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SPEAKER; THE HONOURABLE GERALD RYAN OTTENHEIMER

The House met at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, last Fall I was requested by my colleague, the hon. Ed Maynard, Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, to investigate the question of the incorporation of the Company Town of Buchans, so that the people of Buchans would be in a better position to control and direct their own affairs rather than remaining under the direction of the two corporations, Asarco and Price Company, whose prime concern is the development of the mineral resources of the area.

The Buchans Task Force had advised the hon. Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations that it felt that the incorporation of the town would be the first major step in insuring the future viability of the community and that it did not see the necessity of delaying this action until the final task force report is submitted to government. I was requested accordingly to establish a negotiating team under the auspices of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to immediately investigate the question of the incorporation of the Company Town of Buchans.

I considered that this matter was of such importance that it should be handled at the highest level possible and I accordingly wrote to Mr. E.L. Neil, Vice-President of Price Company Limited and Mr. T. A. Snedden, Vice President Mining Operations, Asarco, asking them on behalf of their corporations to agree in principle to the incorporation of the Company Town of Buchans, and to nominate senior members of their staff to act on their behalf as members of a special committee which I propose to establish to consider the eventual incorporation of the community. In

MR. PECKFORD: response to this request, Mr. G. L. Colbourne, Vice President of Price Company Limited, and Mr. J.E.A. MacDonald, Assistant to the Vice President, Asarco, were appointed to the Committee. I appointed Mr. P. Withers, Assistant Deputy Minister of my department, and Mr. J. T. Allston of my department, who is also a member of the Task Force, to be the other members of the Committee.

Before this Committee met, the Local Government Sub-committee of the Task Force had had the opportunity to carry out an Attitudes Survey of all the adult residents of Buchans, one of the results of which was to indicate that some 68% of the residents of the entire community were in favour of local government for Buchans, and that 42% stated a preference for a single elected Council for the whole community. The Sub-committee consequently recommended the incorporation of Buchans as a single municipality.

The Special Committee met earlier this year and at that time it was also learned that because of reduced production levels and higher mining costs, income from the base metal mining operation at Buchans is now and will continue, during the life of the current mining operations, to be substantially less than it has been in previous years. As a result, neither Asarco nor Price will be in a position to continue to operate and support the Company Town of Buchans at its present level of services.

All matters taken together reinforced the need to incorporate Buchans as a municipality with a minimum of delay. Following discussions with my officials, it appears that under the circumstances, it will in the first instance be best to incorporate the present Company Town as a Local Improvement District and to leave the existing municipality, which is adjacent to the Company Town, unchanged at the present time; however, as soon as the difficulties of initial incorporation have been overcome, then both the Local Improvement District and the Municipality should be amalgamated as a single municipality.

MR. PECKFORD: A Local Improvement District when established would not automatically assume responsibility for the maintenance and operation of full municipal services. Its Board of Trustees would be in a position to assess the problems associated with the takeover of each of the municipal services and negotiate either directly or through my department with the owners, Price and Asarco, for their takeover and for a level of grants in lieu of taxes to be established to supplement local revenue and to ensure the proper operation of services. It should be understood that under the 1905 Act, Anglo-Newfoundland Development Limited and its successors are "exempt from all municipal taxation".

The two companies are in agreement with the proposed incorporation and have suggested that the Special Committee be kept in operation to assist in negotiations for the takeover of municipal services. In using this approach, the takeover of municipal services would be phased so that the Board of Trustees would be in a position to establish the satisfactory operation and functioning of each separate facility or group of facilities before taking on additional responsibilities. It would also make available to the community the various Provincial, and in some instances, Federal, grants and other financial support that is presently not available to it.

In the event of closedown of current mining operations, there will be an administration in existence which is capable of operating and maintaining those services which are essential to the continued existence of the community.

There is another important issue which whilst not directly a part of the incorporation of Buchans, is nevertheless vital to its operation and to the future of the families now living in Buchans, and that is the question of housing.

At the present time all the houses in the Company Town, with one or two special exceptions, are owned by Asarco or Price and rented to their employees. There is a strong local feeling that

MR. PECKFORD: the occupants of these homes should have the opportunity to own them and individual ownership is virtually essential if the future municipality is to operate satisfactorily.

