendment he was making and to what. For example, I heard him say he was amending the Throne Speech. Now, I understand he can amend a motion to adopt the Throne Speech, but he cannot amend the Throne Speech. Number two, with regards to my point of order, was the fact that there is no seconder to his motion. I understand there has to be a seconder.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order. That is rather frivolous. The honourable House, the Speaker, knows what I am moving the amendment to. As a matter of fact, I did not even have to refer to the Throne Speech at all. All I had to do was say I am moving an amendment seconded by my colleague, the member for Twillingate.

MR. MORGAN: You did not mention his name. There was no seconder.

MR. NEARY: That would have been it, Your Honour. Mr. Speaker, you will remember the interruptions that were coming from the opposite side of the House, Sir, when I was moving my amendment. I would submit, Your Honour, that the amendment - well, I mean, there is no argument about it, Mr. Speaker, the amendment is in order and that it is. Why argue about it?

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, it was I actually who rose to a point of order. I did not interrupt the speaker at that time because I was just here flabbergasted to think that any member of this House would take it upon himself to amend the Gracious Speech delivered by His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor. I remember the member for St. Mary's did that at one time, and the then Premier, Premier Smallwood, I thought he was going to leave the building through the roof. I was expecting to see an armed guard come in and take the honourable member away and incarcerate him immediately without even a trial. You know, treason, and we cannot accept that type of thing, Sir. The only thing you can do is just reject it.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, Your Honour knows full well -

MR. MURPHY: Your Honour is not supposed to guess what -

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we should not be wasting the time of the House on such frivolous matters. Your Honour knows full well when I moved the amendment it was perfectly in order. I did not even have to mention the motion or the Address-in-Reply or the Speech From the Throne. All I had to do was say, Your Honour I am moving an amendment. That is it.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge the amendment was not seconded. To my memory the amendment was not seconded. I believe such an amendment has to be seconded when made.

MR. NEARY: To that, Mr. Speaker. Your Honour knows full well when he left the Chair that there were interruptions coming from all sides of the House. Your Honour, I know they would like to have closure in this House. They would like to be able to shut me up, Your Honour, but Your Honour knows full well that when you make an amendment or when you move a motion, that it is automatically seconded by one of your colleagues. You do not have to -

MR. MURPHY: Ask "Roger", he will support it.

MR. NEARY: Do not be so childish and foolish.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

Much as I would like to rule in favour of the honourable member, and I would really like to rule in favour of the honourable member because -

MR. NEARY: Oh, come off it now. Do not be a -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

The motion as it was given to me is quite properly framed and it is a motion to amend the Address-in-Reply. However, the honourable member did not have a seconder for his motion.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, that is nonsense of the worst sort and partiality of the worse kind.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: I guarantee you that, Your Honour, that we have no intention here of putting up with it. Your Honour left the Chair before I got a chance to name my seconder. Your Honour left the Chair - get the tapes

and play the tapes.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

The honourable member did not have a seconder.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I have seven.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: I have seven seconders and Your Honour is being partial.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh come on! \_

MR. NEARY: Yes, I will be expelled on that but there is no way  
you are going - - -

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, there is a seconder. There is one, two, three,  
four, five, six, seven. There are seven seconders. Your Honour better  
go and get the tapes because Your Honour cleared out of the Chair before  
I got a chance to finish my amendment as a matter of fact.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

The honourable member first of all -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

Now, this has blown up into -

MR. NEARY: This is a pretty serious matter.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): It is a very serious matter, yes. The honourable  
member has said some things that are rather intemperate. The honourable  
member did not frame his amendment properly. First of all he said  
that he was attempting to amend the Throne Speech, which is irregular  
and it is unheard of. Secondly, the honourable member did not name  
a seconder which is equally -

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, are you trying to get back on me for that  
question I put on the Order Paper yesterday about the legal fees out  
in Western Newfoundland for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing  
Corporation that Your Honour is ripping off? I want the Speaker back  
in the Chair. Let us get the Speaker back.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please! Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: Throw him out.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Go ahead, throw me out. Sure, call in the police.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I am perfectly in order. I stand on my constitutional rights in this honourable House. I challenge Your Honour to have me removed from the House.

MR. MURPHY: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

I have no intention of engaging -

MR. MURPHY: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

I have no intention of engaging in a long argument with the honourable member.

MR. NEARY: Do not hide behind the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Of course, the honourable member's remarks with reference to the Chair impugn the integrity of the Chair and accordingly Mr. Neary, you are named by the Chair and you are asked to withdraw while this Chamber considers what punishment or what penalty if any will be invoked.

MR. NEARY: That is the action of a coward and a partisan politician who is not fit - you are not fit to be Deputy Speaker of this honourable House. Get the Speaker back in the House. You are not fit to be Deputy Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: What a coward and a louse.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, as a backbencher, I will not say with pleasure, I make a motion, Mr. Speaker, that the honourable gentleman from Bell Island be expelled from this House for at least three days based on the following facts. That the honourable gentleman is now expelled from the House by being named by the Speaker, number one. Number two, Mr. Speaker, he stands on his feet and points and says you are partisan.

MR. NEARY: Yes, and a coward.

MR. MORGAN: Number two, he stands on his feet while you are standing and speaking and calls you a coward.

MR. NEARY: That is right.

MR. MORGAN: That kind of disrespect for the Chair of this Assembly must not be allowed.

MR. NEARY: Go and forget -

MR. MORGAN: Must not be allowed.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please! Would the Sergeant-at-Arms escort the honourable member from the Chamber, please.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Hon. Member for Bell Island be suspended from the House for five sitting days.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Is there a seconder for the motion?

MR. CROSBIE: There is no motion only a -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): It is moved by the Hon. Minister of Fisheries and seconded by the Member for Bonavista South that the Member for Bell Island be suspended from the sittings of the House of Assembly for a period of five sitting days.

CAPT. WINSOR: May I? The Hon. Member for Bonavista South already made a motion suspending the member -

MR. MORGAN: You want to see a motion made.

CAPT. WINSOR: No, you made the motion.

MR. MORGAN: Point of order.

CAPT. WINSOR: And now the Hon. Minister of Fisheries makes another motion. Should not the Member for Labrador South's motion be dealt with first?

MR. OTTENHEIMER: If I may to that point of order, Mr. Speaker. As I understand it, the Member for Bonavista South was speaking on a matter of privilege with reference to the remarks of the Hon. Member for Bell Island,

and was putting forward a suggestion. Actually the substantive motion has, by our rules, to be made by the House Leader or somebody acting on his behalf. The only motion in order now is the one put by the House Leader.

MR. WOODWARD: If I may speak to that point of order. I think we should, before we dispense with this motion, we should get the tapes. The Member for Bonavista South said, I move that the Member for Bell Island be suspended from this House for three days. I think that motion should be dealt with first or withdrawn in the House.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, the rules of the House state that such a motion has to be made by the House Leader, the Government House Leader. In this case, my motion was out of order. I am now seconding the motion made by the House Leader.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Order, please!

The Hon. Member for Bonavista South was in the process of making a motion; however, there was no seconder named to his motion either, so consequently, the only valid motion which is before the House, is the motion made by the Hon. House Leader, the Minister of Fisheries, which has been seconded by the Hon. Member for Bonavista South. That is the motion which is presently before the House.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): Those in favour, "aye". Those opposed, "nay".

In my opinion the "ayes" have it.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. THOMS: Oh yes, it is debatable.

MR. SIMMONS: The Chairman did not permit debate.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. DUNPHY: Mr. Speaker -

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Stagg): The honourable Member for St. George's.

MR. DUNPHY: I take pleasure in rising in this honourable House to offer a few comments.

MR. SPEAKER (Stagg): Order, please! Order, please! Order, please! Sorry to interrupt the honourable Member for St. George's, but I think it is appropriate that as we continue this afternoon's proceedings, which unfortunately took a very sad turn some ten minutes ago, and certainly is not something which this House should be proud of and it is certainly something, I think, that we should all look very seriously at. I will, while I am in the Chair for the rest of the afternoon, and certainly probably for the rest of the session, be very vigilant towards any mumbled remarks or any remarks whatsoever that impugn the integrity of the Chair and it has nothing whatsoever to do with the occupant of the Chair. I did detect certain of these remarks emanating from, I know the honourable member, but I will say remarks from members sitting to my right and they will be dealt with in the proper manner.

The Member for St. George's.

MR. DUNPHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been sitting in this House some seven or eight sitting days and I have been observing and listening to comments from members of the opposition in regards to the recent Throne Speech. I have heard the Throne Speech delivered in this honourable House and I am pleased to say the proposals put forward by my government over the next year are acceptable and



encouraging to this member.

If I may regress a little bit and go back to the days when I was seeking election in the District of St. George's, I recall very vividly the many things, the lack of many things that my district suffered from, and was looking forward to a chance to participate and act in the new government which I was sure of that particular time was going to be formed in this Province, the new Conservative Government of Frank D. Moores.

Now, Throne Speeches as a rule, whether we speak of the recent one of this session or in the past, generally reflect what a government proposes and will do in the coming months and years ahead. I have heard many comments from the opposite side referring to this government as a do-nothing government. Mr. Speaker, this riles me because I feel that these are misleading statements, actually downright lies which are contrary to the rules of the House and are misleading the people of the Province.

MR. SPEAKER (Stagg): Order, please! I think the honourable member is on a rather dangerous tact there when he is speaking of lies. Maybe the honourable member might not expand on that too much further.

MR. DUNPHY: Very well, Your Honour, merely trying to make a point. My point is this. The proof of what has been proposed from year to year is to be found and known in a member's district. I represent the District of St. George's and I assure that honourable gentleman over there I will be representing it again, and he who is making the smart comments at this particular time is one of the very people who has been complaining that he is getting nothing done in his district. Well, let me tell that honourable gentleman something. When I came into my district after twenty-three years of Liberal administration there was little or nothing. I am happy to report today that we are about ninety per cent towards having the finest transportation network in the Province within the district. Our communications are now complete. We have a recreation centre now being erected in the Town of Stephenville Crossing. We are presently starting a new stadium in the District of St. George's in St. George's. Those are



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just two items for starters. Last year there was twenty-eight miles of pavement laid in my district. You call that do-nothing? That is a small start and we will go further ahead.

That particular honourable gentleman has referred to a great industry, particularly farming, that is going nowhere in this province. God knows, Mr. Speaker, we have many problems in the farming industry, but we have made some very great strides over the last three years. Never before in our history has it been known where any individual who is interested in farming, has it ever been so easy for him to get started.

It was only three or four years ago when the maximum amount of assistance one could get in farming was \$3,000. That had to be spread into many areas, like livestock, land cultivation and so on. Today at the provincial level one can get up to \$30,000. It is a long way from \$3,000. That is the difference between the then and the present administration. There is also farming today and my district is reaping the benefits, as other parts are also I hope.

Capital assistance grants - never before have farmers been able to go out and make purchases of the necessary implements that they need to cultivate the soil. This is another big stride forward. I was worried about this. The honourable gentleman from the other side, Bonavista North, referred to land banks. Well, I think we have found a better approach than machinery banks or tool banks, equipment banks. Now, we are making cash available. They can go out and purchase the necessary machinery and equipment. This is a long way forward. This is not a do-nothing government. This is something that has been done, that is concrete, progressive and it is on-going.

For many years forestry in my district, the harvesting of the forestry crops, other than what the Bowater people were taking, was more or less at a standstill. Not so today. The government with the beginning, start-up of that great venture there, Stephenville, the Linerboard Mill, has created much activity in and around my district. Many people are employed. They have provided for the people of the West Coast, partially through this particular development but for other means, for other reasons, many miles of access road. For many years the prime

timber in our province was rotting at the stump. It was inaccessible. It could not be reached. It was high graded by earth.

Paper companies, I suppose it might sound all right to them to do this. This high grading depleted a lot of forest lands. A lot of it rotted on the stump. It fell down and was useless to anybody.

This government through proper planning, giving it top priority, has seen fit to set up a Forest Management Programme to make sure forests are utilized and properly distributed. When one thinks about pulp -

MR. WOODWARD: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the honourable member's words of wisdom are very encouraging for this province but we do not have a quorum in the House, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DUNPHY: Are you rising on a point of order? If not, sit down.

MR. SPEAKER: Call in the members.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Clerk count the House please? There is a quorum. The Hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege. I want to point out to this honourable House that it was agreed earlier this afternoon with members of the Opposition opposite that since the Select Committee on Fisheries, Inshore Fishery was meeting at 4:30 that I suggested to them that we agree not to have quorum calls as long as there is a respectable number in the House. Despite that agreement, Mr. Speaker, we see what just happened. I just want to point it out to the House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Member for St. George's.

MR. DUNPHY: Mr. Speaker, before the interruption the point I was trying to make was this; it was not too many years ago when we here in Newfoundland, particularly in the Western part of Newfoundland, imported about ninety per cent of our lumber needs. Because of the programmes put forward by the Department of Forestry, and Rural Development today in Western Newfoundland - I cannot speak for the Central and Eastern areas, other members probably could give that information - but speaking with lumber dealers on the West Coast as only of two or three months ago their imported requirements are down to ten and fifteen per cent. Now this is a direct result of government programmes of a so-called do-nothing government. When one thinks of this remarkable recovery in the amount of workers required to bring this about one cannot say, one cannot even think that that is the results of the work of a do-nothing government. I am very proud to be part of a government that can do so much in such a short time.

The honourable gentleman has been knocking that he cannot get anything done. It makes one wonder why he would seek election in his district because if he cannot get anything done in his district I would say that responsibility lays in the lap of the individual, of the Member for Bonavista South -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. DUNPHY: I would probably reply to the honourable member if he were speaking from his seat. Since he is not speaking from his seat

I will ignore it.

Mr. Speaker, beginning shortly in my district we will be starting to build a senior citizens home to accommodate eighty-four senior citizens. To build such a facility it will run approximately \$1.2 million. Now without the aid and the encouragement of my government, this Conservative Administration, that would never have been given a thought to. Not are we only going to be able to take care of our senior citizens but in a facility of this nature it is going to take a lot of people to run it, administer it, take care of it, and take care of the people. Consequently we are going to have employment. We are going to have employment there for approximately forty-five or fifty people. This is another great stride forward by the District of St. George's through the provincial government.

So you know when I hear all these negative type thoughts that come across the floor it revolts me, to say the least. Because I know, and I am sure each and every members knows who is working on behalf of his district, they are getting something done. And they know that this is a progressive type government in the true sense of the word.

We have witnessed again here this afternoon disrespect for the Chair of this House, the people's House, presided over by the Speaker who is the people through us. And it makes one wonder why some honourable members would call themselves honourable members.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. DUNPHY: Mr. Speaker, I think it is time that the word honourable is put back to mean exactly what it implies. And I think this government will have to do it. Not only that, but they have put back

government in its true sense, the government. And I feel sure in the remainder of the time that is left in this particular mandate that we will continue to do a good job. I heartily endorse the Throne Speech. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Social Services.

HON. A. J. MURPHY, Minister of Social Services: Mr. Speaker, I have looked forward to having a few words on this Address in Reply and the gracious speech delivered by His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir. I looked forward to it very, very anxiously, Sir, because I am one, Sir, who came into this honourable House in 1962, Sir. I have been in this House now some thirteen years. But, Sir, never in all that time, have I had as I have today, reason to crawl out of this House, Sir, because I also must share, must share the absolute, disgraceful conduct of a so-called honourable member of this honourable House, Sir.

Mr. Speaker, before I get into the few words that I do have to say, I would like very seriously to extend my congratulations in co-operation with the other members of this honourable House, Sir, to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Gordon Winter, a name, Sir, that has been connected with the development of this province for so many years, and to his lovely lady, Sir, who accompanied him here on that opening day.

I would also like, Sir, to congratulate my honourable colleague from Bay de Verde and the honourable Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Member for Port au Port in acquitting themselves so nobly and so gentlemanly on that opening day, Sir, before people that you yourself, invited to attend the opening of this honourable House.

Mr. Speaker, I feel, quite frankly, that today is a very black day in the history of the Parliament of our wonderful province of Newfoundland. Perhaps if not exceeding in utter disgrace the actions of the Leader of the Opposition on another occasion, Sir, when

he dared, when he dared defy -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I would love to participate in the debate in which the minister is now leading. I would be delighted to have a discussion on that subject but otherwise I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, he is very much out of order in terms of the Address in Reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Before the honourable Member for Hermitage rose, I was about to interrupt the honourable member. I am sure we are all aware of the two incidents, perhaps to which the honourable member is referring. Since they have been dealt with in this honourable House, I would certainly appreciate it if honourable members when speaking perhaps would not make any other reference to them. They are matters which already have been dealt with.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I have sat in this House for thirteen years and the Address in Reply, Sir, covers every phase, every phase of life in this province of ours, Sir. It is the most far ranging -

MR. SIMMONS: Point of order, Sir, point of order -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, there is a proper procedure for questioning the Speaker's ruling and I suggest the minister either appeal it in a proper manner or get on with his speech. He is questioning your ruling, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: What was the ruling? I did not hear any ruling.

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair certainly at this point, does not interpret the honourable minister's comments as challenging a ruling made by the Chair but certainly if it feels that he is it will not hesitate to call him to order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. EVANS: Go back to your play pen, boy.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I do not know frankly what the future of this

honourable House is. We have come here, Sir, we formed the government after some twenty-three years of dictatorship. We tried, Sir, to the best of our ability, this government of ours, to restore not only to this honourable House, Sir, but to the people of the province, some form of democratic procedure, to give them the right, Sir.

The honourable Premier bent over backwards, Sir, bent over backwards to try, to try to make the procedure of this House, Sir, far easier for the Opposition. But as I said at the time, Sir, you could not deal with people who refused to co-operate with you, Sir.

We have witnessed in the past three sessions of this House, Sir, conduct, conduct that, as I said earlier, Sir, must spread over to all of us, Sir, in the way the members of the Opposition have addressed themselves, Sir, to the business of this province.