The Special Committee discussed this matter and again there has been agreement in principle to the transfer of all the Company housing to the present occupants with the exception of a small number of staff houses which they wish to retain for their own purposes. There are many problems associated with such a transfer, not the least of which is the survey of individual house lots and the preparation of title deeds. However, these can be worked out and it is obvious that the residents of Buchans must themselves be involved in working out satisfactory arrangements.

MR. NEARY: Would that be for \$1?

MR. PECKFORD: I understand that the Task Force is addressing itself to this particular issue. The whole details have not been worked out as to exact costs and so on. But we have agreement in principle that the cost should not be all that high.

In response to the request of the Buchans Task Force transmitted to me by the hon. Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, and as a result of the meetings with the Special Committee, I propose to seek approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the incorporation of the Company Town of Buchans as a Local Improvement District and the appointment of a Board of Trustees on the understanding that within a short period of time the Local Improvement District and the existing and adjacent Municipality will be amalgamated as a single municipality.

My purpose for making this statement at this time is to inform the residents of Buchans of the current status of incorporation and housing issues, as I understand that they are naturally very concerned and may otherwise be unaware of the facts of the situation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Before recognizing the Leader of the Opposition I would like to, on behalf of hon. members, welcome to the galleries fifteen grade eleven students from St. Catherine's High School in Grand Falls, accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Ursula Wall, and on behalf of all hon. members I wish that your stay will be an interesting and informative one.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me in responding to the minister's statement welcome it. I think it is a step forward and a very welcome step forward. My colleague for Windsor-Buchans (Mr. Flight), the member for the district of Windsor-Buchans, told me sometime ago that he expected the minister would be making a statement shortly. I believe my colleague, the member, has a good understanding of what is happening with respect to the work of the Task Force and that is right and proper and he had hoped that he would be able to respond for us and we had agreed to do that. Unfortunately my colleague will not be in the House this morning. He is attending the funeral of a very close friend of his -

MR. PECKFORD: I did not know that.

MR. ROBERTS: No, I am not saying that the minister knew or should know but I want to explain why the member is not here. A very close friend of his from Buchans died at quite an early age, quite tragically, and the member is not here because he is attending the funeral. So he will be, I have no doubt, making some comment on it, presumably in the form of a press release or in debate in the House and certainly I am glad the minister said he was not aware of it. There is no way he could have been aware of this and certainly it is not anything to his discredit.

But we do welcome the government's decision, Sir. It is a step forward and I would hope that the minister would take this process a step further. As far as I know we now, now that the

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MR. ROBERTS: government have taken their decision with respect  
to Buchans, we now have only one company town left in this  
Province and that

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is the company town of Churchill Falls. Labrador City and the city of Wabush in Western Labrador which in a sense are company towns have, I think, come beyond that status and there are ongoing discussions and negotiations with respect to changing the status of the municipal administration in those towns. We now have only the one left, leaving aside the Western Labrador communities and that is the community of Churchill Falls in the central part of Labrador, in the district of Naskaupi. It is a company town for the same reason as all the other company towns we had, historical reasons. The company built the town, the company still owns the town.

Well, I would suggest to the minister that we should very much put our attention to looking at the status of Churchill Falls. I do not want to go over the events of the strike and obviously there is blame on both sides, but I think the strike we saw there this Winter would not have been nearly as long and nearly as difficult if it had not been that the management of the company and the management of the town were one in the same people. That cannot have any affect other than to exacerbate the labour-management situations and indeed all the conditions of life. I think that while company towns may well have served Newfoundland and Labrador well in some instances, and certainly have produced communities that did not exist before, that while they may have served well in the past they have no place in this day and age now. And if the minister's policy, if the government's policy is enunciated by the minister with respect to Buchans, is the policy they have adopted generally, then I would welcome it. I think the time has come when we should end company towns in this Province. We should realize that companies who go into these areas and set up communities are doing so for their own benefit. That is right and proper. But let us realize that that is their only aim and let us realize that the public interest cannot be protected in a company town situation, that it must be the government that makes sure there are mechanisms and structures in place and to ensure



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that the public's interest, the interest of the people living in those communities, is protected. And I think the way to do that, Sir, is the sort of move the minister has announced today with respect to Buchans ending company domination and letting the people - be it in Buchans or be it in Churchill Falls or be it in any other community in this Province - let them have the same rights, and the same responsibilities, as people anywhere else in any other community in this Province. Subject to that, Sir, I think the minister's announcement is a step forward, and I know that my colleague from Windsor - Buchans (Mr. Flight), who is so intimately connected, his home in fact is in Buchans, he is a former deputy mayor of that community, very interested in the community life, that he will be making some further comments at another place, and I know they will be of great relevance and value too.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition on behalf of 340 residents of the community of Seal Cove in my district. The prayer of the petition suggests or asks that the Department of Transportation and Communications begin some work rather soon on the upgrading and eventual paving of the road from Baie Verte to Seal Cove.