As far as Mr. Neary is concerned, Sir, and I use his name because he is no longer, Sir, a member of this honourable House -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! One member when referring to another member should refer to him by his rightful capacity. The honourable Member for Bell Island may have been suspended for a number of sitting days but he is certainly still a member of this Legislature.

MR. MURPHY: I will accept your ruling, Sir, but I understand that once a member is suspended from this honourable House, he renounces, renounces all the benefits and everything else that goes with this honourable House, Sir. I may be wrong. But that was my understanding through the years, Sir, and it would be a very, I think a very - something that perhaps could be checked out, but he is suspended from the House, Sir. He cannot sit in his seat, the House at the present time is vacated for five days and he is no longer an M.H.A., basically



he cannot use that title, Sir, because this House, the members of this House, took that privilege away from him today.

But I will not argue the point. I will just say, that the culmination today, for the Member for Bell Island, Sir, is only to be expected and I look back to the election of 1962, Sir, when I was elected, and that same member was elected in the District of Bell Island. At that time, Sir, there was a certain gentleman doing some cartoons for the PC Party and a particular one dealing with that member depicted a huge barrel with the little head of the member peering over it and the caption was, they are really scrapping the bottom of the barrel, and I say, Sir, that has been proved.

Only today the member referred to this government making a beer garden, making a beer garden out of this honourable House of Assembly, Sir. I was in the beer business for some years and I know there are taverns that would bar the Member for Bell Island from ever going in again with the conduct he got on with today.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please! The Chair made a ruling, if you wish, there a few minutes ago that the incident which happened earlier today has been dealt with by the House and would just as soon that honourable members speaking would not make any reference to it, as much as perhaps they may feel like doing so.

The honourable Minister of Social Services.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, if I might make a submission in connection with this? As I understand it, any member can speak on any topic he wants in the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. The honourable gentleman from St. John's Centre is addressing himself to the behaviour of members in the House, or the one particular member. Surely it is hard to see how that is not relevant when on the debate in Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne you can speak on any subject at all that concerns the public.

MR. MURPHY:

Mr. Speaker, perhaps we will deal with matters more palatable. Perhaps we will deal with matters, Sir, that pertain more to the welfare of this province, to the people of this province, Sir, and particularly at this particular time to the people of St. John's Center, the district that I so proudly represent, Sir, for so many years.

Mr. Speaker, we listen to comments that are made by members of the Opposition about this do-nothing government: they have done nothing they have not done this; they have not done that; they have not done something else. Mr. Speaker, here is something a very handsome gentleman, but we will just forget the picture. The time has come, this says. This was our great election when the people of this province, Sir, were emancipated from a rule that had downgraded the policies of our people, Sir, had brought us to a level of governing, Sir, that was almost unbearable for a great many people.

At that time many points were set out, Sir, which I will deal with, and I think they are all dealt with in the Speech From the Throne. Little did our government feel when we were put into power the mess that we had to deal with, Sir. Ordinarily we take on a job, we take it to start from scratch where we can develop our own ideas. We go from "A" right through.

Mr. Speaker, when we were in office for a very short while we discovered that not only could we start from that day, but we had to go back to last year to clean up the mess that was left behind by the previous administration. I mention, Mr. Speaker, in passing now - I do not wish to go into it at any particular length at this time because I will deal with it very thoroughly in the Budget Speech, Sir and when my estimates are before the House - just in passing, Sir, one of the great clean-up jobs had to be done with the department of which I am very proud to be the minister, Sir, and which has brought so many benefits to the people of this province since we have been in power. That is the Department of Social Services, formally the Department of Welfare.

Mr. Speaker, when I hear the member for Bell Island dare criticize our administration, do you wonder I had to have an ulcer out last year? Do you wonder? A man who brought that great department, that great human department, Sir, to its very knees, destroyed the morale just about of every member of that department, Sir, who went - and facts have been proven, Sir. I have them documented through a commission that is set up - who used a quarter of a million dollars, Sir, of the funds of this province, of the funds of the monies of the people, Sir, to spend as a means for a campaign fund on Bell Island to get himself elected. It is documented, Sir. The document is there. It should be preferred reading for people who listen to the slurs, the innuendos and the actual filth that is generated out of the mouth of that particular member, Sir. He cannot stand up in this honourable House, Sir, but he insinuates that everybody on this side is a crook, we have our hands in the till, we are dealing with our own particular friends, Sir.

It was bad enough, God knows, Sir, with the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Bell Island, and now we have a new edition, the genius himself, Sir, the member for Hermitage. I wish they would put him in a Hermitage and lock the door. Mr. Speaker, we have more serious things to do, Sir, than listen to the tripe that originates in their minds. I often say to myself, Sir, and I have reached an age now where possibly I should be getting a little mellowed. I am getting on the shady side. My three score and ten I have been promised, Sir. I am now on the ten.

When I listen, Sir, to some so-called educated people I have said, God guard thee Newfoundland for sure. I say that, Sir, in all sincerity. When we hear the tripe, the mischief that generates - today, Sir, today I will say is the culmination of a petition presented in this honourable House, Sir, by the gentleman from Hermitage. For the great majority of names, Sir, - I have brought it to my department - are university students.

MR. SIMMONS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: I say that, Sir -

MR. SIMMONS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: I say that, Sir, but where the petition originated, Sir, we still do not know. The incident was closed, Sir, and I must refer to it. A few short days ago by a statement, not from some ordinary Joe representing the United Church, Sir, not from even the Chairman of the Board, Sir, but, as I said today, Sir, from the President of the United Church Conference himself, and they dare insinuate, Sir, that he had ulterior motives, motives other than for the betterment of these nineteen children, Sir.

As I said at that time, Sir, and I still say -

MR. SIMMONS: Stop twisting the truth, boy. Stop twisting.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

The Chair would like to remind the honourable member for Hermitage that several times it has called order, and he should let the honourable Minister of Social Services be heard in silence.

MR. MURPHY: For ignorance is a bliss, they always said, Sir, it is a folly to be wise.

I was on the matter, Sir, of what this House can expect, what the people of this province can expect. We hear the member for Bell Island over the past few weeks, as a matter of fact, over the past few months, is so concerned with vandalism, what is happening to our children, what is happening here and there, Sir. We see what happened in this honourable House today, Sir, the greatest vandal of them all.

A few short months ago, Sir, last year actually, there was an invasion of the privacy of the eighth floor. The Premier's office, Sir, where a bunch of people came in demanding to see the Premier, pounding walls, turning over ashtrays, and whose picture came out, Sir? None other but the great campaigner to cure juvenile delinquency, Sir.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, and I think my honourable colleague who spoke just before me expressed the same concern, as far as this honourable House is concerned. Wherefore and whither tending, that was a headline that was used back in the days of Commission of Government, Sir, about this province of ours.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: We know enough about this. Tell us what they are going through and what they are going to do.

MR. MURPHY: Unfortunately, Sir, I am not a teacher. I cannot teach the member for Labrador North to read. I am amazed, quite frankly, that someone from Labrador, from the other areas, that elected Liberals in the last election, Sir, that they have the gall, the audacity to say how backwards their districts are after being represented by Liberals for twenty-three years, Sir. Then they say, when are you going to do something.

We were not in power three months but they expected great changes. Frank Moores is the Premier, Sir, not Mandrake the magician

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: The do-nothing Premier.

MR. MURPHY: The do nothing Premier. Very good. The glib mouth. When are you going to put airstrips in Labrador? When are you going to do this-after twenty-three years, Sir. The same member was Minister of Labrador Affairs, the same member. Big deal! Labrador Affairs, big deal!

Visits the district every six months or something big deal. The Member for St. Barbe North tourist, another tourist. Mr. Speaker, how does anybody, any member of this honourable House, how do they expect their district to get the benefits that are due them if they only drop in every now and then, and in a lot of cases have a guide to show them around.

I think, Sir, that the time has come, the time has come again when this honourable House must look at the members that constituted this do-nothing government, Sir, do-nothing, did nothing. Let us look at the social benefits, Sir, and the Member for Bell Island scoffed at the word "social" because he does not understand, Sir, the depth and the meaning of social. When the Member for Bonavista South, Sir, was speaking in the debate, he talked about not only the economic factors, Sir, but the social factors. It is like the Department of Welfare when we took it over, Sir. We are not a dole office anymore. Anybody, but anybody could pass out a check but it is the social implications, Sir, the way our people live, the needs, child welfare - what a record, Sir, what a record this department has against any province of Canada, Sir, in child welfare, the care of children, Sir. Some 4,200 children, Sir, come under the wing, if you like, of Mr. Frank Simms, my Director of Child Welfare, Sir. Very good, Someone can stand up and say what about this four, five, six or seven, Sir, but I will guarantee this honourable House, Sir, and through you, Mr. Speaker, to the people of this Province, they need not worry, Sir, about these children in our care. They are getting, Sir, the very best and I challenge anybody, anybody but anybody, Sir, to deny that statement. I challenge them to do so, Sir.

You know, Mr. Speaker, we can discuss this thing. We can stand up there for political purposes, Sir, but let us not forget, we are discussing the life of one of God's creatures, Sir, a small child, a small child, Sir, and when my department, Sir, my director takes on

an obligation, Sir, he is the father and the mother to that child. I will repeat again, Sir, I am horrified, absolutely horrified to find that media dared enter into this place we speak of, Sir, and do an interview with children of six, seven, eight and nine years old. How low can we get, Mr. Speaker, how low can we get! Where are our sense of values, Sir?

As I look around to this side of the honourable House and I look at these people, most cases, in all cases, I suppose, outstanding citizens, men who have been charged, almost charged to their faces, Sir, with obtaining money belonging to the people of this Province, insinuated, Sir, that we are looking after our friends, that we used money, Sir, paid legally into our accounts, Sir, here, into revenue to be used to further our own ends, Mr. Speaker. I regret that, Sir. I regret this type of thing is happening. Politics, like everything else, Sir, fair game, but for God sake, Mr. Speaker, and I say this in all seriousness, do not let us try to destroy honourable gentlemen on any side of this House, Sir, by impugning to them motives, Sir, that are not strictly honest. I ask that, Sir, and you, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair now, I apologize to you, Sir, and I deeply regret the insults that have been laid at your door, Sir. I feel I should apologize because I am a sitting member with the other forty-one members in this House, Sir, and I think we share it jointly for the conduct in this House.

I can look around this honourable House now, Sir, and in places other than we are sitting an honourable member, Sir, who was a honourable member of this House, perhaps one of the most effective honourable members we had in this House, Sir, a great debater and everything else, Sir, and I know he will agree, Sir, with us and anybody who has sat in this House, Sir, that this is not the place, Sir, for filth. This is not the place for it, Sir.

When I sat in this House for the first few years, Sir, I was almost afraid to come in. This was an awesome place, not awesome in the way that I was frightened of anybody or anything, Sir, but we



have something here, Sir, that we are trying to pass on, if you like, pass on to our children, Sir, and that is respect, Sir, respect for authority. You, Mr. Speaker, in that Chair now, represents to us our Lieutenant-Governor and through him, Sir, the Queen. You are, Sir, you occupy, perhaps the highest office, the highest office, Sir, that any layman, if you like, could occupy, Sir.

Again, Sir, I would like to thank you and thank the other Speaker, Sir, for what they are trying to do for us. I know it has been a difficult job, Sir. Why you stick it, I do not know. Honest to heavens, I do not know. When you have to sit there, Sir, and take the type of stuff that comes from members of this House, I do not know how you stand it really. It is bad enough here, well, one of thirty-two, whatever it is, but you are there a target for everybody's abuse and unless you bow down, Sir, and crawl to fulfill someone's desires in this honourable House, Sir, you are being unfair.

You know, as I said, I am getting a little bit over the hill now and I look back a great many years, Sir. We did not have the advantages, Sir, of these days of great university education, Sir, the great numbers of us, but it is one thing we were taught which I think, Sir, no matter what any university, trade school or anything, is the very basic of education, Sir, the very basis, and that is respect for others, respect for your fellow man. And when I see what has been happening here for the past couple of years, you know, I just shudder, you know.

The Leader of the Opposition, Sir, never opened his mouth yet but with some kind of an insinuation that someone was cooking a deal or someone was doing something else. I was at a meeting one night and this old gentleman out in one of the little outports said to me - I asked him what he thought, what the honourable Leader of the Opposition, how he was operating, what he thought - and he said to me he reminded him of a weasel, Sir. He is the only one could poke his head out through two holes at one time and that has been his stand, Sir, in this honourable House and it has been brought to



the attention of the people of this Province, Sir, that no stand has been taken on any matter, Sir. You know, we walk that tight rope, Sir, but, Sir, Newfoundland deserves better than that. Newfoundland deserves better than that, Sir. As I say, I do not want to get into vilifying or trying to degrade any individual in this honourable House, Sir. They were all elected by someone, as I was elected by someone, but, Sir, as we look around the House and see the representation in this House and the districts, Sir, that are represented on both sides of the House, we sometimes wonder, Sir, how did it happen? We have heard the members on the other side, Sir, tell us how backward the districts are — communications, this type of thing, Sir, and now I can understand it.

Perhaps these people, Sir, were not fully in touch with what was happening in the Province. Perhaps they were not. I will not use the term that they were ignorant, but they might have been ignorant in a sense of what was happening in the Province because, as I say again, let us go through this Province of ours, let us pick the forty-one districts, Sir, and you will find that the districts with the most complaints today, the district with the least facilities today are still being represented by Liberals that they elected in 1949. The only thing that has changed are the faces and the names.

I was one of three, Sir, with the honourable Member for St. John's East Extern, the Hon. Minister of Education, who sat over here, Sir, some of the members now in the House were sitting approximately, they had been sitting on this side, of course, at that time. They knew, Sir, what a task we had. We hear today complaints looking for help for research and everything else - this is something I will bring up a bit later with a suitable motion I hope, Sir, with the consent of the Minister of Finance to level things off, when the budget is being discussed.

We, Sir, were given the magnificent sum of \$10,000 to run the Opposition Office, to pay salaries, for a stenographer, and a so-called researcher, to buy stamps, to do everything that pertained to operating an office, Sir. At that time we were not considered, Sir, a part of this honourable House at all. We were just a group of three people that they provided about one hundred square feet of space to come in and have a chat. But things have changed, Sir. Things have changed. Another great mistake, in my opinion, Sir, of leaning over backwards -

MR. CROSBIE: They would not let us hang our coats up.

MR. MURPHY: to try and treat people decent, Sir, who do not know what decency is.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. MURPHY: I should not say that, Sir, that is unparliamentary. Quite frankly it is unparliamentary. But I am at a stage today, Mr. Speaker, where the truth must be told. I say this now at this time that unless we all shape up, Sir, the people of this province will demand that we ship out.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. MURPHY: This Opposition may not have too much trouble, Sir, to win the next election. They may win it by the Fall. Because I know, and I look around again at the honourable members on this side of the House and I read the news, the media, where one expert writing for "The Evening Telegram" - I will not disclose his name

but his initials are W.C - who did in one of his columns impugn that members of this government, members of the cabinet had to hang on to "Frank Moores" - and this was the statement, Sir, and perhaps I should say the Hon. the Premier - to earn their livelihood.

Mr. Speaker, in all honesty as you look around - and I sit here next to my honourable colleague, a doctor, had to hang on to this government to earn \$12,000 a year. Let us look at any of the other gentlemen in here, legal or otherwise - and the press says you have to hang on to the Premier because you cannot make your living, you cannot earn a living any other way.

I have listened, Mr. Speaker, to some excellent speeches in this House this year. Some excellent speeches, down to earth speeches, Sir, people who really spoke with feeling on matters that affected the people of this province, Sir. But all we hear there are some built-in motive, some ulterior motive that this government is out - I will not use the word - but to put the nails to someone.

You know, if I today wanted my picture on the front page of the newspapers, if I wanted to, Sir, to be the star on "Hear and Now", on all the media, Sir, all I have to say now is, it is time for Frank Moores to resign, and I would be a hero. I say this, Sir, because of the fact, that the press today use everything, every means - I do not know why. I do not know what we did to them, quite frankly - to try, to destroy, if you like, this government of ours.

I refer, Sir, to an incident that happened a few short days ago when we were discussing a certain bill. Three members of this House, Sir, three members of this government had the nerve, they had the right to stand up and criticize something in a bill, and immediately, Sir, they were heroes. And what was said in the paper at the time - they backed up the Leader of the Opposition. There was no credit given to any of these gentlemen, Sir, they spoke their own minds. There was no credit given either, Sir, to other members that perhaps went another way to talk to the minister concerned, and said, you know,

let us have a long hard look at this thing.

But, Sir, how in Heaven's name do you get your message across? We depend on the media, Sir, to put the message across whether they do or not I do not know. Yesterday morning, for example, there was a write up on the giveaway of frozen potato chips, down at the Stadium parking lot, donated by a very generous firm of McCain's in Florenceville, New Brunswick. They paid all expenses to get it here. And the statement in "The Daily News" was that the people were not aware that this was happening. I did go on three radio stations, Sir, to tell the people that this had been talked about for a week. But I do not own a newspaper, Sir. I do not own a radio station. I believe, Sir, that newspapers and radio stations, television stations, are there for the good of the public, Sir, to serve the public, not to serve me or anybody else, but the public. When it got out with the bit of publicity that I gave it, for twenty minutes yesterday there was a line up down on that Stadium parking lot, and there was not one carton left - I am speaking here in this honourable House, Sir, I do not know if I will make the birth column in the morning or the obituary column.

MR. SIMMONS: You will never get your picture in the paper.

MR. MURPHY: Perhaps that is the truest word that gentleman ever spoke in his life. And I am not wanting to, Sir. As I say, you know, I am not too much concerned if I get my picture in the paper. It is old hat to me, Sir. I spent my life, Sir, when possibly I could have been going to University like the honourable member opposite, I spent my life doing useful things for the people of the province, perhaps engaged in youth movements and this type of thing, you know. But I might have regretted going to university, Sir, if I had to turn out like the Member for Hermitage. It might have been the worst thing I ever did in my life, Sir.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. MURPHY: Really, and that is an actual fact, Sir. Because I think quite frankly, and I say this, and I will just say it, he is only a young man yet, about half my age, I would think he is not too old yet to start to learn to be polite to be decent to people, Sir.