Sir, in supporting the petition let me say that as far as I know, to the best of my knowledge, the road from Baie Verte to Seal Cove was the first piece of road ever constructed on the Baie Verte Peninsula. I think the road is more than twenty years old, from what I have been told. It is very old, and it is in very, very poor condition. It is only twelve miles of road, Sir. But like the old song, it is up one hill and down the other. You just get sea-sick

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driving over it. It is a treacherous road, hair-pin turns, and it is frightening to drive over. The road itself serves two communities, the community of Seal Cove, about 1,200 people, and the community of Wild Cove, which has about 300 or 400 people. More than ninety per cent of the people in those two communities must drive daily that road to Baie Verte to their places of work, whether it be Advocate Mines or in the hospital or in the stores in Baie Verte. From the community of Seal Cove itself every day there go two sixty passenger buses bringing children from Seal Cove into Baie Verte to go to school. And also there is one bus going from Wild Cove into Baie Verte. So about 150 children, twice daily, travel that road to Baie Verte.

Numerous attempts have been made by the citizens of Seal Cove to have something done to improve the road over the past few years. The past two successive years, for example, they have been told that it would be considered in the next year's budget. They were told that in 1975, and they have been told it again now in 1976. And to this date nothing very substantial has happened. The people are not unreasonable. They are not expecting that the twelve miles of road be done in one shot. With our present financial conditions that would be unreasonable indeed. But they are expecting, and what they are asking for, is that a start be made, that the government and the department show its intentions and show it in a material fashion by beginning to do something with that very poor stretch of road connecting Seal Cove to Baie Verte.

Sir, I support the petition. I support the people of Seal Cove and Wild Cove in this request. I ask that it be laid on the table of the House and referred to the department to which it relates.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Twillingate.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I have great personal pleasure in supporting the prayer of this petition and more particularly will for two reasons:(1) Because I had the pleasure of putting the road there in the first place;end (2) Because if it is the same road that I am thinking of, it is a road unique, I believe, in Newfoundland's road building history. Is that not the road that goes for miles through solid rock? They had to blast the road out of solid rock for a distance of -

MR. MORGAN: Twenty-two miles.

MR. SMALLWOOD: No, but this is for a distance of seven or eight miles, just nothing but solid rock. And in the construction of that road one man lost his life, one of the workers, one of the road construction workers was burned to death in a little shack in which he slept and ate, and not only he but a number of other man. The shack caught fire, and he was in at the inner end of it. The fire separated him from the exit, and he lost his life. There is no road in Newfoundland - I hope there never will be another - built under such crazy, such impossible conditions, because you could not just follow the surface of the hill, of the mountain, or the rock and go that way. That would not be a road. And you had to cut, hue and cut and blast all the way through. So that it is rock on both sides and rock underneath. You are going over solid rock, through a solid rock hill for a distance of about seven or eight miles.

I just do not know what the government could do to improve it. I suppose it would not be a cause - would it? - of hauling thousands of truck loads of gravel and just spreading the gravel.

MR. RIDEOUT: I do not think it is the same road you are talking about.

MR. DOODY: You are on the wrong road again.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Maybe. I may be. I built them all anyway.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SMALLWOOD: The one that goes down to the mine at Tilt Cove, goes down toward Tilt Cove, and then with roads leading off it, one down to Shoe Cove, and one down to these two places mentioned, Harbour Round - is it? - or Round Harbour.

MR. PECKFORD: Round Harbour and Snook's Arm.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Right.

MR. PECKFORD: You finished Snook's Arm.

MR. SMALLWOOD: That is good. I congratulate the minister.

In other words three or four per cent of the mileage he did, three or four per cent of the mileage the present minister built, and I congratulate him and thank him for that and hope that when the times are better they will build more roads down there on that great Peninsula. That might be three or four years from now, but she will blow again, Mr. Speaker. She will blow again. There will be some money to spare -

MR. NEARY: A few weeks before the election.

MR. SMALLWOOD: - after a while. And I hope that when that day comes more money will be spent in that great part of our Province amongst those great people.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Fortune - Hermitage.

MR. J. WINSOR: I would also like to lend my support to the petition presented by my colleague, the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout). After all that has been said about it, I do not think I should say very much more except to say that I was in Seal Cove forty-two years ago, and I knew they would never build a road there, but now I find that they have after the petition has been presented. But I think that the people who live in isolation, splendid isolation in places like Seal Cove and a few more I could mention, and there have been quite a number of petitions recently for these roads to be put in proper condition.

Today we have school buses going over them with children being knocked about all over the place, Not only that, but it must be very difficult for the school buses to be maintained, and that is why the cost of transportation to schools back and forth is so expensive. I will not say any more except to say that I am very happy to support the petition presented by my hon. colleague.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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NOTICES OF MOTION:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Justice.

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill, "An Act To Remove Anomalies And Errors In The Statute Law." (Bill No. 64) We are going to wipe out everything we have done in the last hundred years.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Health.

MR. H. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill, "An Act Respecting The Newfoundland Optometric Association And Governing The Practice Of Optometry In The Province." (Bill No. 57)

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. government House Leader.

MR. WELLS: Mr. Speaker, this is the answer to a question by the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) on this Southern Shore stadium. The position is that a commitment was given by the previous minister, Mr. Doyle, and in furtherance of that commitment -

AN HON. MEMBER: When?

MR. WELLS: Sometime in 1974-1975. In furtherance of that commitment it was decided that the proper way to go about it would be by way of a feasibility study. The feasibility study has been conducted and the government received a copy of it by letter dated April 29, 1976, so that the officials in the department and the Southern Shore Recreation Committee are now evaluating the study to see what sort of stadium, where it should go so that the people on the Southern Shore would get the maximum benefit from it. Of course details have to be worked out such as the money that they will have to raise and put into it and also whatever the government would put into it. So this has been ongoing for about two years.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

MR. PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the answers to question No. 578 asked by the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) and

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question No. 706 asked by the hon. member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Canning).

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

MR. MAYNARD: Mr. Speaker, I have the answers to questions Nos. 358, 62 and 81 asked by the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) and the answer to question No. 664 asked by the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary).

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Tourism.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I have the answers to some questions: question 566 as asked by the hon. member for Carbonear (Mr. R. Moores); question 519 as asked by the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan); question 565 as asked by the member for Carbonear (Mr. R. Moores); question 584 as asked by the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary); question 645 as asked by the member for Carbonear (Mr. R. Moores); and question 569 asked by the hon. member for Carbonear (Mr. R. Moores), questions 568, 567, 564, 562 and 561 as asked by the hon. member for Carbonear (Mr. R. Moores), question 73 as asked by the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood). You can understand now why he took a while.

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MR. PECKFORD: On a point of order. I am wondering if the House would give me leave to revert back to Presenting Reports Of Standing And Special Committees so that I can announce the makeup of two committees that have been agreed to by all sides of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Do the hon. gentlemen agree? Agreed.

MR. PECKFORD: Well, Mr. Speaker, some time ago I was given the task of bringing in a report on various committees to be set up by the House and we had meetings with, of course, the other side on this matter. I am in a position to report the establishment of the public accounts committee that will consist of the hon. member for Burgeo-Bay D'Espoir (Mr. Simmons) as chairman, the hon. member for Lewisporte (Mr. White), the hon. member for Carbonear (Mr. R. Moores),

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the hon. member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor), the hon. member for Pleasantville (Mr. Dinn), the hon. member for Placentia (Mr. Patterson) and the hon. member for Mount Scio (Dr. R. Winsor) to be the hon. members of that public accounts committee.

A second committee that was agreed on was a Standing Orders Committee which would be chaired by the hon. government House Leader, the hon. Minister of Justice, the hon. member for Pleasantville (Mr. Dinn), the hon. Leader of the Opposition and the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan). These are the committees that have been agreed to by both sides of the House and I now have submitted my report on the constitution of these committees. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!