You know, in all the books that we studied in school, Sir, the most important book that the Christian Brothers, whom I had the honour of being taught by, had a little, what you would call it - a penny book it was called "Etiquette" or "Social Politeness". It was set out in that, Sir, the standard of how a man should live his life. With all the great books, you can talk about Shakespeare you can talk about them all, Sir, but nothing contains the education that was into that little book.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, as I said, as I look around this honourable House, and as I look around me today in the world, I have come a long ways. I was not up to my elbows in pickle, like my honourable colleague, the Minister of Industrial Development, and there is no prouder man, Sir, and I will say this, or no more capable man in this House, Sir. He, like me, Sir, had to get out and earn his living at an early age. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. MURPHY: He had to work, a lot like so many more, Sir. And we hear today this government being run down, hauled down, for being dictators, because we dared withhold advertising from the great "Daily News", Sir. I do not know if the Department of Public Works did it or not, Sir. I do not know if they did it or not, Sir. When I look at that newspaper, Sir, it reminds me of Liberal headquarters. Quite frankly, and I say this, if I had my way, Sir, I would not give them five cents worth of advertising, because, Mr. Speaker, I say this, whether it is "The Daily News", or "The Evening Telegram", CJON or CBC, they have an obligation to the people of this province, Sir, to tell the story as it is -

MR. SIMMONS: Digging your own grave, Ank.

MR. MURPHY: - and they are not doing it.

MR. SIMMONS: Digging your grave.

MR. MURPHY: Do not worry about me brother, I will never dig my grave.

MR. SIMMONS: Dig your grave -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: I will guarantee you that.

MR. SIMMONS: You are good at it.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MURPHY: I will guarantee you that.

MR. SIMMONS: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: Thanks be to God, I am sixty-one, and I will never be the clown you are at thirty.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

On several occasions I have called order. The Member for Hermitage continued to talk across the House to members opposite. If he pursues that further, if he continues with it, the Chair will only have to interpret it as being completely irresponsible to calls from the Chair, and will have to take whatever action that follows.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister of Social Services has five minutes left.

MR. MURPHY: Boy, how times passes, and I have not even gotten into the subject that I wanted to talk about yet, Sir, and that is this do-nothing government.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. MURPHY: Let us talk about it, Sir. Let us talk about it. Resource development for you, economic development for you, rural development for your community, and quality of life for your family, four headings, Sir, that pertain to the very heart of what is happening in this province of ours, Sir. We knew, Sir, when we took over, and I do not wish to belabour the point, that we inherited, Sir, perhaps the greatest mess that was ever inherited by any government, except perhaps after Duplessis.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: What did we do, Sir, what did we do to help the people of this province, Sir, not the contractors, not the beer parlours - the people, Sir, the families of this province? What did we do to help them? In the first instance, Sir, we did as we had promised. We removed the sales tax, Sir, from children's clothing. Are the opposition against that? Is that do-nothing? What is the next big social move we made? We removed the sales tax, Sir, from fuel oil for home consumption. I do not think it applied to the commercial, did it Mr. Minister at that time? No. It

was just for home consumption, eh, fuel oil. And then, Sir, we took over this department that I have the honour to be the minister for, Sir, and we brought, Mr. Speaker, and the facts speak for themselves, we brought some 80,000 people of this province, Sir, from the doors of destitution, and almost starvation, through no fault of their own, where today, our rates have increased from seventy to ninety per cent, in three short years, Sir. And then they dared to ask, what have you done?

Mr. Speaker, one thought I would like to leave with all of us here, myself included, Let us be honest. Do not let us try to mislead the people of this province, Sir. We can talk about promises, Sir. Promises are made but some are not kept, Sir. But for Heaven sake, Sir, do not let us go on radio or go to newspapers to deliberately try to mislead the people of this province, Sir. It is not worth it, Sir. It is not worth it. Thanks be to God, and I will say that now, after thirteen years in this House, I do not think I have deliberately tried to hurt anybody's character, because, you know, Mr. Speaker, there used to be an old saying, you know, he who stealeth my purse, steals trash, but he who taketh my good name, takes all.



MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Member for Twillingate.

MR. GILLET: Mr. Speaker, because of the lateness of the hour, and because this is Thursday, I move the adjournment of the debate, if it is in order.

MR. SPEAKER: It has been noted that the Hon. Member for Twillingate has adjourned the debate.

As honourable members may be wondering if the rules say that by five o'clock I should inform the House what matters are to be debated at the so-called late show at 5:30 well, there are no matters today. The Hon. Member for Bell Island did have a question to debate with the Hon. Minister of Provincial Affairs and Environment but because of previous incidents this afternoon, of course, this cannot now take place. That is the reason why really the honourable members were not informed, because there is really now nothing to debate at 5:30.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, if we assume that it is five thirty now, I believe, just to make clear the procedure, that there is automatically a motion that the House adjourn until tomorrow afternoon. The government side will vote against that because we would like the House to meet tonight at eight o'clock. If that motion is defeated, then the House will meet again tonight at eight o'clock. So the government side will vote against the motion to adjourn until tomorrow afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: It is moved and seconded that the House do now adjourn. Those in favour, "aye." Those against "nay." The motion is defeated.

I do now leave the Chair until eight o'clock tonight.

The House resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! When we adjourned this afternoon, the honourable Member for Twillingate adjourned the debate. I recognize the honourable Member for Twillingate.

MR. GILLET: Mr. Speaker, I suppose we have had at least two-and-a-half hours respite from the tensions of the afternoon session. I hope that they have subsided after the most unfortunate episode this afternoon. Looking back over it, Mr. Speaker, and I know that you do not want to hear any repetition of it, but I am inclined to think that it was a very slight technicality which could have been, and perhaps should have been overcome.

Naturally, the nature of the amendment was such that it was only natural the members on the other side were going to grasp the opportunity to rule it out of order. However, that is water under the bridge, Mr. Speaker, and we have to carry on with the business of the House. It is rather difficult at this time to divorce the Speech from the Throne from the budget, having both in our possession before having disposed of the Speech from the Throne. But, however, Mr. Speaker, I shall try and refer very briefly to some of the sections and paragraphs and items in the Speech from the Throne.

I see on the first page, Mr. Speaker, under the heading of "Some Basic Goals and Objectives," you have (a) and (b) - "(b) Social Services: My government will continue its policy of providing assistance at public expense to Newfoundlanders who through no fault of their own are unable to participate in gainful employment." I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, whether or not the government intends to relax its regulations

as far as those who, through no fault of their own, find themselves on what we call long-term assistance. Now this is a question which I have raised in the House before and I refer, naturally, to the people in my district, being a fishing area. I realize that there are people outside of, or within the interior of the country who are also on long-term assistance through no fault of their own.

But, in viewing the statement made by the honourable Minister of Fisheries on March 7, he outlines the government's position with regard to restrictions in the fishing industry or with fishing, not the industry actually but fishing. Apparently the policy of the government is that there be no restrictions on Newfoundlanders fishing to supplement their income.

Now I realize, Mr. Speaker, that there has to be a dividing line somewhere. But I still say that men who are handicapped, that is what it amounts to actually, they are handicapped through some affliction which does not enable that man to earn a livelihood as he had when he was healthy.

But he still has a certain amount of initiative. He still has a certain amount of energy and he is still able to supplement the income which he receives from the government. In the case of most of the men in my district, that would be fishing. But because of the present government, the current government regulations, he is restricted in his earnings in the supplementing of his income

I am just wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the government will take a good look at it. I trust that the Minister of Social Services will take a good look at the announcement being made by the, particularly for the fishing areas, by the Minister of Fisheries and the regulations as set out by his department in view of the policy of the government under section (b) Social Services.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, could I interrupt the honourable member quickly for just a moment?

MR. GILLET: Yes, Sir.

MR. MURPHY: Is there a problem somewhere in that, Sir? I would like afterwards, when you get a chance, if we could have a chat and I would certainly look into it, but I am finding it difficult to follow what the honourable member is talking about at the present time. But I would be only too happy afterwards to chat with him on any problems he has.

MR. GILLETT: Yes, I think we do have a problem, Mr. Speaker. I can think of some men who fall in that category and I am sure that they must be all over the island.

MR. MURPHY: There is no long-term now as it used to be.

MR. GILLETT: Pardon?

MR. MURPHY: There is no long-term or short-term now. It is all one now.

MR. GILLETT: Yes.

MR. MURPHY: You can work all you like now and earn up to \$200 and then when the first \$100 is forgiven -

MR. GILLETT: Yes but half it is taken though, half of it is taken.

MR. WOODWARD: Do not let him. Do not let him.

MR. MURPHY: I -

MR. WOODWARD: Later on you can answer the questions.

MR. MURPHY: Okay. Okay, pigheaded.

MR. GILLETT: But with today's costs, Mr. Speaker, with today's costs and the change in our life style, particularly in the outports, the change in our life style and the high cost of living today, even with the maximum of \$200 of earnings, he still only retains \$100 of that. So he only has another \$100. In actual fact he only has \$10 more than he had before under the old system.

MR. MURPHY: I am disgusted. Carry on.

MR. GILLETT: He was allowed to earn up to \$90. before and keep it all. Now, he can earn up to \$200 but he only keeps \$100. So, he is only \$10 better off than he was before. Is that not correct? Maybe I am wrong, but that is the way I see it.

The next item, Mr. Speaker, is one which naturally is close to my heart and to my district, that is the fisheries. A lot remains to be done in the fisheries, Mr. Speaker. I hope that this committee, select committee, will bring back a storehouse of suggestions, recommendations, solutions to the problems. The problems are on a regional basis, Mr. Speaker. I think that everything has to be done on a regional basis. We have to listen to the fishermen in their regions.

The market for our fresh fish is one that is probably closed to us because of the high cost of our production. Therefore, when one door closes we have to certainly look to open another one. We have to go back to our former production of salt cod, for which there is ample market, and we also have to try and develop new markets for fresh fish as well as to developing new products of the sea, products that we have not developed before.

In capital works, we note that there a need for construction and upgrading of community stages. Mr. Speaker, we have a great, great need for a community stage and a wharf in a particular area of my district, namely, Bridgeport, an area which by statistics produces more fish per fishermen than any other part of the district. They have been striving for quite a while to get a community stage and wharf. I understand that next year the federal government will build the wharf for them. I understand also that the community stage is now a provincial matter.

MR. WOODWARD: Is that a Liberal federal government?

MR. GILLETT: That is the Liberal federal government. I had hoped, Mr. Speaker, that after all the intervention that that would have been done this year, in 1975. It was only last week that I had to communicate with my contact in Bridgeport and tell him that unfortunately it looked as though nothing was going to be done for them this year.

Through the Federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the generous grants by that department, this government is able to

construct twelve major marine service centers. I am very happy to say that the service center that was started by the former administration is nearing completion in Twillingate, in Durrells. Pardon!

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLET: No, started by the previous - but the fill was put there.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLET: Yes, well that is all. It was only started before that.

I sometimes wonder, and I am not alone in this, Mr. Speaker - mind you, we appreciate it - but I sometimes wonder if it is not a bit too, too elaborate. The

charges that are going to be levied on the longliner owners are so high that it would not surprise me one little bit if the whole area would be available for a football field next Winter. No boats will be there.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Oh, yes they are. I have a letter from the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. WOODWARD: "Jim" has not got to the stage where he is Minister of Fisheries, he just sits behind him.

MR. GILLETT: So, Mr. Speaker, this Winter, for instance, I know of two, if not three longliners that were sheeted with greenheart in the coldest part of the Winter, out of doors. There was no shelter at all, while the shed just housed the travel lift. Let me say again, I hope -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Pardon?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Marine service centre.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: The design of it is such that you have to have this travel lift to lift the boats out of the water and take them up and just rest them on the tarmac. If that machine just gets a ripped tire, and the tire has to be imported from the United States, there is no possible way of launching the boat. I do not know who was responsible for changing the initial plans of the haulout, Mr. Speaker, but the original plans were to have a marine railway with spur lines to put the boats out on. In which case if the electric motor gave out it would also be possible to manhandle or push them by a bulldozer or pull them by a bulldozer. But as these marine centres are now, and as they have been designed and built, particularly, I know the one at Durrells, if something goes wrong with that travel lift why then it is just too bad for the longliner owners until that travel lift is finished again.

The cost is astronomical I understand, over \$1 million each. I only hope, Mr. Speaker, that the inshore fishery can be saved and that the longliner fishery will be viable. The season is only short. Were the season longer, about eight - ten months, then I am sure the fishermen would not mind putting their boats up for two months to dry out, and paying the exorbitant prices that are to be charged after the first of June.

Somebody said here two or three days ago, Mr. Speaker, one of the speakers, I think, in the resolution where we were discussing, that nothing had been done for the fishermen for many, many years - since 1949, I think - since Confederation really, as if this Select Committee were perhaps the first step in that direction.

I remember quite vividly in 1962 a conference of fishermen, and those interested in fishing, and at that time we were in the fish business, gradually phasing out of it, of course, because of the fresh fish plant. I attended that conference, Mr. Speaker. We had fishermen there from all over the Island and from Labrador. Every fisherman was at liberty to get up, give his name, his address, and tell what he wanted. I believe it was that conference that set the wheels in motion by the former administration that started the building of the longliners, the introduction of the gill nets, the nylon gill nets,



MR. GILLETT:

and it was that convention, or conference rather, called by the Premier of the Liberal Administration of that day. It started the whole revival of the fishing industry, both inshore and offshore. This administration was going to build a fleet of deep sea draggers. How large they were, I do not know. It was not given. I do know, as I recall my mentioning before here from this chair, that unless we build draggers large enough to take our fishermen out where the foreigners are fishing and getting their fish, then we would perhaps be building in vain.

However, Mr. Speaker, when we go through the estimates in detail, we will probably have further deliberations on the fishery, and, in fact, on all of the headings.

Health: Our hospital, our new hospital in Twillingate, should be ready for occupancy or patients, I hope, by September. I think it is sort of understood by the Department of Health that the hospital should be ready by June, but I doubt it. I doubt that very much. I am very happy, Mr. Speaker, with the health services that we have in the Twillingate district. Of course, we have had them for many, many years. Our hospital, as you know, was very unique on the island, the most unique hospital that we had on the entire island. At one time, it was under the American Registry, and until Confederation it was under the American Registry. We have a medical clinic on New World Island, with the facilities for dentistry, and our dentist visits that clinic once a week, I believe, on Thursdays. The remainder of the week, of course, he is at the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital. I do see the need, Mr. Speaker, for dentists in some of the outlying places although for the life of me I cannot see where they could be with the transportation facilities that we have today, I am very happy to see that the government plan to put a mobile dental clinic in these isolated communities. It is very important, Mr. Speaker, it is very important.

In the field of education, I have asked this administration for two years following to construct a vocational training school in the Twillingate area, preferably on New World Island. We have in that small

area, in those two islands, feeder schools second to none in Newfoundland, with a teaching staff second to none put their by the Liberal Administration, of course, naturally.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

AN HON. MEMBER: Shut up, Mel.

MR. GILLETT: Somebody has to prompt me, you know.

MR. WOODWARD: Go to sleep. Haig has gone to sleep. Go to sleep.

MR. GILLETT: But, Mr. Speaker, there is definitely a need, definitely a need for a vocational school,

and I hope the Minister of Education is within sound of my voice and that he will see that this year's budget will see the beginning, if not the completion, at least the beginning of construction of such a vocational school.

Now, I am just going to speak very briefly, Mr. Speaker, on the paragraph dealing with the youth and the youth conferences. I think today, more than ever before there is a necessity and a need to involve the youth of our Province. We had an example of this this afternoon of what the youth want today and what they mean to get, by one means or another. It must have been embarrassing for the government this afternoon, particularly the Premier, when something, I would say, at least 1,000 young people gathered here in a very quiet demonstration to demand fulfillment of his promise to build residences for them. I must admit, though, that I was not very happy with the conduct of the spokesman and I appreciated the Premier in his reply to that chap, because as I looked out through the window, Mr. Speaker, and saw them parading up here, I wondered if they realized, I wondered if they appreciated the fact that no generation before them ever had it so good.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. GILLETT: There were 1,000 young people who were not only attending school but were being paid to attend school. And in a great many cases, Mr. Speaker, they were drawing unemployment insurance while attending that school, whereas the father or the parent of a son or daughter who is attending the university, regardless of how much he worked or she worked last summer, is not eligible for that unemployment insurance benefit and that the parent has to pay the whole shot.

I could not help but saying to myself, I wonder do they really realize how good they have it and do they appreciate what has been done for them. It is one thing to demonstrate, as the honourable Premier told them, but there is always a way and there is only one way really, there is only one real and true way to demonstrate and that is quietly, forcibly and try and get your

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point through in mass to show the interest and the wholehearted support.

The youth, Mr. Speaker, they have a lot to learn. They have a lot to learn and of course, age will mellow them. I think they have to learn that they cannot be demanding, they cannot present ultimatums but they can present themselves in a manner that can speak for their knowledge and their desires. You know, they have an awful lot over my generation. They have an awful lot over the generation of their fathers and their forefathers ,

They have more knowledge at a young, tender age than their fathers had, academic knowledge I mean now, than their fathers had and their forefathers had in their entire lifetime. They must not let that knowledge or that strength of numbers take away from their true manhood and their true womanhood.

I do hope, Mr. Speaker, that the answer that they get tomorrow, or they must have gotten a favourable answer this afternoon because I understood had they not received a favourable answer this afternoon they were going to be here tonight. That was an ultimatum that they put up.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: They were put off until tomorrow.

MR. GILLETT: Put off until tomorrow.

MR. WOODWARD: They are weakening.

MR. FARRELL: It is unfortunate, Sir, that your colleague does not understand -

MR. WOODWARD: You should not interrupt, Sir, you should not interrupt.