ORAL QUESTIONS:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries.

Would the minister tell the House if the minister's department have any plans or any programmes to try and retrieve gill nets that have sunken to the bottom, the ghost nets, I think they are called, that have sunken to the bottom that are catching up all kinds of fish and depleting our fish stocks? Does the minister have any plans to deal with this serious problem?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, last year we were on the hand of initiating a programme of retrieving lost gill nets but in the meantime the federal government announced a programme. They did undertake certain work in that area,

MR. NEARY: Experimented.

MR. W. CARTER: retrieved quite a few and my understand of it is that this year there will be a continuation of that programme. Certainly it is a very important programme and if the federal government elects to discontinue that programme then I have no doubt that the Province will more than likely give some very serious thought itself to getting involved.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. Would the minister tell the House if a decision yet has been taken on the location of a heritage village in Newfoundland? Has a decision yet been taken on the location of the heritage village, the gift of the government of Canada, in Newfoundland?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is certainly using loose language there when he says that the heritage village will be a gift of the government of Canada, because the government of Canada has said that they are prepared to make a gift, a donation of \$1 million towards the cost. The cost of a heritage village would be at

MR. CROSBIE:

least \$10 million to \$12 million. The cost of operating it at operating losses would be some hundred of thousands a year. So, you know, it is not quite a gift of a heritage village.

The position anyway at the moment is that there has been no site selected. There is a committee that has made recommendations as to what criteria should govern the selection of a site. My hon. friend, the Minister of Tourism's department are in charge of that but there is a committee that has recommended what the criteria should be. They have not been adopted yet. There certainly would not be any heritage village in this Province unless the government of Canada is prepared to make a much greater contribution than \$1 million. We have told that to the government of Canada, to our representative in the government of Canada, the hon. Don Jamieson and he confirms what was said before when this idea originally came up.

As he envisages it the government of Canada would be prepared to make a further contribution and that when and if we are ready to proceed with a heritage village there would likely be a subsidiary agreement, a DREE subsidiary agreement on Tourism or even on just a heritage village under which they would make, of course, an even greater contribution. Because obviously, Mr. Speaker, this Province cannot afford to put up \$10 million or \$11 million for a heritage village together with the federal government's \$1 million and then to meet the operating losses that you have every year. So we understand that if a site is picked and that that plans are all completely it would be possible to get further DREE assistance. So it may go ahead some time within the next two or three years. It is not imminent.

So, Mr. Speaker, there is no site selected as yet. There have been recommendations from a committee for criteria which would be used in determining a site. Those criteria have not been accepted as yet.

MR. NEAPY: What committee is that?

MR. CROSBIE: Of officials of the federal government and the provincial government. There will not be any heritage village this year, that you may count on, nor is it likely to be next year, but sometime perhaps in the next two or three years if we get a considerably greater contribution from the government of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the acting Minister of Rehabilitation and Recreation. It grows out of the answer which he was kind enough to give to the question asked by the gentleman for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) which was the sense of the question I have asked, I think, five times so far this session. But the information is there and that is the important thing.

Would the minister tell us, Sir, with respect to this feasibility study he mentioned who did the study, what firm or group, and also when it was begun? When was the study commissioned and got underway? Growing out of that, would the minister undertake to table a copy of the feasibility study?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. acting Minister of Rehabilitation and Recreation.

MR. WELLS: On the question of tabling the study, I do not think I ought to do that, Mr. Speaker, that is the property of the Southern Shore Recreation Commission.

MR. ROBERTS: It was done by the commission?

MR. WELLS: Yes, it was done by them and for them and under their direction. The government provided a grant which was agreed about eighteen months ago of \$3,000 for the study to be done. It was done by Professor Howard Dyer.

MR. ROBERTS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. ROBERTS: I thank the minister. His answer sort of clears that up. But let me ask a further question. Are we to understand that whether or not this stadium goes ahead will depend upon the results of the consideration of the minister who said his officials are now looking at this study which they got a few weeks ago, and whether or not the stadium goes ahead depends upon the results of the consideration by his officials?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister without Portfolio.

MR. WELLS: It depends on the evaluation of the study made between the officials and the Southern Shore Recreation or Stadium Committee and whether it turns out that the thing is feasible, sensible and economical with finances from the Southern Shore and finances from government. It is too early to say yet.