Mr. Speaker, you should not allow the minister to interrupt.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

MR. GILLETT: I gathered today, Mr. Speaker, that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the students on the proposed residences. Now, it seems to me that from hearing the news this evening, that apart from these residences which are going to be built for the polytechnical school, which in turn takes in the students who are attending the College of Trades and Technology, that the residences to be built encompass the whole scholastic set up including their school. Whether it is going to be enough is another matter. It seemed to have been a misunderstanding or they are still demanding residences for this school and this school only? This school will not exist as a school when the new polytechnical college is built. Will it or will it not, Mr. Speaker?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: It will eventually become a district vocational school.

MR. GILLETT: Yes. This one as well?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: The present building now called the College of Trades and Technology will eventually become the St. John's Area District Vocational School.

MR. GILLETT: What is the old university, the College of Fisheries going to be?

MR. OTTENHEIMER: The facilities there are fairly limited, but in the main building with certain renovations, I think it could probably be used for general adult education purposes.

MR. GILLETT: I was under the impression that that was the school that was going to be used for a regional school, the old university which is now the College of Fisheries.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: That is Parade Street.

MR. GILLETT: Yes.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Well, that will probably be used for adult education purposes. The other one is the district vocational school.

MR. GILLETT: Thank you. That is not what it says here in the budget though, is it? Does the budget not say that the College of Fisheries is going to be the regional vocational school?

MR. OTTENHEIMER: No. When the polytech is fully operative there will be three colleges and one will be one of fisheries technology, marine sciences, and one will be pharmacies, paramedical area, and, one will be of business administration and applied arts. The present buildings of the College of Trades and Technology will then be used for a district vocational school. The present main building at Parade Street, now the College of Fisheries will in all likelihood, with certain renovations, be used for general adult education purposes.

MR. GILLETT: Now, Mr. Speaker, the next tick I put here is the legal aid. I am wondering if the Department of Justice has any intention of making legal aid available to our people who find themselves involved in a land dispute, a dispute which requires legal advice in which they are advised to engage a lawyer, but they cannot afford it.

Now, I have had at least two instances. One, I am very happy to say, I did manage to get the legal aid for, but the other one I was unable to do it. There is no legal aid available.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: For land disputes?

MR. GILLETT: No, only for criminal offenders as I know.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Well, that is criminal, is it not. That is criminal.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the next thing is in municipal affairs. Perhaps we will deal with this more fully when we come to the budget. I feel that in the area of municipal affairs there is a lot to be said of the government involvement because it is the government policy and wish, desire, that as many communities as possible be incorporated.

Now, a community can incorporate itself but nevertheless, in an area where they have no chance whatsoever of getting any revenue other than their assessments or their poll tax to the residents, they have no possible chance of ever raising sufficient funds to say, upgrade, to build and to pave roads. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, I feel that the initiative is taken out of men who have a desire to better their community and who do volunteer themselves as councillors. They try to do their best for that community. If for some reason or other the garbage truck does not get to somebody's home in the morning, or the snow plow does not get down there in time for the children to get out to the school bus, or the school bus cannot get all the way to where the youngsters are, you hear the people get on the open line shows and they really slander the members of the town council, which is a level of government. So that, eventually you find, Mr. Speaker, that these men say, well, it is not worth it to me. They resign from council. Then the council cannot elect new members. It falls upon the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint members. Then that puts in the minds of the officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the people of that area could not care less whether or not they have town council.

That is not the case, Mr. Speaker. It does not work that way. It is that they are handicapped in even trying to find funds for the basic services such as garbage collection, plowing, snow -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Does the council charge of garbage collection?

MR. GILLETT: No, it comes under the taxes levied by the town councils, Mr. Speaker. In most cases that is just about the only service that the

town council can give, is the garbage collection.

Housing, I must say, Mr. Speaker, that we are not faced with a housing problem, I do not believe, in my district, in Twillingate.

I come to the most important part of the speech I think, of the section dealing with Transportation and Communications. I would like to remind my honourable friend, the Minister of Transportation and Communications, of the incident last fall - although I know that he did not and could not, I appreciate that he could not, and even now he is not going to divulge to me or to the House what the intentions of his department are for Twillingate for this coming season - nevertheless,



I do hope that he has it tucked away in that budget to complete the roads coming under the jurisdiction of his department on the Island of Twillingate while the equipment is there and hopefully, some more on New World Island. For instance, the road to Cobb's Arm, Mr. Speaker, I would say is just about ready for paving, with the exception of the grade A, and it has been for many years. When the road down through New World Island was paved, I tried very desperately to get it done then, but I could not. Then again, we have, not in my district now, mind you, but it is in the honourable gentleman's district, Mr. Speaker's district, the three, slightly over three miles of road on Chapel Island, and that road is usually in bad condition, usually in bad condition, Mr. Speaker, because of the pavement on both sides of it and therefore, that road has a tendency to be neglected.

There is a great need for the upbuilding of the road leading to Herring Neck. Now that road has been, I should say, the heartbreak of the Department of Transportation and Communications for the past two or three years because they have received telegrams by galore from that area because of the danger, the absolute danger, Mr. Speaker, of the school bus. And somehow or other, I feel that the Minister of Transportation and Communications, the both ministers who preceded our present minister, were sympathetic with the idea of upgrading and rebuilding that road, but somehow or other they never did get around to persuading the Treasury Board to give the money to do it.

Now, I am just as sure as I am standing here, Mr. Speaker, that before long, when the road starts to thaw, the snow starts to melt and we have a condition of thawing in the day and freezing in the night, that we are going to be flooded, again, I with phone calls and telegrams and I am sure the minister is going to have the same. And I have promised those people that I would try the best way I know how to persuade the minister to do something with that road this year.

We have bad roads around the Moreton's Harbour as well, Mr. Speaker, but I do not think they are quite as dangerous as the road leading to Herring Neck.

MR. SPEAKER: I would just like to interrupt the honourable member and remind him that except by leave, he has five minutes left to speak.

MR. GILLETT: Fine, Sir.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is much more than I need say right now because when we do come to the estimates we sure would have ample time then. I just had a note marked here opposite Tourism, "Norma and Gladys" and that rings a bell, I bet. I saw in the paper this morning that she has been invited to go to Okinawa -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: I hope it will take the honourable minister along -

MR. GILLETT: Good sailing, Mr. Speaker, good sailing. I do know that the grant was given by the Federal Government, Mr. Speaker, in the first instance on the assumption that that ship, being a national museum, not a provincial museum but a national museum, was to tour the Island of Newfoundland and the Great Lakes and I thought that was quite an order for the old "Norma and Gladys". Well, I think Okinawa is a little bit far. However, I would love to see her go there, Mr. Speaker, and quite honestly I would love to see the "Norma and Gladys" go there and tell you the truth, I would love to see Skipper Charlie with a good chew of baccy on deck in Okinawa.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: With Captain Hickey in command.

MR. GILLETT: Pardon?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: With Captain Hickey in command.

MR. GILLETT: With Captain Hickey in command.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Yes, Sir, and doing well. I am happy to say that the Chamber of Commerce got a LIP grant of some \$8,000 this year, I believe, Mr. Speaker, and right now they are doing some work on board the ship. Last year she had several thousand visitors on board, that is, visitors who actually signed the guest book and they were from the

entire globe, as far as I know from all over the world, from Australia, from everywhere. The Chamber of Commerce is doing a good job. They are looking forward to -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Anyone from Labrador? Anyone from Labrador?

MR. GILLETT: I do not know. They are looking forward to a grant from the provincial Department of Tourism, Mr. Speaker. So far, they have not received any. They were very, very little, I believe, but -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Wildlife, I am afraid I cannot -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: - that one, Mr. Speaker.

MR. GILLETT: Which one?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: On the -

MR. GILLETT: Yes, yes, yes. We managed to get \$4,000.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Historic resources, Mr. Speaker, this is something I think that is very important to our Province, very important indeed. And I hope as time goes by, we will be able to preserve many of our old landmarks. We have a house in Twillingate that is well over 150 years old, I believe, and I think that house should be preserved. It is owned by Mr. T. W. G. Ashbourne and I think that should be preserved by all means.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: I doubt it. I mentioned it to Heritage Canada in Ottawa but they said that, you know, it had to be done through the provincial department. And that house, that house, Mr. Speaker, that house, I might say, is exactly as it was built, no alterations at all.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Pardon? Time is up. But I hope, I hope that the Minister of Tourism, if this is his department will make a note of that and I would sure love to see him come to Twillingate and preserve that house. It is well over 150 years old, I believe.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. GILLETT: Good, fine. Well, Mr. Speaker, my time is up, I see, and perhaps I could go on much longer but I do not think it is necessary at

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this time. We have the budget before us and we can deal with that in detail as the time comes. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The honourable Member for Trinity North.

**MR. C. BRETT:** Mr. Speaker, the Throne Speech debate is one of the best

the opportunities afforded to a backbencher to speak during any given session of the House of Assembly. It is commonly used to

speak of one's district, to expound on the good things that have been done or the things that have not been done, depending on

which side of the House you sit, to talk about the need for more action, particularly in the relation to public services.

Our time is limited to forty-five minutes. In that respect, I would like to divide my very brief remarks into two sections.

First of all, I would like to speak on one or two of the major issues facing our Province, and secondly, I would like to talk a little bit about my District of Trinity North. During the past week or so, some members of the opposition have done very well in making political hay out of some of the major issues that are facing our Province today. I do not hold that against them. I say good for them.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** (Inaudible).

**MR. BRETT:** No, no kidding, that is what they are getting paid for.

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The unfortunate thing is that their criticism has not been very constructive, but then, I suppose, that you are not being paid to be constructive really, are you?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. BRETT: No, you are not. If you are, you are not doing a very good job of it.

Sir, in speaking to some of the major issues -

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible).

MR. BRETT: I do read it.

I would like to start off by saying that -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. BRETT: I would like to be sensible, Sir, if they could keep quiet for a few minutes.

I wonder, Sir, are the governments of today taking a look at the real reasons for some of the major problems, not only in our province, but all over the world? I think one of the biggest problems that is facing our province, and it is not unique in our province, but certainly it faces us, that is the one of unemployment. We have to admit that the unemployment figures in our province are very high, but at the same time, we must admit that they are much better, much lower than in some other parts of the Dominion, and in other parts of the world. Now it is very difficult to speak in this Throne Speech debate without repeating something that has not been said, at least, three or four times. I contend, Sir, that the figures that are being released by Statistics Canada are unrealistic. They are not true, nor are they fair.

There are, I think, some 17,000 inshore fishermen in our province, and certainly most of these are in receipt of unemployment insurance. Then, of course, there are the seasonal plant workers, many of them women, and this is particularly true in my district. They work seasonally, and they are now in receipt of unemployment insurance. Again, and I speak particularly of my district, because this is the area that I know, there are a large number of men who work on the Great Lakes, and they

are unemployed. These give us approximately a sixteen per cent total of the work force of our province, that is the unemployed fishermen, the plant workers and the people who work on the Great Lakes. This is just three of the many. This amounts to approximately seventeen per cent. This amounts to approximately 30,000 people. Now, if one were to subtract from that 30,000 people, the number of people who are seasonally unemployed in our province, you would come up with a figure of maybe 10,000 or less. This would bring the percentage of people unemployed in our province almost down to the national average. Now I am not suggesting for one minute that the national average is good. It is very low. What I am trying to point out is that, as I said just a minute ago, the figures given by Statistics Canada are really and truly misleading. We have had seasonal unemployment in Newfoundland for years. Well, I suppose, we will always have it. We have had ever since we were a colony, and I would imagine that it would stay with us for a number of years to come.

In my own district of Trinity North, unemployment is not a serious problem. As a matter of fact at a meeting two or three nights ago, I was advised that there are nineteen people, not 190, not 1,900, not 19,000, but nineteen people in the town of Clarenville, who are looking for employment. This is fantastic. This will give you some idea of the number of people unemployed in my district.

Now the closing of the fish plant in Port Union, and that is where it is situated, has resulted in the number of people unemployed being increased to some extent. However, it has not created any real hardships because the people in this area were pretty well used to seasonal employment. I think this is the second year, only the second year, that the fish plant in Port Union was opened on a seasonal basis. Therefore, the people in that area had adjusted themselves to living or to working on a seasonal basis, and drawing unemployment insurance. Therefore, it has not interfered with their way of living too much.

In the Clarenville area, the Newfoundland Hardwoods, the shipyard, the brickyard at Milton, they are hiring a record number of people this year, and this has brought down the number of people who are unemployed.



There is one area in my district where the number of employed has decreased and that is the lumbering industry, and in view of the fact that this is very close to my district, I would like to elaborate on it somewhat. I would like to read from my notes, although this is not permissible, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to read it. The reason for the decline in the lumber industry was that the mainland lumber producers, hit by slumping construction work in the rest of North America, dumped their products into Newfoundland at low rates just to decrease their inventories. The lumber they dumped here was of the very best quality. It was graded kiln-dry lumber, and it was offered for sale here in Newfoundland at a price that was lower than our local operators needed just to produce rough ungraded lumber. On a fair competition basis, Sir, if the mainland producers had not been selling at a loss, our producers could provide the same grade of lumber as mainland producers, and even more cheaply. The end of the story, Sir, is that when Newfoundland contractors and builders were given the choice, they chose the mainland product, because it was cheaper, and our local operators suffered, naturally.

However, I believe that these conditions will change. The North American building industry is coming back to life and the mainland producers will be raising their prices again. They will be sending the best of their product to the United States. If our consumption of lumber here was large, and it is not, we would be able to dictate to some degree the price and quality. Unfortunately, Sir, our consumption is so small on a national basis, when you look at Canada as a whole, that our voices are just not even heard. Again, Sir, it is extremely difficult for our government here to consider any sort of inter-provincial barriers to stop what we would call, dumping, I suppose. I am sure that everybody realizes that if tariff barriers or any similar device became a practice at the provincial borders, then certainly Newfoundland would suffer far more than the rest of Canada. All we have to think about is the fish that we export.

The second issue, Sir, and one that is of great concern to the whole of North America, and I think I talked about this on Here and Now, a couple of nights ago, is the cost of living. I spoke of inflation at that time, but I only had four minutes, and I could not talk as long as I wanted to or describe it as I would have liked to. But there is a simple word to describe the high cost of living and that, of course, is inflation. I guess everybody knows that the term "inflation" means the imbalance between the amount of money one has to spend, and the amount of money that one earns, or the amount of money that the essential services cost. There is always inflation, Sir. It is a constant companion with our system. Every time a man receives an increase in pay, every time the cost of a loaf of bread goes up, a unit of inflation has been created.

However, in most cases in the past, the balance between the rising prices or between rising wages and prices, have been kept reasonably well, and the rates of these increases have been reasonably low. In my opinion, Sir, the tide turned somewhere in the 1960's. I think it started with the Seaway strike in Ontario. I am sure everybody will remember that. The federal government stepped in at that time



and they helped to get an increase of something like thirty per cent. The Seaway strike was followed by the railway strike and again the federal government came through with very large settlements.

Now, what was the result of what happened? As a result of those large settlements, the cost of transportation through Canada began to rise sharply and this was passed on to the producer, to the wholesaler, the retailer and eventually to the consumer. As these consumer prices rose, the consumer found himself with, of course, less for his money. He demanded more and basing these demands on those of the big national unions that had been so successful only a short time before, he got more and that, Sir, in my opinion, is where the spiral started. I do not think it has stopped since.

You know as a government and as a people, we watched this madness arise and wages rise and consumer goods. We seem to be powerless to stop it. It just goes on and on. The company may very well have to increase its prices to pay the demands of its employers who needed more money to handle the company's last price increase. Sheer lunacy, is it not?

Of course, Sir, the troubles that we experience in Newfoundland, down here at the end of the line, this little bald rock out in the middle of the Atlantic with respect to other Canadian centres, are certainly much worse by comparison. Not only must our prices and wages be guided by national trends, but our buying and spending powers are too small to be of any effect in the national picture.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: Just listen to me now. Sir, another big contributing factor to our present economic situation or inflation, is our lack of productivity.

MR. WOODWARD: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: This is not funny "Mel". You should listen. You might learn something.

MR. WOODWARD: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: I can get up and spend the next forty-five minutes telling you that you are not doing a very good job but if you listen you might learn something.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please! Order, please! Order, please! The honourable gentleman to my right is having a little bit of fun at the honourable member's expense. He is making a speech and has the right to be heard in silence. All honourable members recognize that. They are all veterans of the House by this time.

The member for Trinity North.

MR. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, I was talking about productivity. Some of the drop in productivity is planned, there is no question about that. I suppose it is good, fairly good, we do not have sweat shops any longer, where men and women must work long hours at an unhealthy pace. This is a good thing.

We have reduced the weekly working hours to the place where doctors, psychologists, whatever you want to call them, tell us that we have created a boredom problem for our workers. I have heard, I think it is true, that we have made routine so simple, the same doctors or the same psychologists say workers will sabotage their work just to escape the tedious repetition.

Can you imagine somebody on a production line? It is very sad, Sir, but it appears to me that there is almost no pride of work, of product, existing today. There is very little in the way of commitment on the part of either worker or employer to make a fair exchange of money for service. Businessmen who put inferior or shoddy materials on the shelf at higher than reasonable cost blame it on the workers who do shoddy work and demand higher than reasonable wages, and then the workers, of course, say that they are not going to put any effort into doing a good job because the employer is too cheap to pay a decent wage.

Sir, to increase public demands, and as a politician I suppose I should be ashamed to say it, serious over-reaction to

minority groups, governments, and that includes this one, have gone far, far too far really, Sir, in handing out public money to almost every request it receives.

I wonder, Sir, do the people of this province realize that the term guaranteed annual income, carried to its destined conclusion, means that every man will receive an income regardless of his state of employment, even regardless of his state of employability, whether he can be employed or not.

Sir, I think that we are moving very quickly towards the creation of a total welfare system. Now I am certainly not an expert on these matters. I might have been a welfare officer at one time but I do not profess to be an expert.

The only time in history, and the only place in the world where welfare states have begun to work is where there was a government that was not elected and where a man who was going to be supported by the state could be controlled by the state. By that I mean, let us take for example Russia, every man is guaranteed food, shelter, so on and the Russian Government guarantees it because it can tell any one individual, regardless of whether he is a highly educated man or not, that tomorrow morning he must go to work in the university or in a coal mine or the theatre centre or wherever the government feels that he would be most productive.

And we, Sir, we are trying to do the impossible. We are trying to give our people the same rewards, but more and more we are removing any need for him to have any responsibility in the production process.

Now, Sir, I am sure that we do not want to be Russians. We do not want their totalitarian system. We have a good system, or we had one before it began to be abused. Politicians, Sir, and that includes me - I wonder should I say this? - we have got to have the guts to say "no" when we know it is in the best interest of the public at large and the country in general to say it.

We must have the courage to say "no" to minorities, when they

are wrong, of course only after we have taken the proper democratic steps to determine if they are wrong.

I ask a question, Sir; is a group wrong when it seeks to have government pay more money to support a motherhood project? Well, I say it is, if it is going to mean increased hardship that is worse than the hardship that is being removed. Every time, Sir, that the federal government, and I do not mean to jump on the federal government, but everytime that they hand x number of thousand of dollars to count the park benches in Ottawa or the number of gulls in Halifax Harbour, they are contributing another little bit to our tax load. Every time they contribute to our tax load, they are making it harder for us to contribute to more meaningful and useful things.

I do not know if I am making any sense or not.

AN HON. MEMBER: You are making good sense.

MR. BRETT: What does it all add up to? What I am trying to say -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: You would not have the intelligence to know, anyway.

AN HON. MEMBER: That is their problem -

MR. BRETT: Anyway -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. BRETT: What I am saying -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please! So the honourable member is not being carried away, his being interrupted however does not have the right to refer to other honourable members as "you" and "he" or any other appellation. I would suggest to honourable members to my right, they may be bored, they may not agree, but they all have the right to be heard at the proper time, This is not the time.

MR. BRETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but maybe the honourable members to my left do not have the intelligence to understand what I am trying to say. But what I am really trying to say is that all these things contribute to inflation. And this, of course, is one of the main topics in everybody's conversation today.

Every time a person or company receives more money than the produce or service they are selling is worth, in terms of other currency, then our inflation continues to grow. I believe, Sir, it is important to note that the best we could possibly hope for is that our cost of living might stop increasing so quickly. I do not think you will ever see a price increase, or increase of prices stop altogether. And the possibility of a decrease in our over-all system with the cost of living, I think, is incomprehensible at this time.

I think that is a fair statement.

Now I said earlier that I used part of this speech on "Hear and Now" last Friday night, and I would like to use it again because I think there is a lot of meat on it. I think it is very important, and I am going to repeat it. I would like to talk for a few minutes about what I consider to be one of the greatest contributing factors to inflation today, and that is labour unrest and ultimately the strike - and I am not going to get involved in the very serious problem that is facing the offshore fishermen today - but the strike in general.

I really wonder sometimes, Sir, if most people know that there are laws in Newfoundland which make it possible to stop every illegal strike almost before it starts. The government have the power to stop any group from striking if they are circumventing the conditions of their collective agreement with their employer. The man on the street asks the question: Why does the provincial government allow legal strikes to continue? Now that has been asked every single day, particularly in regard to the trawler strike.

AN HON. MEMBER: Illegal or legal?

MR. BRETT: A legal. A legal. Why does the government allow a legal strike to continue? The answer is this. It is quite simple, and, in my opinion, it points up the major deficiencies in our present labour laws, in fact, a deficiency in the whole theory of organized labour, and the collective agreement. And I would like to take an example. Let us take a man who has, say one hundred employees, and they are in the middle of a two year contract - and this is the one I used on television - they decide right in the middle of their contract that they want a cost of living bonus. The government refuses to pay it. Naturally they do because it is not included in the agreement. So what happens? The union simply walks out, and they call a strike. The next action is that the company gets a court

injunction preventing pickets from going up, and both sides begin phoning the news media. Here is where the fun starts. Then within a day or so there is a public clamor for the government to get off its behind, or get off its tail - the onus always comes on the government to get the strike settled.

Now then, Sir, since the normal legal negotiating process is broken there is really no legal recourse for government to take. But I say they would step in and offer to assist in the conciliation. Their only other recourse would be to stand by the law and order the men to come back to work with the usual set of fines, and what have you, imprisonment. Sir, I ask, would that solve the problem? Not very likely. I think everybody knows what would happen. The men would resign en masse, and then the men would call the news media, and in another two or three days the government would be flogged for having caused one hundred men to lose their employment. I suppose it would be forcing the men, or forcing people out of work.

But, Sir, even before that happened the company would have begun berating the government for having botched up the whole situation. The company knows full well that the amount of money it would lose in production while trying to hire a new staff would be more than the amount to be paid in the bonuses. I contend, Sir, that it is the fear of getting it from both sides, both from the union and from the men, that tends to make politicians, I do not care whether they be Liberals or P.C.'s or N.D.P.'s or what they are, but it is this fear of getting it from both sides that tends to make the politician to take the easy way, and that is conciliation rather than the hard way which is the legal process.

Now, Sir, in the beginning, talking about labour and strikes and so on, the conciliation process was intended to be only an aid to help those companies and unions to resolve differences so exotic and so unusual that they could not be covered in normal laws and regulations. Today the conciliation process is the most important ploy in the game employers and workers play every time a contract is renewed.

I ask you, Sir, and I ask the people of this province, who gets hurt? I do not care what side you are on, you have to answer that question in the same way, and that is, the people get hurt, the general public. The sad part of it all is that it increases inflation.

Probably, Sir, the saddest part of the whole process of strikes, and so on is that no one, the government, the people involved, the unions, they will never ask the question, and I read this, is the money being paid in any way relative to the value of the service being received? Again, Sir, I say that when this question is not being asked then inflation keeps right on climbing.

Of course, Sir, as our province relates to the rest of Canada in that it is very, very small, and I have already said we are a rock out in the middle of the Atlantic, but anyway, in view of the fact that we are very, very small our government comes out rather miniscule compared to the whole Dominion of Canada. And when the Government of Canada dictates that we shall move towards the total welfare state, then there is not very much that little Newfoundland can do. Again when a section of the population demands something of the government, and the vast majority of the public regardless of how informed or misinformed they are when they applaud it, and they support it, I say, Sir, and my colleagues, it is very difficult for the government to fly or to act or react in the face of the majority.



AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Sit still.

MR. BRETT: Sir, I would like to speak for a few moments on the fishery, and there is absolutely nothing, not one, single, solitary thing that I can say about the fishery that has not been said about fifteen different times in this House in the last four or five days.

Now, I was born in a very small fishing outport. I will not even bother to mention it. I doubt if anybody in the House -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Where?

MR. BRETT: Okay, it was Barr'd Island out on Fogo Island.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: A good spot.

MR. BRETT: A good spot, "Capt. Winsor." I am going to campaign for you the next time.

CAPT. WINSOR: Do not let it down.

MR. BRETT: I will not let it down.

CAPT. WINSOR: Just because you are a Tory, do not be ashamed of it.

MR. BRETT: No, I am not ashamed of it. I am very proud of it.

MR. THOMS: How come you are a Tory?

MR. BRETT: Because my father was a Tory. What happened if your father has been a Liberal?

Anyway, Sir, the problems that existed when -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Captain Winsor's father was a Tory too.

MR. BRETT: Was he? The problems that existed when I was young and I fished with my father are not the same type of problems that exist in the fishery today. I get a little bit sick and tired of hearing this phrase that the merchants are ripping off the fishermen. Now, if anybody ever got ripped off it was my father.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Was your father a fish merchant?

MR. BRETT: No, he was not a fish merchant. He was a fisherman, but that happened a long, long time ago. Times are much different now. I do not think - I am not saying they would not like to, but I do not think they are able to rip off the fishermen today as they were then. We have more controls.

Your Honour, I cannot talk intelligently or professionally about the problems that exist in the fishery today because, as I said,

times have changed. I do remember very distinctly before I left home, or no, I think it was after I left home, that my father who is eighty-nine today, said to me, he said, you know, one of the greatest problems in the fishery today is conservation. I do not know how many years ago, whether it was five, ten or twelve, but first when the gill nets came in, I remember him telling me about it. I remember it very distinctly because when I was fishing with him we fished with trawls in the Summer and in the Fall of the year we used what we called cod nets. That was with - the honourable member for Twillingate - hemp twine, was it not, rather than the nylon twine.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: Cod net. I remember my father telling me that the first time that he walked on the stage head and saw the fish that were caught in a gill net, he said, this is the end of the cod fishery in Newfoundland. Now, the one person in this House - I do not mean to be partisan. I do not care if he is on this side or that side. It just so happens he is on this side - the one man who has said more about this than anybody in the House is the honourable member for Burgeo.

I think my father, as I said, who is eighty-nine, is one of the greatest fishermen in the province. He predicted this ten years ago. Here we are today in 1975 and we have a member of the House of Assembly standing up and agreeing with him and saying that this is the greatest curse to our fishery. He saw it then. Now, I was too young, not necessarily too young to agree with him, but I was probably too young to see what he was talking about or to understand what he was talking about. That has to be and I think it is the greatest curse to our fishery today.

Now, there are many other problems. Probably one of the biggest ones is the market. I have been told, and again I am not a professional, I am not an expert, but I have been told that the market is terrible and that it will not improve for at least another four years. I understand that in some parts of the States or the Mainland it is cheaper to buy beef than it is fish. Now, you do not have to be very smart, very intelligent, to see what that is doing to our fish market. What we

can do to improve it, I do not know. I really do not know.

Another, and again I reiterate that I am no expert on it, but from what I have read and what I have heard here in the House and so on, the next - not necessarily in order, but one of the things I want to mention is the control that we must have of the Continental Shelf or at least a 200 mile limit. I do not think the former administration placed very much emphasis or did very much fighting with the federal government to have the 200 mile limit established off our coast. I do not want to get into an argument. I do not want to berate any of my colleagues on either side, but I do earnestly and honestly believe that we are putting much more effort into it than the former administration did.

As a matter of fact, I do not necessarily agree with my colleague, the member from Bonavista South -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: Never mind your temporarily. He is in there for the rest of his life. I do not necessarily agree with him that we will not be successful at the Law of the Sea Conference. I think we will be, but certainly it is of the utmost importance. Again, while I do not have it in my notes, I think it is also very important that this resolution which has been brought in here regarding the fishing on the Hamilton Banks, I think this is something else which has to be given a great lot of consideration.

Now, there are many, many other problems. I suppose, if I had the knowledge, I could go on and talk about them for hours. I do not want to end on a sort of a bad note. We have one among others - I think probably the brightest thing that I see for the fisheries in Newfoundland is that we have in charge today of the Department of Fisheries one of the most intelligent, one of the greatest men in the province, and that is the honourable "John Crosbie."

I am not being partisan. Please believe me. I am being very sincere.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: No, I am not. Honestly, I am not being partisan. I believe this with my whole heart and soul that if there is anybody in this province who can do something for the fisheries, it is the honourable "John Crosbie." If there is any way to pull this thing out, then I think he is going to do it. If ever our Premier made a wise move, it was in appointing that gentleman to the post of Minister of Fisheries. I am sure he is going to do a good job.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): The honourable member has three minutes left.

MR. BRETT: Three minutes! Oh, you have to be kidding.

Well, I wanted to speak on my district, Sir. I was only just getting started. I am going to have to leave out an awful lot of it.

MR. CROSBIE: Carry on by leave.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: By leave!

MR. BRETT: Well, the next three minutes I will spend on my district. As I said last year, I am going to have to start to talk real fast. Whenever I talk about my district, I divide it up into three sections. The section from Elliston to Melrose, and then from English Harbour to Bonaventure and the Clarendville Area.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: Yes, I think the opposition have been miserable not permitting me more time. However, the needs of my district are great. There is no question about that. We have not got everything that we have wanted, although we have a great government. We have made rapid strides in the last three years. I do not want to be partisan, but honestly there is -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Rabbit strides.

MR. BRETT: I did not say rabbit. I said rapid.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: You have a very poor command of the English Language.

However, in the past three years, we have seen more money spent on the basic amenities which are required in my district like pavement, water and sewerage, upgrading of roads and so on and so on and so on. It has just been tremendous, but the needs are still great.

In the Catalina- Port Union area, the last three years we have continued with the water and sewerage project in Catalina and Port Union. We are hoping this year to start water and sewerage in the Little Catalina area. We have allocated money. We have dug five artesian wells in Elliston and for the first time in their whole lives, they have a drop of water to drink. They need a few more dollars. No they do not. They got the money. They just did not get the time to spend it. The winter came on them.

In Melrose, I have a petition which I hope to present to the House a little later. We dug five wells there. Believe it or not, Mr. Speaker, members of the House, out of five, we got four dry holes, \$20,000 gone down the drain, but we are now doing a survey. We hope to extend the water system from Port Union into Melrose. This will be forthcoming this year, I hope.

Up in the Trinity- Port Rexton area there is a great need for some sort of industry. I have stressed this every time I have spoken in the House. It is a beautiful area, a scenic area. People are very independent. There is no welfare. Everybody is working. The sad part about it is that they are not working in their own area. They have to go away to the Great Lakes or to Clarendville or Come By Chance or somewhere, and it hurts. There is tremendous

potential there, farming potential, tourist potential. I have talked to different ministers, They have been very sympathetic and I am hoping that something can be started in that area in the not too distant future. I do not know what, but certainly there is something we can get going.

I only have a few minutes left and I want to get up to the Clarendville area, I am extremely happy, I am pleased, I am overcome with joy that the Premier and this government of ours have agreed to get the hospital off the ground this year. We are going to see construction start later on, I hope. I am sure we are. Money has been allocated. The architectural planning will start almost any day now. We will get that going. I think the honourable, I think he is still honourable, Mr. Smallwood, went out there in, early in the 1960's -

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please! The honourable gentleman's time has expired.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, if I may, if the honourable gentlemen will agree that the member continue for another round, ten minutes or so -

MR. THOMS: No, that is long enough. Let us face it.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: I am asking the House Leader.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Sir, we would not want to deprive the honourable member from getting and bringing the problems of his district to the attention of the House.

MR. THOMS: Five minutes.

MR. BRETT: My good friend, "Captain Winsor." He represents my home town. I just wanted to say that we are so very happy that the hospital is finally going to be started. I think Mr. Smallwood went out there sometime early in the 1960's and he promised not one hospital but two and -

AN HON. MEMBER: No kidding.

MR. BRETT: No, I am not kidding. He did not promise one, but two. So I think we are finally going to get one, under the Progressive

Conservative Administration, under the leadership of Premier Frank Moores. I am very happy about this. The people of the district are happy.

I want to say, I only have a few minutes, by leave of the Opposition, I appreciate that.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: By leave of the House, The Clarenville area has experienced a boom. I will give you some credit for it. The Member for Fogo, I will give you some credit for it. The Come By Chance Refinery certainly played a very important part in it. The Clarenville area has boomed as a result of it, there is no question about that. We have experienced -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. BRETT: No, I am not petty as you are. We have experienced a boom. We are very happy about it. And there is a tremendous need for housing, tremendous need for water and sewerage coming. There is a limit to what we can spend. I hope that the new access road can be serviced this year so that the hospital can get underway, the new Forestry and Agriculture building which is started, the new highways depot.

There are a lot of plans in the offing for that area. The boom, and there is a boom, there is no question about it, there is a boom in that area, but the boom has caused problems in that, you know, the necessity for public services has increased because of the boom.

This government is coming across with the money. It cannot all be done in one year. The ministers responsible are more than cognizant of the need and we are going to see some rapid strides in this coming year.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Fogo.

CAPT. WINSOR: What, were you going to speak?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: I will yield if the honourable minister wants to speak.



AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Okay, thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker, like previous speakers I suppose, which is traditional, I congratulate the mover and seconder of the Reply to the Speech from the Throne. It is regrettable though, Mr. Speaker, that both honourable gentlemen as members have as is now customary for government members to keep up their refrain on criticizing the previous administration.

AN HON. MEMBER: What is your refrain?

CAPT. WINSOR: While at the same time taking advantage of any opportunity that they can to accept the praise for any worthwhile project that was begun under the previous administration.

I enjoyed the honourable Member for Trinity North, his speech rather. I was very interested in that speech and like him I have prepared my notes as I usually do in the Speech from the Throne, when replying to the Speech from the Throne, because more especially now that we have a limit of time, I am always afraid that I left unsaid the things that I should have said and that I say the things that I should not say.

However, getting back to the honourable member and my friend, I enjoyed his speech until he told me his father was a Tory, then of course I started to wonder how many relatives has he left down at Barr'd Island. I am sure he has a few down there, and maybe they will follow the family tradition. But I think if there is anything that honourable member can do for me down around there he will not hesitate to do so.

Mr. Speaker, while I have the most profound respect for the office from which the speech came, I must in all honesty state that of the twenty-one speeches I have heard and read from the Throne, the most recent one, I think, was the most thinnest and bare, both in thought and deed. Even the most inexperienced -

AN HON. MEMBER: Do not be nasty.

CAPT. WINSOR: I am not nasty.

MR. MURPHY: "Ed" is not there so speak your mind.



CAPT. WINSOR: Okay, thank you very much. Even the most inexperienced can detect, Mr. Speaker, that that speech was composed in a hurry and, as a quick glance at the three previous will show, that it is not much more than a rehash with a few minor changes in phraseology, than the previous three. Even the most sincere critic of the present government anticipated something more concrete and substantial in the way of more productive policies.

It is not any wonder, Mr. Speaker, that the people of the province are becoming more and more disillusioned with the present administration. When a document which is supposed to set forth government planning is year after year highlighted by a constant repetition of criticism of the previous administration, then surely, Mr. Speaker, time has long gone since the people of this province will accept the inability of this government to come forth with its own policies and decisions.