MR. ROBERTS: I thank the minister. A further supplementary because as the minister said it is too early to say. It is not yet decided whether there will be a stadium built on the Southern Shore this year.

MR. WELLS: That is right. It is too early to say. The commitment was given months and months ago by the then minister. The details have not been worked out.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. CALLAN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker, to the Acting Minister of Recreation. Did the minister say in his statement just now that a commitment was made by the hon. Tom Doyle in his capacity as Minister of Recreation or just as the M.H.A. for the district?

MR. WELLS: Oh, no, as Minister of Recreation.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Eagle River.

MR. STRACHAN: A question for the Minister of Transportation and Communications. Does the minister's department have any plans to spend any funds on the Labrador Coast or any communities on the Labrador Coast either upgrading roads within the communities or building new roads within the communities? I particularly refer to communities in Southern Labrador such as, Marys Harbour, Charlottetown, Black Tickle?

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

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, yes, the department does have plans to carry out improvements on the coast this Summer. Last year through the efforts of my predecessor, the hon. Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, in his concern for Labrador, there was a special unit purchased, a unit consisting of smaller type equipment that can carry out work in smaller communities where there is now existing practically no roads at all or just roads that you can walk around on and barely that. So this year we are spending approximately \$150,000 and this will be work carried out in the communities of Marys Harbour and Black Tickle. Priority is given to these two communities. And also we will be looking - and I intend to travel to the area with the hon. gentleman from Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie) and the hon. gentleman from Eagle River (Mr. Strachan) - at the conditions of the roads in Charlottetown and also in Fox Harbour, and hopefully we can carry out improvements in these two communities as well. But the priority right now is to carry out improvements to construct new roads and to reconstruct what roads there are there in these communities in Black Tickle and Marys Harbour. And we will be using the Rural Development barge to transport the special unit equipment into the area as soon as the environmental conditions allow.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Trinity - Bay de Verde followed by the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries, Sir. In view of the fact that I have had a number of representations from a few fishermen in the district inquiring as to whether or not there is any kind of a programme to assist them as a result of loss of gear through recent wind storms, could the minister indicate to the House whether there is a programme in existence at the present time to assist fishermen who have lost boats, motors, and/or gear as a result of wind storms?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, there is no ongoing programme of assistance for that kind of a disaster. I guess it is a case where you react to the crisis when it appears. I have already announced to the House our plans to hopefully introduce a new programme some time soon, a new gear subsidy programme which will have built-in provisions for the replacement, maybe - certainly up to a certain extent - the replacement of gear lost. But to answer the hon. member's question. There is no ongoing programme of assistance to people whose lose gear because of wind storms.

MR. ROWE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. ROWE: The minister said that he is considering a new subsidy programme, maybe a new replacement programme will be included. Could the minister be a little more clear on that particular point, Sir, or could he indicate whether or not there will be a replacement clause or aspect to this subsidy programme or whether there will purely be a subsidy programme because the minister did say, maybe?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. W. CARTER: That might have been a poor choice of words, Mr. Speaker. Certainly the programme is very much under consideration. I have had a committee of the Department of Fisheries working with gear suppliers, fishermen's committees, the Fishermen's Union studying certain proposals.

MR. W. CARTER:

The Department of Fisheries have sent out 15,000 letters to the fishermen of the Province outlining certain options that are open to them. I am hoping that within the next month or two, certainly within the next two months, to be able to announce a programme, and if the programme that we are thinking about is implemented it will contain provisions for the replacement of gear, worn out gear, gear lost because of storms, ice conditions and what have you.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. Mr. Speaker, is the minister aware of the fact that in the 1972 Throne Speech the government did indicate that they would be bringing in legislation in that year for a low shared-cost insurance programme for the replacement of lost gear by fishermen in the event of storms and what have you? Has that legislation been scrapped altogether now in view of what the minister has said here this morning?

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, that is what I am in essence saying, that we are now contemplating such a programme. But I should point out, Mr. Speaker, that we went to Ottawa shortly after my appointment as Minister of Fisheries and talked to the federal authorities with a view to having them participate in some kind of a gear insurance programme. But unfortunately Ottawa did not see fit to accede to our request. So consequently now we are left to find a way ourselves to meet this problem. But certainly in my view, and I think this view is shared by most fishermen, is that Ottawa should have been prepared to assume some of the responsibility for it.

MR. SPEAKER: I will recognize one further supplementary.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the Premier. I wonder whether he could indicate why he saw fit to include in the budget speech in 1972 the fact that this government would be bringing in legislation for a low shared-cost insurance programme for loss of gear when he did not know where the money was coming from and there has been no negotiations with Ottawa.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SPEAKER:

I would consider that question is out of order. Number one; it tends to be argumentative and number two it refers back to a budget address or some document of 1972 which has more historical interest than of -

MR. F. ROWE: Historic?

MR. SPEAKER: - Contemporary interest.

The hon. member for LaPoile followed by the hon. member for Fogo.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a few days ago I asked the Minister of Fisheries if the minister had any plans to assist financially those fishermen in this Province who fish for crabs, and the minister told me he would probably have an answer in a few days. Is the minister now in a position to make a statement on assistance to the crab fishery in this Province?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, the fishermen engaged in the crab fishery were reaching an impasse with the producers, the buyers. Whereas the fishermen wanted initially, I think, twenty cents a pound and the most that the suppliers were prepared to offer was fourteen cents a pound, of course, was a spread of six cents. We met with the fishermen and the industry a couple of weeks ago at which time we discussed the problem and urged upon them the importance of getting the industry back because it is a labour intensive industry. In fact the plant operators or the plants would employ, I believe, in excess of 1,200 people in that industry for a period of about twenty-one weeks plus the 250 fishermen that would be involved in the actual catching of crab. After several meetings - and maybe this question should have been more appropriately asked my colleague, the Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations because his department of course played a leading role in the negotiations that happened and in the



MR. W. CARTER:

final completion of those negotiations. But to answer the hon. member's question, Mr. Speaker, yes, we did. As a result of the Government of Newfoundland offering the industry a small subsidy, a two cent a pound subsidy, we were able to get the crab fishermen back fishing. In fact they started yesterday morning. This subsidy is being paid pending the outcome of an intensive investigation that is being carried out by the Fishing Industry Advisory Board which, of course, is its main function. That board has been instructed by me to undertake a thorough investigation into all aspects of the crab industry, the catching end of it, and the processing end of it with a view to finding out, first of all, just exactly how much can the industry afford to pay, how much can the buyers afford to pay for crab, for the raw material, one; and secondly, just how much do the fishermen require to pay their expenses and to make a decent living in that industry. The Industry Advisory Board has promised to have that report completed by June 10. They have also been empowered by me to take the investigation into another province, New Brunswick, where there is quite an extensive crab fishery to find out, for example, how they can afford to pay more for crab to their fishermen than the industry in Newfoundland is offering crab fishermen in this Province.

But to sum up, Mr. Speaker. The crab fishery is back on the rails. The subsidy has been given, two cents a pound pending the outcome of that investigation. And I want to state here now - and I have already told the industry - that, you know, we have no intention of continuing to pay that subsidy certainly until it can be proven beyond doubt that it is necessary, and even then that will then come under the price support arrangement with the federal government. Last year, as you all know, the federal government did pay a four cent a pound subsidy for crab, because it was proven beyond doubt that that subsidy was necessary to bridge the gap

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between what the fishermen needed and what the plants could accord to pay. But our subsidy will be paid until that report has been submitted. If it is shown by our investigation that the industry, the processors, can afford to pay more than what they offered, then they are required under the arrangement to refund to the government - the processors, that is - the subsidy. For example, the industry is now paying fifteen cents a pound, that is what they agreed to pay. The fishermen would agree to go back for eighteen cents a pound on an interim basis. We offered a two cent a pound subsidy. We have brought it up to seventeen cents. Now if it can be shown by the Industry Advisory Board that the crab plants can in fact pay seventeen cents or eighteen cents a pound, well then they are required under the arrangement to refund to government the amount of the subsidy. But so far, Mr. Speaker it has been - and again I give full credit to my colleague and his staff for their work in this matter and happily the industry is back on the rails again.

MR. SIMMONS: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order has come up.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I am assuming that the answer to the question is governed by the same forty-five minute time limit. How much time does the minister have left?