There has not been, Mr. Speaker, one single new dollar created in this province since the present administration took over. I grant you that two or three industries such as the oil refinery, as my friend from Trinity North referred to, and the linerboard mill, are producing additional areas of employment but they are not the sources of employment created by this government.

I recall very vividly, Mr. Speaker, during the honourable Premier's campaign, and immediately after the election, stating that he would bring new life and opportunities to the rural areas of this province. He indicated that he would ignore any attempt to establish any major industries. His rural development programmes were to be highlighted by his government policy.

In the Speech from the Throne, reference is made to the lives of thousands of Newfoundlanders, to be exact, Mr. Speaker, I think the figure of 260,000 was mentioned. That, Mr. Speaker, is more than half the population of this province.

It is worthy of note, Mr. Speaker, that after more than three years the government is prepared to admit that the people are now only at the stage of identifying their needs. It is even more worthy to note, Mr. Speaker, that the government do not even take credit for having made any contribution to a realization of any need at all. To my knowledge, the government is unable to identify a single industry that has been created by its policies of rural development.

Mr. Speaker, in spite of the glowing promises that have been made in the previous Speeches from the Throne, and more particularly in the recent one relating to the fishery, the fishery today, the industry is in a greater state of turmoil than ever before in our history and a vast majority of our fishermen are troubled and unhappy. Within the last twelve months we find production down, income reduced, market conditions deteriorating and with no sign of improvement. While this continues, Mr. Speaker, the government tends to excuse their lack of a sound fishery policy on the grounds that the fishery is a federal responsibility. I am not unaware of the fact, Mr. Speaker, that the broad general policies of regulating the fisheries do come under the Federal Government's jurisdiction, but surely, as every fisherman knows in this Province, what goes on in fishing and how it is carried on is a direct responsibility of the Provincial Government. Why else do we have a Department of Fisheries?

A number of the fishermen in this Province are becoming quite vocal in expressing themselves about how the fishery can be improved. They know only too well whose responsibility it is for the kinds of programmes that are needed to overcome the present difficulties. In fact, many of them have made the solution quite clear to government and it seems that no one is prepared to listen and even less willing to give the leadership that only government can give.

Mr. Speaker, the procrastination of the government in setting

up a fishing industry board and to get that board in operation last year, although it was forced by the trawler strike to get it in operation, is, in my opinion, the cause of the dilemma in which we find ourselves today. Had this board been functioning effectively it would have provided the opportunity for the fishermen to have a say in the price they could and ought to receive for their fish. This lack of courage in setting up the board, when it was proposed three years ago, could well have prevented this trawler strike today. The failure to have done this is but one more example of the indecisiveness and inaction on the part of the government when it comes to fishery policy.

Mr. Speaker, if the fishery is to be a viable industry the Provincial Government must take positive steps to encourage the industry and to make it worthwhile for our fishermen to participate in. This encouragement must be in the area of new approaches and new techniques. Some way has to be found to re-organize our fishing, to enable the men who operate the industry to make a decent living and to make a contribution to the community and country as a whole. He should not have an inferiority complex because he is a fisherman. He should be able to take pride in the fact that he is one of the main producers who is making a great contribution to this Province.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the marketing of the fresh fish should, in my opinion, be controlled by a marketing board similar in structure to the present Salt Fish Marketing Board. There may be some merit in the idea, Mr. Speaker, that operators of trawlers and other vessels, and owners or processors should operate separately. The trawlers which are now owned by the processors could be bought by the government and either chartered or sold to fishing skippers who could form their own companies made up of crew members and, if necessary helped by a special government subsidy. The owner and operator of the trawler who catches the fish then would be able to sell by auction or tender to the processor. The processor would in turn work through the marketing board to sell the product. I would suggest that the

subsidy to a new trawler owner may not be as costly to the government as it is today.

With such an arrangement, Mr. Speaker, we would have every trawler fisherman, not only with a share in the operation but also he would feel that he has a maximum input into the industry and feeling of ownership. Details of such a plan would have to be worked out undoubtedly and I am sure it could be worked out over a period and would have a strong influence in the stabilization of the fishing industry. To implement such a plan or programme, we will most certainly have to go to Ottawa for financial assistance. And here I say, Mr. Speaker, let us not be slow in going to Ottawa for what is rightfully ours. The government will get no argument from this side on that score. We all realize that Ottawa has a very important part to play in our fishery, but let us not blame them for lack of development policies that are rightfully the responsibility of the Minister of Fisheries and the Government of this Province.

Mr. Speaker, when the honourable Jack Davis was Minister of Fisheries and held down the portfolio of Environment Minister, there was quite an outcry from our federal members at Ottawa, crying out that Mr. Davis could not do justice as Minister of Fisheries to the fishing industry and as an Environment Minister as well. He could not hold down two portfolios and do justice to both. However, Mr. Speaker, what do we find this administration doing? Exactly the same thing, taking a pattern out of the book of the Government at Ottawa and today, with all due respect to the honourable Minister of Fisheries, we have a Minister of Fisheries today who is holding down the Portfolio of Intergovernmental Affairs and now he has an extra responsibility upon him by being Government Leader of the House.

Now, Sir, I do not think that says very much for other members of the government, especially the backbenchers. I think what this Province needs is a strong and an industrious, ambitious Minister of Fisheries, because, Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves now with the Minister

of Fisheries also holding down the Portfolio of Intergovernmental Affairs and we find, having that, we find that there is no Deputy Minister of Fisheries. So what kind of a policy, Mr. Speaker, do the Government of this Province have?

Several fishermen have complained to me about this, and there is another complaint which I get very often and that is that they cannot find the Minister of Fisheries in his office, whether he is the present Minister of Fisheries or not. However,

many of our outport fishermen visiting St. John's to contact the Department of Fisheries find it very difficult to do so, because that department, and one of the most important departments of government, has been taken out of Confederation Building, which building and locale was very familiar to a great number of our fishermen. Today, the Department of Fisheries -

AN HON. MEMBER: The minister's office.

CAPT. WINSOR: Someone told me the other day that there was a picture or a snapshot passed around in the Department of Fisheries of the present minister, and no one could recognize him. However, be that as it may, the Minister of Fisheries -

MR. MURPHY: Does the honourable member have a copy we can read?

CAPT. WINSOR: I am not reading this.

MR. MURPHY: Oh, you are not. I see. I am sorry.

CAPT. WINSOR: Do not be so sharp up there or I will give you - your turn will come.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MURPHY: No, I will let him go for a while.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

CAPT. WINSOR: How come you did not interrupt when the honourable member for - I admit it, I have prepared notes, and I am going to stick with them. If the honourable member does not like it - I am not the only one who has prepared notes.

MR. MURPHY: No, I suppose.

CAPT. WINSOR: You admit to that?

MR. SIMMONS: You are doing a lot better than most.

CAPT. WINSOR: You admit to that?

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: I am not going to read it.

MR. MURPHY: The honourable member has become abusive.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

CAPT. WINSOR: I am not abusive. I am giving the facts as the fishermen of this province see them.

Mr. Speaker, I think that the Premier should appoint a Minister of Fisheries, because that portfolio, Sir, is important enough to have a Minister of Fisheries. Now during the last three years what have we had? We have had four Minister of Fisheries in three years.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: Oh, yes. We have had four Ministers of Fisheries within the past three years. So, Mr. Speaker, where is government's policy as far as the fishery is concerned?

Mr. Speaker, I was talking to one fisherman the other day who came in here looking for the Department of Fisheries, and he was told - I do not know whether it was by one of the commissionaires or not - that the Department of Fisheries was down in St. Phillips Place or Philip Place, and he took a taxi down there. And when he got down there, they told him it was back in Confederation Building, so he came back to Confederation Building, and he was told it was up on Viking Road. So he took a taxi to Viking Road, and when he got there it was lunch hour. So he had to take a taxi back to the Confederation Building to go to the cafeteria to get his lunch, and that mission cost him \$12.00.

MR. MORGAN: What district was he from?

CAPT. WINSOR: He was from Bonavista South, as a matter of fact. As a matter of fact, I think he came from down Salvage.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, there are certain sections of our province, particularly the northeast coast and more especially the district of Fogo, where fishing cannot be done on a full-time scale. It is not a full-time occupation, because the elements and the weather will just not let it be so. I am still convinced that it should be possible to develop a number of other occupations that can be supplemental to the fishing industry itself.

I would like to refer to the fact that year after year thousands of our young men and women are graduating from the high school, which in itself is an excellent thing. I am very much concerned, however,



about the fact that so many of them are finding it very difficult to get into the areas that should be making a major contribution to the development of our outport Newfoundland. I am convinced that there must be ways and means of developing rural Newfoundland to the point where most of, if not all, our young men and women should have other choices other than major industries, especially so when it is a known fact that the more technical these industries become the fewer and fewer people they employ.

Mr. Speaker, like most districts, the district of Fogo, which I have the honour to represent, continues to have many problems, not the least of which is housing. The federal grant of \$500 to the first time homeowner is no doubt worthwhile, and many have already made application for this grant. Nevertheless, it is but a small drop in a big bucket.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: No doubt, that \$500 will be worthwhile, and I am sure that a great number will avail of it. Nevertheless, it is but a small drop, as I said before, in a big bucket. I believe very strongly, Mr. Speaker, that the time has come for our provincial government to come forth with a major housing encouragement programme. Housing must become a matter of major concern to provincial governments as well as the federal government, and it must be recognized that any federal encouragement is to be of a national scope and, therefore, always will be of a limited nature.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: Very poor at this hour of the night.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: It is the atmosphere of today.

Mr. Speaker, I suppose I will have to control myself and get off and ramble like the rest of the members.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: No, Mr. Speaker, Fogo district, as I have said, is like many other districts. There are many needs, and some of the needs are,



of course, similar to other parts of Newfoundland. We have the problem of water and sewerage, and I would like to bring to the attention of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and I brought this to the attention of the Hon. Minister of Finance, who was then the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Housing, that the town of Fogo has had a deposit at the bank of \$500 for two or three years now, and the minister then did not see fit to use his influence, or whether he used it or not, was not successful in convincing the Clean Air, Water Authorities that that project should go ahead. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, this past winter, or even now, and I would like to bring this to the attention of the Minister of Health, that they had to carry water and bring water by truck to the hospital. Now, Sir, you know that is a terrible state in this day and age, a hospital having to operate by bringing it in barrels in trucks to keep that hospital functioning.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: There is just no water. It is dried up with frost and what have you.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: The lack of sufficient wells.

AN HON. MEMBER: Fogo never had any water.

CAPT. WINSOR: The honourable member says that Fogo never had any water. That is all the more reason why he, as a native son, should support this request and get the water and sewer in Fogo.

Then, of course, Mr. Speaker, there is the need for more upgrading and improving in fishing facilities. I have been requesting this for the past three years, and I am very happy to say that this past year there has been some work going on in the community of Joe Batt's Arm. There have been some repairs and upgrading made to the Joe Batt's Arm fish plant, which we are very grateful for, but there are other areas, such as Marine services which are badly needed on Fogo Island to accommodate all of the longliners. I would suspect that

there must be around forty longliners operating in that area. Fogo, as the Minister of Finance well knows, consists of Fogo Island, consists of ten communities, and apart from the Fogo Island itself, we have the community of Change Islands, and if we had a marine centre at Seldom or somewhere on Fogo Island, then that marine service would take care of practically all of the longliners between Lumsden and up to Fogo.

AN. HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

CAPT. WINSOR: No, there is no -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Pardon?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Yes.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: So we started, Mr. Speaker, the programme which the government is boasting about now, is trying to take all credit for, for marine haulouts and slipways, and marine services. It was all started by the previous administration. That programme was initiated by myself.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: And there has not been two additional ones since this administration took over. It is only a continuation of the one which we had planned, and had started.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: That is right. Are you getting tired, and getting sleeny?

AN HON. MEMBER: No!

CAPT. WINSOR: Okay we are good for another hour yet.

So, Mr. Sneaker, those are some of the needs around the Fogo Island area, and then we come across to the Mainland at Musgrave Harbour. We have an urgent need there for some kind of a fish plant.

AN HON. MEMBER: Where is that?

CAPT. WINSOR: Musgrave Harbour. I had the privilege of presenting a petition here requesting that such a plant should be established. Now it is not a fresh fish processing plant as such but it could very well be a salt fish plant where the Salt Fish Corporation would operate the plant.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Oh in the whole area there are several hundred, it includes Musgrave Harbour, Ladle Cove, Aspen Cove, and all in the neighbourhood

there. It is a matter of providing employment because what is happening now those fishermen are bringing their catches in, and it is taken away by truck or by some other means of transportation and taken to other areas depriving the community or Town of Musgrave Harbour and other areas of that badly needed employment. This is where the crux of the matter is, Mr. Speaker.

Then, of course, we have the problem of roads which is no different, I suppose, on Fogo Island, and in Fogo District, than in any other.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Pardon?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: We have the same problems this year as we had last year. There has been nothing done.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

CAPT. WINSOR: Oh, if you have a problem and it is not corrected that problem may go on indefinitely, Mr. Speaker, and this is why I am referring to them again now.

But I must admit that there was some paving done last Summer in the communities of Carmanville and Frederickton. The Premier went down. They took to the air and were like a pigeon, and he dropped his droppings on the way along in a few communities two days before the federal election - and thanks to him and the federal election that we did get some pavement in Carmanville and at Frederickton.

However, we still have other areas where there is bad need of upgrading and the paving of roads.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Oh, yes quite a little bit of pavement last year. I have been sort of under their table, promised by the present Minister of Transportation. I can be optimistic again this year. I am thinking of some pavement, Mr. Minister, in the District

of Fogo. I am sure you will accommodate. The Minister of Transportation and Communications, like the Member for Trinity North, and the Hon. Minister of Finance has a special interest in that district.

AN HON. MEMBER: In Fogo?

CAPT. WINSOR: Oh yes. Sure!

AN HON. MEMBER: Why?

CAPT. WINSOR: , Your good wife -

AN HON. MEMBER: Oh yes! Excuse me.

CAPT. WINSOR: He has forgotten her originality.

AN HON. MEMBER: My wife handles all -

MR. PECKFORD: You would not use that, though, to get pavement?

CAPT. WINSOR: No, no. Well, he has a special interest in it and this is why I am sure he is going to help out with some of the paved roads down there in that district. I am sure the minister is well aware of the fact that some of the machinery down in that district is almost obsolete. It is in a very rundown state, and it certainly needs to be replaced or repaired in order to provide these good people down there, who are working for the minister in that department, some good machinery in order that their work may not be so difficult in clearing the snow and grading and upgrading the roads.

Then we have the road, that loop road, which now, I take it, will be started this Spring.

I note the announcement in the budget where there is \$4.6 million for that road. I take it that it will start on both ends to meet in the center.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Well, you know, when we hear of the Liberals - the honourable member must remember what roads were built in this province were built by the Liberals. How many new roads has this administration been responsible for?

So, once the road is built -

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

CAPT. WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, yes, but we had an awful lot of virgin territory to plow through before those roads could be built. Now that the roads are built, what else can the present government do but pave it? There is nothing else left to do. You are not going to build another road next to it. You are going to have to pave the road to justify your existence at all.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Use the Ottawa money.

CAPT. WINSOR: Yes. Money was not so available then as it is now.

However, we do not want to go quarreling about -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Tight money.

CAPT. WINSOR: Tight money, that is right. We were caught in the state of tight money. However, since then things have loosened up and money now is just raining down into the pockets of the present administration to such an extent that they really do not know what to do with it. I am sure that now there is no other thing to convert that money into, we can see a lot of black top being laid next year.

So, Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that the Minister of Transportation and Communications will give very serious thought to the deplorable conditions of a lot of the gravel roads in my district. I do not want to have to remind the minister of this. The minister is cognizant of the fact, as he has been. I am sure he is a very conscientious minister, and he does not want to see people suffer through lack of good equipment or the lack of gravel down on Fogo Island for instance, or

lack of anything that he thinks he can supply. I am sure he will work on behalf of the people concerned and make sure that those districts, especially Fogo District, will be well looked after.

I say this with all sincerity, Mr. Speaker. I have a great lot of confidence in the minister, and I am sure - I think I have made this before, and I must say with all due respect the honourable minister who succeeded did have some interest in that district as well.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Well, you know, I believe in giving credit where credit is due. This has been my policy.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the honourable Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing has disappeared. There are a few matters I would like to bring to his attention. Mr. Speaker, however, there are several roads there, the paving of the roads through Musgrave Harbour.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: I was offended when the honourable minister went out before I finished my speech. I know you got carried away and I appreciate the fact that you came back to listen to the things that I had to bring to your attention - Musgrave Harbour.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: I am aware of that one.

CAPT WINSOR: Oh, that is fine. That is good. Fogo is another one, Joe Batt's Arm.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPT. WINSOR: Deep Bay, that is right. A good source of drinking water in other communities. I am sure the minister -

MR. PECKFORD: I have been all over Fogo Island.

CAPT. WINSOR: Good. And you are aware of all the problems. Well,

I will say to the minister that he will be the finest minister of the portfolio of Municipal Affairs and Housing if he corrects some of those problems, and I will see to it that he gets all the credit.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPTAIN WINSOR: That is right. But, Mr. Speaker, without joking there are some serious problems, as I think the honourable minister will agree. So, all I would do at this particular time is to humbly request the minister to give some of those problems very serious consideration because I think the time has come now, with the increased population in all those small communities, where the supply of good drinking water is just about, you know, nil.

MR. PECKFORD: Inaudible.

CAPTAIN WINSOR: Is that so? Well, how come all the good fellows originated from my district?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPTAIN WINSOR: Well, God bless them. I am sure they were good people. I am sure they were good people if they came from that district.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

CAPTAIN WINSOR: That is right. That is right.

MR. PECKFORD: Inaudible.

CAPTAIN WINSOR: Is that right? I was not aware of that.

MR. MURPHY: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

CAPTAIN WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, there is a lot more that I would like to say. But getting back to the fishery, Mr. Speaker, I made a suggestion there that I think the marketing of the fish should be - the fresh fish should be marketed in similar fashion as the salt fish to the Salt Fish Marketing Board. Now, I crossed the report here how the fishermen in Norway, how they function and I would just like to read a paragraph or two, "In the 1920's Norwegian fisheries encountered severe crisis," something that we are going through right now. "The



demand for fish products on export markets, (just take a note of that) for export markets were small and the prices had undergone a drastic decline. In spite of emergency measures taken by the state, and the state, I suppose, would be the government -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: What page is that on?

CAPTAIN WINSOR: Page ten, but you would not have that report. You would not have that report. No, that is not in the Auditor General's report.

So, "fishing was hardly profitable and left the fishermen inadequately net return. The fishermen suffered from poverty, insecurity, indebtedness and complete dependence on a private enterprise which was in control of all marketing of fish, supplying of fish equipment and of domestic requirements. This was a situation before the co-operative movement started to gain momentum among the fishermen. The annual catch of herring and the landings of other species were 1.7 million tons."

However, what I am trying to say is, Mr. Speaker, in Norway today there are several organizations and each organization has a responsibility, one for the operating of the trawlers, and another boats, and one for the processing, and another for the selling. So, I think it is along those lines that if we are going to get our fishing industry in its right perspective, we have to reorganize. As the Member from Trinity North said, his father fished for a great number of years and I am sure he must have been a good fisherman and probably did not know half the time where the next dollar would come from, like the majority of fishermen.

That day has gone and we have not gone very far since except for a few modern trawlers and the invention of the gill net.

Now, I agree with the honourable Member for Burgeo. Here I thought the Member for Burgeo-LaPoile gave a good speech on the fishery which no one else could, because no one else in the House, I do not think, has the experience that the honourable Member for

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Burgeo-LaPoile has and there is no substitute for experience, Mr. Speaker. It is surprising to me that the Premier did not see fit to make the honourable member a Minister of Fisheries.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

CAPTAIN WINSOR: He would make a good one.

Mr. Speaker, these are some of the things that I would like to bring to the attention of the different ministers and I would sincerely hope that my request will not fall on deaf ears.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Education.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, I have listened with great interest to the honourable Member for Fogo and find that with a number of matters he has made I find myself in quite some agreement. I now move that the question be put.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): I am sorry -

MR. OTTENHEIMER: I move that the question be put.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): On the Address in Reply.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: On the motion before us.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Unless there are other honourable members to - I am not quite sure of the actual procedure on this point.

CAPT. WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, might I speak on this, I think the honourable minister was a little hasty and there are other colleagues over here who wish to speak.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, I put a motion to the House. I put a motion to the Chair. I move that the question be put.

MR. THOMS: The motion is already before the House and we are debating the motion.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. THOMS: So the minister -

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): There is a neat procedural point here and I would not wish to put the motion hastily and I, with all due respect to the honourable minister's right to put the motion, I will have to consult my colleagues at the table to see whether or not this is proper, whether the motion cannot properly be put when there are other people who may wish to be heard. So I will have to adjourn for a short period.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please! Now the honourable Acting House Leader certainly caught me lacking in my knowledge of procedure of that particular point. The motion that the honourable House Leader made is in order. It is debatable. However it is unprecedented as far as I know that that motion be put in the Address in Reply.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Would you permit a question, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Yes. The Honourable House Leader.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: If I may speak on a point of order, Sir. I appreciate your ruling that the motion was in order, and indeed it is not for me to verify or not Your Honour's ruling. But, in my opinion, it is obviously quite in order. But I am willing to withdraw it and for that I would need unanimous consent. I just did it, Mr. Speaker, not as a joke, not as a lark, you know, not in that way, I did it - I am just going to speak for a minute or so, and I am going to withdraw it, and I will do so with the unanimous consent of the honourable House Leader of the Opposition, Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition because that is the position that I respect very much having served in it for some time. I did it, Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps to point out a rather important matter in this House. And that is how -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. OTTENHEIMER: a majority can or could and, in fact, have and did for over two decades - and some honourable gentlemen were here at the time tried to dominate, yes, with technicalities - it can be done and it was done, and it is most unfortunate, and I hope it will never be done again. It is certainly not this government's intention to do so. And with the unanimous consent, with the consent of the House Leader I will withdraw the motion. Do I have the honourable gentleman's consent?

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear! Hear!

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Right.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please! Does the honourable member wish to speak?

CAPT. WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that although I still contend that the honourable minister is a little too late in making that motion. But we will certainly give unanimous consent for debate to continue.

HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. SIMMONS: May I speak to the point of order raised by the Hon. Minister of Education?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SIMMONS: May I speak to the point of order, Mr. Speaker?

May I speak to the point of order?

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

Gentlemen, gentlemen. Order, please! I interrupted the honourable Minister of Education because he was engaging in debate on this point of order towards the end of his remarks, and certainly some of them were provocative, and it evoked what I would anticipate is the reply of the member from Hermitage. We have had unanimous consent that the motion be withdrawn and accordingly I will entertain no further debate on the point of order. I will recognize an honourable member.

MR. F. ROWE: May I rise a point of order, Mr. Speaker, a completely different point of order? Are we to assume now, Mr. Speaker, that the honourable the Minister of Education has spoken on the debate in reply and he has no opportunity to speak again?

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): That is correct. He has.

MR. PECKFORD: I did not think the honourable gentleman would tell me that.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): The honourable the Minister of Tourism.

HON. T. HICKEY (MINISTER OF TOURISM): I was just going to say, Mr. Speaker, this is not my night. I have attempted to get up about four times. Something or other happened each time. Now, I have waited for about a minute for the light to go on. I thought that was out of order. Anyway, with that slight technicality out of way, I would like to make a few comments in this debate.

I want to say at the outset, Mr. Speaker, that this is the first time in three years since I have had the honour of sitting on this side of the House, that I have participated in the Address-in-Reply. I suspect that my decision not to engage in the debate in previous sessions was wrong, because I would like to talk for a few minutes about this administration and what it is doing, especially what it is doing for

my own area, my own district, and to comment briefly on the phrase which we are sometimes tagged with by the opposition as the do-nothing government.

I certainly concur with the sentiments as expressed by my colleague the honourable Minister of Social Services this afternoon, who I thought put things in proper perspective as he outlined some of the things accomplished by this administration. One of the reasons, Mr. Speaker, I choose not to participate before in this debate, or in other years and other Throne Speeches was because like all other ministers, I was busy in my department and busy accomplishing things in my constituency.

I think it bears repeating, Mr. Speaker, as to what is going on in the province in each district, I think probably we are wrong in not standing in our place and outlining in fact the accomplishments of this administration.

MR. SPEAKER (STAGG): Order, please!

MR. HICKEY: Maybe we are too modest to do it, but I think certainly it is a mistake because I think we should. For five years, Your Honour, I have had the privilege of sitting on the other side of the House. I must confess that for the most part my constituents got speeches, more speeches and more speeches because, Your Honour, that is about all I could offer them. Despite the repetitions of bringing the problems of that constituency to the then administration, for the most part those issues and those problems fell on deaf ears. There was the kind of partisanship, Mr. Speaker, that certainly this province should never see again, should never experience again. The order of the day was what your politics were. That is a sad commentary, Mr. Speaker, but it is a fact.

MR. SIMMONS: Ask the "Daily News" -

MR. HICKEY: Ah, we can talk about the "Daily News", Mr. Speaker. We can talk about the "Daily News" all we wish. We will never sweep under the rug the issues that have gone before us with regards to the former administration by using the issue of the "Daily News". The "Daily News", Mr. Speaker, is an issue which can be defended by this administration absolutely.

MR. HICKEY: And I for one, Mr. Speaker, want to say right now that I defend this administration and its actions with regard to "The Daily News". There is nothing, nothing unhealthy or unwholesome about the decisions that were taken.

In my own constituency, Sir, for five years, and those who had gone before me, repeatedly brought issues to the former Liberal Administration, saw twenty-three years of total neglect, lack of pavement, lack of fishing facilities, lack of things, Mr. Speaker, even a simple thing like a winch, which costs very little money.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: My colleague reminds me of that and he always does and probably it is right that he should. A simple matter of electricity, costing \$100, Mr. Speaker, do honourable members think that I could get that \$100 from the former administration, right in the middle of the fishing season? Absolutely not, Sir. I was forced to do something out of my own pocket, so that those fishermen would not cut their fingers off in attempting to earn a livelihood.

We should all give thanks, Mr. Speaker, that that day has passed and the people of this province have and will again, Sir, show their appreciation to this administration for bringing about the end of that era. Oh people can say it is a do-nothing government, that is purely petty politics, Mr. Speaker. It is an easy thing to say. It is a catchy phrase and it comes in handy. I know how handy it comes in. I was fortunate in having sat over there for five years. I suppose this is the kind of thing that one does when they are in Opposition. But, Mr. Speaker, the Opposition of today leaves much to be desired for the most part as compared with what it was in those dark days.

Why even when there were just three of us over there, the decorum in this House, Mr. Speaker, never fell to the level that



it has fallen since I have sat on this side of the House.

What are the reasons one might ask? It is very simple, Sir, With the coming into office of this administration, it was like a breath of fresh air that swept the province. Not only from the point of view of needed facilities, recognition of people's problems, but a breath of fresh air, Mr. Speaker, with regards to freedom, freedom for one to speak his mind or her mind without fear of reprisal, total freedom, Mr. Speaker, freedom to the extent where one participated in the political party of their choice, again without fear of reprisal, unless it was very blatant involvement during working hours, or something of that nature. But absolute freedom and the acknowledgement of the right of the individual to live and to act as he or she saw fit.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it seems that that kind of freedom, that that kind of change that overtook this province when this administration took office, there is the good and the bad, and as far as this House is concerned, Sir, it has been bad for the most part because we have seen the level of debate dropped to an all time low. We have seen the malicious attacks on individuals, both outside and in this House.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we addressed ourselves to this very important question. If we are to maintain this institution, which has such a history attached to it, then I would suggest, Sir, that it is high time that all of us, not the Opposition not the government side but every single member of this honourable House, because Your Honour, each and every one of us is charged with the responsibility of the decorum of this House, not one side or the other, but both sides.

In making a few remarks, Sir, a couple of years ago, I addressed myself to the policy of immunity with regards to honourable members in this House. I suggested then and I suggest again now, Your Honour, that the Standing Committee on House Rules address itself to this very important question. I disagree, Your Honour, that there should be a policy of immunity as it exists today. An honourable member of this House should not have the right to attack and destroy the character or reputation of someone who is not here to defend himself. That policy, Mr. Speaker, should never exist in the kind of stringent terms that it exists today. There is a necessity, and I am the first to agree, for protection of those who are elected to govern this Province.

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: And a license.

MR. HICKEY: Protection to bring out that which is foul or dishonest, protection even from the law so that the truth comes out, but not a wholesale license, Your Honour, to capitalize for cheap, petty politics to destroy a reputation. But, Mr. Speaker, this is what we are about and we might as well face it. It is Your Honour's turn today. It is mine or someone else's tomorrow and I question - and I ask each honourable member tonight to determine for themselves just where are we going. Are we out to destroy ourselves as well as the institution that has been here for so long and one for which indeed we are so truly proud of? I do not think, Mr. Speaker, that it would weaken in any way the parliamentary system if those rules with regards to immunity were amended. I think, in fact, it would strengthen the whole institution. It would make it possible for people to be a little more careful before they use the words of slander and corruption and this kind of thing against their colleagues on the opposite side. And that goes for both sides, Mr. Speaker. It does not apply to one or the other.

The situation that developed here today, I suggest, Your Honour, would not have developed if the present policy was not in existence, unless somebody really took leave of their senses. But it seems that people feel that they have a license today to attack

and attack and attack. It seems that the most that one can get is a few days off. Your Honour, I have the distinction of having two suspensions in the one session from this House, but I will say without any fear of contradiction, Your Honour, that for as long as I have been here, I have never and I will never as long as I am here in the future, attack anyone's reputation or character. I think there is a need for a little more statesmanship, a little more decency than to stoop to that level.

So, I hope, Sir, that the committee on Standing Orders takes a good, hard look at this situation. We, ourselves, are answerable to the people and I suspect, Sir, that the people of this Province do not like what goes on in this honourable House from time to time.

Honourable gentlemen very often, Mr. Speaker, use the news media, use the news media in a very irresponsible way. It is not unusual to hear the word slander, corruption or dishonesty used in the media with regards to other honourable members. I suggest, Your Honour, that some honourable gentlemen on the other side, not all of them, but some, must have been associated with an administration which had corruption and dishonesty for so long that they suffered from some kind of legacy, of some kind of attachment to the word. I do not know what it is, Your Honour, but it seems automatic. It seems that whenever someone suggests that there is the slightest thing improper or unusual about a situation, there is never the suggestion to get to the bottom of it and find out - no, no.

The first thing one hears, Your Honour, is that that crowd is corrupt, that crowd is dishonest. Your Honour, one would have to ask, what are we coming to? Do those gentlemen know any other words? Is their vocabulary as limited as that that they cannot find other words, they cannot find any other means to discuss those issues in public without resorting to this kind of charge? It is done, Mr. Speaker, in a very devious way, I find, too, which is totally irresponsible and nauseating when one has to sit down and listen to this kind of thing that comes over the airways. Just last week, Your Honour, I heard a prime example of this. Right away the Leader of the Opposition came to the brilliant conclusion—corrupt, something wrong, something under the table. Maybe it is paranoid, I do not know what it is but, Mr. Speaker, it has got to stop. It has to stop or we will all be destroyed. Sir, so much for that.

I want to say that with regard to this administration, I have not said too much in the last three years in this kind of debate. I was working instead of talking. I talked on behalf of my constituents for five years, and I could not get very much done, but Your Honour, while I have not participated in the Address in Reply for three years my constituency was not without action, and I want to publicly thank this administration, the Hon. Premier, and my colleagues, for what has been done in my area, and what I hope to have done in the future.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. HICKEY: As I said before, it is fine to get up and to articulate problems and issues but sooner or later people want something done, they want some action. Well, the people in my area have received it. The fishermen, for example, Mr. Speaker, in Torbay, not to mention getting a new building, as I said earlier, they could not get electric lights to the tune of \$100 worth.

MR. MURPHY: Did you get the lights?

MR. HICKEY: Oh yes! Your Honour, we have the lights there now but in addition to that, this so-called do-nothing government, out of provincial funds, I might add, Sir, erected a building that we are all very proud of in that area for the fishermen. No longer have they got to stand on the wharves and take care of their catches. The people in the town of Torbay have made great progress with roads, and again they waited long enough, Your Honour, for this pavement, but they have seen action there. The community has a town council, which is something they should have had before. A town hall is being built, a fire engine acquired which should have been there before. It was brought to the attention of the former administration repeatedly, Mr. Speaker, and we had to lose a family of eight down there, because there were no fire engines. Maybe some of them would have been lost, Mr. Speaker, but I do not think all of them would have if there had been a fire apparatus. But thanks to this administration there is one there now, and thanks to them there is a town hall just about finished.

In my own birth place, Mr. Speaker, the community of Outer Cove, got nothing, absolutely nothing, for twenty-three consecutive years despite the constant representation. They now enjoy a couple of paved roads, not twenty miles or anything, one road of a mile, another one of three-quarters of a mile, this kind of thing, Your Honour, and yet for five years, I could not accomplish this. Does any honourable gentleman want to say that that is not partisanship?

The community of Flat Rock, unfortunately, I have not been able to take care of all the road problems, but a start has been made and please God this year, it will be completed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. HICKEY: So it goes, Mr. Speaker, the list is never ending and yet we hear the silly, stupid statement referring to this government as a do-nothing government. Mr. Speaker,

what is even more significant? What is even more to the credit of this administration? It is not only are those things happening in districts represented by honourable gentlemen on this side but progress is present in the districts represented by the Opposition. Sure there are problems still unsolved. There are problems in my own area. Now my honourable friend may laugh but he is the last one, the last gentleman, Mr. Speaker, to laugh because there is more money pumped into this district than in any other district in this province through the help of the provincial government and the federal government.

MR. SIMMONS: Well, tell me when, "Tom"?

MR. HICKEY: Oh, I will tell him when. I will tell him when!

MR. SIMMONS: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, if the honourable gentleman is new to this chamber he is not too experienced, so he better be careful. I have been around a few years -

MR. SIMMONS: ..... before he came here.

MR. HICKEY: I will bait him, and if he wishes to walk in we can destroy you.

MR. SIMMONS: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: Do you want me to tell the honourable when?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, that is very easy. I will be quite glad to tell him when. A fair amount of it was done during 1973, or started in 1973. The honourable gentleman is going to attach it to a by-election. So he may, Mr. Speaker, and I had the honour to be minister of a department that had a pretty good involvement there, by way of roads. Does the honourable gentleman wish to give no credit to this administration because of that? He is on the wrong side of the fence if he is going to adopt that attitude. Because I would wonder why the honourable gentleman would even sit in this House because the party which he now represents is the hallmark - if we did something wrong by doing something on the eve of a by-election, or during it,

was purely because, Mr. Speaker, we suffered from something which had gone on for twenty-three years, maybe we have not learned yet. But the honourable gentleman is very quick to move in on that issue.

Now let me say this to him, is there a by-election going on there now? Was there one going on there during the last year? Did not that work continue? Are there not new projects now starting? Has not there been an announcement on the Bay D'Espoir Highway in the budget? There is no by-election now, Mr. Speaker, which proves clearly that we do not do something because there is a by-election going on.

HON. MEMBERS: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: You know, Mr. Speaker, we can all do a little bit of nit-picking, but I suggest to honourable gentlemen on the other side they fall into that dangerous rut, that when they start nit-picking this side they are walking into a trap because there is no way that we could be in office long enough, Mr. Speaker, if the people of this province if they elected us ten times or for fifty years we would never establish anywhere near the record of completing and starting projects for the sole purpose of elections, like the Liberal Administration. Never. That is a record, Mr. Speaker, that the Liberal Party have. They can be proud of it if they wish, but they are welcome to it.

My honourable friend for Twillingate made some remarks, Mr. Speaker, and it is always refreshing, I might say, to hear him. I find that whatever criticism comes from that gentleman is constructive. He may not be right. We may not agree with him, but it is constructive, it is honest, and it is sincere. I for one, and I know my colleagues, too, welcome comments and criticism from the honourable gentleman.

And on behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Social Services who has already spoken in the debate I would just like to allay some fears that he has with regards to social services, and long term recipients as he referred to them, by telling him that there is no longer long term recipients now, or long term or short term allowances,

They are all over, and I am sure he is aware of this. But when he says that a person can earn \$200 and keep \$100, or be exempt by \$100, and then he went on to say but that is only \$10 more than it was because it was \$90 before. I want to say to him that he is perfectly right in that explanation as such. But if he had gone on to say or to describe the present situation, which I will for him now, he will find that there has been a great improvement, and I am happy



to say that I was associated with this programme. I did not have the pleasure of putting it in effect but I certainly worked on it before my colleague went to that department.

The big difference, Mr. Speaker, and the very important aspect of the whole thing, or the advantage to the whole thing, is simply this, that the \$90 that one could earn before applied to long-term recipients only and not to short-term. Or the people who could work or who could qualify for employment, in terms of their health, or were able to work, could not earn anything for the longest time. Then the former administration instituted the policy, what they called a pilot project, where an able bodied man was allowed to earn \$20 and keep it. What he made over and above that was chopped off immediately, destroying completely, Mr. Speaker, the initiative or the incentive to work.

Myself and my colleagues, the honourable Minister of Education, the honourable Member for St. John's East, the honourable Member for Gander, the honourable Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, fought tooth and nail against this policy when we sat on the other side, but all again fell on deaf ears, all to no avail.

Well, Your Honour, when we took office we set out to change that and we did, and the result is this, that today not only the person who is incapacitated is receiving assistance from Social Services because of their inability to work for health reasons, not only are they allowed to earn \$100 and keep it, but the able bodied male who has a family is also able to earn \$100 and keep it. They can earn \$200 and keep \$100. Well to the family in terms of the advantage you are talking about \$100, the other \$100 is deducted.

But, Mr. Speaker, the important thing is that it provides an opportunity for that man who has to be subsidized or supplemented by the Department of Social Services, he still can go out and do some work, he can still be a member of the labour force and get whatever employment he can and be assisted by this department

until he is lucky and fortunate enough to find full employment and just slide off the payroll, as it is sometimes referred to, of Social Services.

There is the big plus, Mr. Speaker, there is the big advantage and there is something that this administration can be very, very proud of because it has not only restored incentive, Mr. Speaker, it has restored the dignity of the individual, which is all important. You do not put a dollar value on incentive and dignity of the human being.

This is a big plus for this administration and if we do not get credit for it today, Your Honour, the day will come when we will. It will be hailed as one of the greatest changes and the greatest programmes ever instituted in this province.

Your Honour, with regards to the long-term recipient that the honourable gentleman refers to, I should say to him that it is not so important with regards to that kind of recipient anyway, because if that person has a medical certificate of incapacity, he or she in all probability is unable to work anyway and so the real advantage and the real problem applies mostly, and to the greatest degree, to the able bodied male. So I can assure the honourable gentleman that while it might appear on the surface there has only been a \$10 increase, that applies to one category, but to the able bodied man it has been a lifesaver. It has been something that he has wanted for a long long time and now he has it.

MR. MURPHY: If there is a particular case I would be only too happy to look after it.

MR. HICKEY: As my colleague mentions to me, Mr. Speaker, that if the honourable gentleman has any case that he is interested in, the minister will be only too glad, as I know he will, to look after it.

Mr. Speaker, he mentioned the Department of Tourism and the "Norma and Gladys," I want to assure him that from the best experts that I know or that I can find who have been involved in the

restoration of that schooner, I am told that it is seaworthy like it was in the best of its day. It has been completely restored. I cannot tell him definitely or officially that it is going to Okinawa, but I can tell him that he is correct that there has been an invitation, there has been a request. There has been a lot of work done on it and within a matter of weeks we should be able to make an official announcement, hopefully to that effect.

I want to say to him, and again allay any fears he might have, that the whole purpose of restoring that schooner was, as he said, to ply the waters around this province, to let our younger people see a little of the past, our heritage. I want to assure him that we are not losing sight of that. Indeed, that schooner will commence a tour of the province this year, and may have to cut it short possibly by two or three weeks if in fact it goes on that world cruise.

But, Mr. Speaker, the pluses of that cruise with regards to free promotion and advertising for this province totals millions upon millions of dollars. A rough estimate at the moment is \$20 million in free advertising and promotion in terms of the tourist industry.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to lose that opportunity. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that that cruise comes off, and that we know with proper promotion that we will gain tremendously by it.

MR. SIMMONS: Is the minister going on the cruise?

MR. HICKEY: No, I would love to go, Mr. Speaker, but I have some chores to attend to at home.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: Well, I have a few suggestions of some people I would like to send on it.

MR. MURPHY: One-way fare.

MR. SIMMONS: I will take you up on that? Is it seaworthy?

MR. HICKEY: She is very seaworthy so there would be no good in my praying for rough waters because I am told she will ride right over them.

MR. SIMMONS: Obviously there will be somebody going -

MR. HICKEY: There will be a film crew if she goes, and there will be proper PR done, and the Canadian Office of Tourism will be involved, and the External Affairs Department will be involved, and the embassies throughout the world, whatever ports that she calls on, will be very heavily involved.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, when I am in a position to make an announcement, I assure honourable members that I will give them complete details as to the whole trip and all the advantages and pluses for the province.

As I said, I would love to have the opportunity to go on that voyage but unfortunately -

MR. MURPHY: You get seasick.

MR. HICKEY: No, I would not get seasick. I want to say to the honourable Member for Twillingate, too, that his comment on the house in Twillingate, and I want to say to him, thank you very much for bringing it to my attention and also that I will be more than happy to visit with him and take a first hand look. And if there is anything that we can do to restore the house, I believe you said it is in good condition, or whatever is necessary, we will certainly approach the federal government and maybe jointly do something to retain that landmark.

Mr. Speaker, time is running, I just want to make a brief comment with regards to the Auditor General's Report, and I have only got time now to simply make a few short comments by saying and I will go into detail when my estimates are being discussed, I want to allay any fears in the light of some comments, questions made by the honourable member for Bell Island, who seems to have a way of twisting things, I want to assure all honourable members that

everything is in order in the Department of Tourism. It is a new department. When some of those little things happened it was a shortage of staff. We did not have a proper accounting system. I was not in the department but my colleague, the Minister of Recreation and Rehabilitation, can vouch for this. There is nothing, no wrong doing, no squandering of money, no waste of funds or anything like that.

Before I sit down, Your Honour, I would like to tell the Member for Bonavista North that the eighth floor is open to the people of this Province and not only those from Toronto.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! It is now -

MR. MARSHALL: - to move the adjournment of the debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please! Two honourable gentlemen have arisen practically at the same time and I must admit I did not notice which one spoke first. Due to the fact that we have had two or three members on the government side speak tonight, I recognize the honourable Member for Hermitage.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Right. -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: The debate has been adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Wait now. Take it easy. Take it easy.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. OTTENHEIMER: The Gambo lad there, it must be getting near midnight, Your Honour, when -

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: I already said that.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Dracula. I move that the remaining orders, Sir, including the honourable Member of Bonavista North, that he stand deferred as well as the orders and that this House at its rising

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do adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, at 3:00 p.m. and that this House do now adjourn. And we certainly hope that the night's sleep will improve the disposition, and indeed, the composition of the honourable Member of Bonavista North.

MR. SPEAKER: It now being eleven of the clock, I leave the Chair until tomorrow Friday, March 14, 1975, at 3:00 p.m.

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ANSWER :

ON JULY 19, 1974, MR. SAUNDERS REQUESTED IN WRITING THAT HIS PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING HIS TERMS AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BE RETURNED TO HIM IN FULL.

A FULL REFUND WAS FORWARDED TO MR. SAUNDERS ON AUGUST 3, 1974.



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J. G. ROUSSEAU, JR.,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing, St. John's area) Regulations, 1975.

2. During the period between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. in any day no motor vehicle shall remain in a stationary position on the following highways or parts thereof unless such motor vehicle is in charge of a competent operator.

- (1) The Torbay Road from the limits of the city of St. John's to the junction of the road leading to Torbay Airport.
- (2) That portion of the Logy Bay Road from the city limits at Virginia Waters Bridge to the junction of the Marine Drive.
- (3) That portion of the Logy Bay Road from its intersection with the Marine Drive to Hardings Road.
- (4) Hardings Road.
- (5) That portion of the Marine Drive from the intersection of the Hardings Road to the intersection of the road to Redcliff.
- (6) South Side of Main Street, Carboncar from Valley Road to Bennett's Hill.
- (7) Conception Bay Highway from city limits to War Memorial at Topsail.
- (8) That portion of the Southern Shore Road from Waterford Bridge to the East Junction of Old Bay Bulls Road.

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a motor vehicle of a medical practitioner when it is outside his surgery or residence or any building in which he is present on medical business.

3. The owner or operator of any motor vehicle shall move his vehicle on request to such position and for such time as may reasonably be required by the agent or representative of any public authority engaged in snow clearing.

Newfoundland Regulation 10/75.

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ST. JOHN'S, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1975

Under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 208 of The Highway Traffic Act, Chapter 152 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970, as amended, and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I have made the following regulations.

Dated at St. John's this 20th day of January, 1975.

J. G. ROUSSEAU, JR.,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications.

**REGULATION**

1. This regulation may be cited as the Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing) Regulation, 1975.
2. No person shall park a vehicle on a highway in such a position that may cause it to interfere with or impede the ploughing of or removal of snow or ice from the highway.

Newfoundland Regulation 9/75.

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Under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 208 of The Highway Traffic Act, Chapter 152 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970, as amended, and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I have made the following regulations.

Dated at St. John's this 20th day of January, 1975.

J. G. ROUSSEAU, JR.,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications.

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**REGULATIONS**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing, Corner Brook area) Regulations, 1975.
2. During the period between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day no motor vehicle shall remain in a stationary position on the following highways or parts thereof unless such motor vehicle is in charge of a competent operator.
  - (1) The Corner Brook - Deer Lake Road from Steady Brook Bridge to its junction with the road to Cox's Cove in the vicinity of the Ballam Bridge.
  - (2) The Corner Brook - Lark Harbour Road from its junction with the Trans Canada Highway near the golf course via Farm Road, West Valley Road, Whitworth Street, Ball Diversion, Benois Cove, Frenchman's Cove, York Harbour and Lark Harbour.
  - (3) From White's Farm on Corner Brook - Stephenville Road to Abbott's Store at Port au Port via Stephenville Crossing, Hansen Memorial Driveway, Kippens and Port au Port.
  - (4) From C.N.R. Station at Stephenville Crossing to Brakes Road at Shallop Cove.
  - (5) Steel Mountain Road from St. George's to Trans Canada Highway.
  - (6) That section of highway at Bonne Bay between Cellar Brook Bridge at Glenburnie and the Ferry Landing at Woody Point via Cox's Lane.

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- (7) That section of road between the junction of Seal Cove and Baie Verte Highways and the Roman Catholic School at Baie Verte.
  - (8) The Corner Brook - Cox's Cove Road, from Ballam Bridge at Cox's Cove. Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a motor vehicle of a medical practitioner when it is outside his surgery or residence or any building in which he is present on medical business.
3. The owner or operator of any motor vehicle shall move his vehicle on request to such position and for such time as may reasonably be required by the agent or representative of any public authority engaged in snow clearing.
- Newfoundland Regulation 12/75.

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**Part II**  
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Under and by virtue of the power contained by Section 208 of The Highway Traffic Act, Chapter 152 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970, as amended, and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I have made the following regulations.

Dated at St. John's this 7th. day of February, A.D., 1975.

J. G. ROUSSEAU, JR.,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications.

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**REGULATIONS**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing, Corner Brook area) Supplementary Regulations, 1975.
2. During the period between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day no motor vehicle shall remain in the stationary position on the following highways or parts thereof unless such motor vehicle is in charge of a competent operator.
  - (1) Road from Trans Canada Highway through Robinsons, Jefferies and the Heatherton Road.
  - (2) The Road from Trans Canada Highway through St. Fintans and through St. Davids.

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a motor vehicle of a medical practitioner when it is outside his surgery or residence or any building in which he is present on medical business.

3. The owner or operator of any motor vehicle shall move his vehicle on request to such position and for such time as may reasonably be required by the agent or representative of any public authority engaged in snow clearing.

Newfoundland Regulation 24/75.

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Under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 208 of The Highway Traffic Act, Chapter 152 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970, as amended, and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I have made the following regulations.

Dated at St. John's this 20th day of January, 1975.

J. G. ROUSSEAU, JR.,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications.

**REGULATIONS**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing, Corner Brook area) Regulations, 1975.
2. During the period between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day no motor vehicle shall remain in a stationary position on the following highways or parts thereof unless such motor vehicle is in charge of a competent operator.
  - (1) The Corner Brook - Deer Lake Road from Steady Brook Bridge to its junction with the road to Cox's Cove in the vicinity of the Ballam Bridge.
  - (2) The Corner Brook - Lark Harbour Road from its junction with the Trans Canada Highway near the golf course via Farm Road, West Valley Road, Whitworth Street, Ball Diversion, Benoit's Cove, Frenchman's Cove, York Harbour and Lark Harbour.
  - (3) From White's Farm on Corner Brook - Stephenville Road to Abbott's Store at Port au Port via Stephenville Crossing, Hansen Memorial Driveway, Kippens and Port au Port.
  - (4) From C.N.R. Station at Stephenville Crossing to Brakes Road at Shallop Cove.
  - (5) Steel Mountain Road from St. George's to Trans Canada Highway.
  - (6) That section of highway at Bonne Bay between Cellar Brook Bridge at Glenburnie and the Ferry Landing at Woody Point via Cox's Lane.

- (7) That section of road between the junction of Seal Cove and Baie Verte Highways and the Roman Catholic School at Baie Verte.
  - (8) The Corner Brook - Cox's Cove Road, from Ballam Bridge at Cox's Cove. Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a motor vehicle of a medical practitioner when it is outside his surgery or residence or any building in which he is present on medical business.
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**Part II**  
**Orders And Regulations**

Under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Section 234 of The Highway Traffic Act, Chapter 152, R.S.N. 1970, as amended, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following Order.

Dated at St. John's this 24th day of January, A.D., 1975.

ROBERT J. JENKINS,  
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

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**ORDER**

1. Sections 12 to 46 inclusive of The Highway Traffic Act shall apply to the use of snowmobiles, snowplanes and toboggans (as defined in Section 2(ss) of the said Act) on the following streets and roads of the Community of Churchill Falls that are owned and maintained by the Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited, namely, all the townsite and campsite streets and roads of Churchill Falls, the Esker Access Road and the road from the Esker Access Road to Twin Falls.

Newfoundland Regulation 7/75.

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Under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 208 of The Highway Traffic Act, Chapter 152 of The Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1970, as amended, and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, I have made the following regulations.

Dated at St. John's this 20th day of January, 1975.

J. G. ROUSSEAU, JR.,  
Minister of Transportation and Communications.

#### REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Highway Traffic (Snow Clearing, Grand Falls area) Regulations, 1975.
2. During the period between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day no motor vehicle shall remain in a stationary position on the following highways or parts thereof unless such motor vehicle is in charge of a competent operator.
  - (1) On the Trans Canada Highway from its junction at Main Street, Windsor and Lincoln Road to a point 3 miles East of the junction of the Trans Canada Highway Diversion and Grenfell Heights.
  - (2) On that section of the Bishop's Falls - Grand Falls Highway from its junction with Ryan Avenue to its junction with Cemetery Road east of Bishop's Falls.
  - (3) On that section of the Botwood Road from its junction with the Peter's Arm Road to its junction with the Point Leamington and Phillip's Head Roads at Northern Arm, Botwood.
  - (4) On that section of the Notre Dame Junction - Lewisporte Road from its junction with the Loon Bay Road to the Masonic Hall in Lewisporte.
  - (5) On that section of Trans Canada Highway from the railway crossing at Norris Arm to the Bridge over Middle Brook East.
  - (6) On that section of Trans Canada Highway extending ½ mile east and west of Caldwell Street at Gander.
  - (7) On that section of Trans Canada Highway extending ½ mile east and west of the Queen Elizabeth Bridge at Glenwood.
  - (8) On the Gambo - Hare Bay Road from the railway station to Middle Brook Bridge.
  - (9) On that section of the Point Leamington Road from the Mill Bridge at Point Leamington to the Coastal Wharf at Point Leamington.
  - (10) On that section of the Glovertown - Traytown Road from the western entrance to Glovertown from Trans Canada Highway to Cull's Harbour Causeway Road, approximate distance 5 miles.

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- (11) On that section of the Hare Bay Road at the south entrance near Davis' Garage to  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of Hare Bay Bridge.
- (12) On that section of the Wesleyville-Musgrave Harbour Road from the junction of road at Pound Cove near Square Deal Garage to the junction road leading to Newtown.
- (13) On that section of the Wesleyville-Musgrave Harbour Road from the southern entrance to Lumsden South to its northern entrance, approximate distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.
- (14) Springdale Road from the junction of the Little Bay Road through Springdale to the Government Wharf.

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a motor vehicle of a medical practitioner when it is outside his surgery or residence or any building in which he is present on medical business.

3. The owner or operator of any motor vehicle shall move his vehicle on request to such position and for such time as may reasonably be required by the agent or representative of any public authority engaged in snow clearing.

Newfoundland Regulation 11/75.