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order. I am surprised that a member representing a fishing community, a fishing district would try to put a gag on the Minister of Fisheries when he is trying, for example, to explain -

MR. SIMMONS: Trying to get him to say something.

MR. W. CARTER: - when he is trying, Mr. Speaker, to point out the importance of the -

MR. SIMMONS: "Walter!" answer the question and sit down, "Walter!"

MR. W. CARTER: - a very important segment of that industry, the crab industry. And obviously the hon. member does not want, Mr. Speaker, to hear what is going on.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

There is no point of order.

MR. SIMMONS: I am raising one, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: There might be one coming up now, but there was no point of order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SIMMONS: I have a supplementary point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. gentleman says there is a point of order.

MR. SIMMONS: No, Mr. Speaker. I raised it somewhat facetiously the first time, but the point is that the minister is taking an unbearable amount of time to answer a question. He is repeating himself unnecessarily, and we have a limited period during which to ask questions, Mr. Speaker, and I think it is unfair of the minister, apart from the fact it is outside the rules, for him to be so protracted in his answer. And I ask that he be directed to be more concise in his answering.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: That is an apprehended point of order.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary question for the minister, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER:

Before hearing the hon. gentleman's supplementary there is a point of order before the Chair, that is with respect to the length of answers and there are certain rules on that. The general rule is that the answer is to a large extent governed by the same rules as the questions, and that is that of giving information and not argument or debate. Naturally if a subject is fairly complex then it is a question of judgement just how much detail a minister feels he should give in order to make his answer complete or intelligible or accurate.

So unless there is an obvious attempt to consume time then one would leave it to the discretion of the minister and the general feeling of the House.

The hon. member for LaPoile has a supplementary, I believe.

MR. NEAPY: A supplementary to the minister, Sir. A year ago the crab market was very depressed. Could the minister indicate to the House now if the market has improved and if the plant processors are marketing directly themselves or are they marketing through the Canadian Salt Fish Corporation and what the conditions are in the market at the present time?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, I should apologize to the House maybe - maybe I should not. I do not think I should have to apologize for maybe taking up two minutes of the time of this House to explain a situation that affects 1,500 Newfoundlanders.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. W. CARTER: And it is something that is very, very important to them. If the Minister of Fisheries cannot take two minutes to explain a policy and programme that affects such a very important part of the fishing industry and affects the lives directly of so many Newfoundlanders, well then I think the hon. member spent five hours the other day talking about nothing.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, getting back to the question asked by my friend, the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary). Yes, the crab industry is at the present time in a very good position. The price is up, as indeed is the price of most products of the sea. For example cod blocks are now increased to the mid eighty cents a pound from a low sixty. Crab is marketed by the processors themselves. It is not done through the Salt Fish Corporation.

But there is one slight problem, Mr. Speaker, that once the price of crab increases, then it becomes much more attractive to other producers.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: How about the flounder?

MR. W. CARTER: I will give a report on that now in a moment. Once the price is good, once the market becomes attractive, then you get a lot of Taiwan crab coming on the market, Japanese crab and this then of course will have the effect of depressing the price being paid for Newfoundland crab. That is why it is a very uncertain market.

The price of flounder, it has gone from seventy cents to about a dollar a pound now. The price is good.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: How about red fish?

MR. W. CARTER: Red fish, that is gone from forty to pretty well seventy. Anything else? The price of lobster is good this year. We have lots of fish, by the way. I should inform the House that the supply this year is good.

MR. NEARY: We can see that.

MR. W. CARTER: It appears as if we are going to have an excellent Summer, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SIMMONS: I realize, Mr. Speaker, the minister would be an authority on the crabs and so on. But could he be directed,

MR. LUNDRIGAN: That is a very smart comment! The constituents would love to hear about that.

MR. SIMMONS: - Mr. Speaker, to stop abusing the rules of the House. It is not at all funny. I have some questions I would like to ask.

MR. SIMONS:

The minister and his colleagues are now engaged in an obvious filibuster and if the minister told all he knew about the fishery it would not take so long as he is taking, Mr. Speaker.

MR. W. CARTER: To that point of order. You know, he has accused me of abusing the rules of the House. Well he is pretty well expert, Mr. Speaker, in that sort of thing so I will not comment any further.

MR. SPEAKER: The point of order now to be disposed of. Beauchesne paragraph 181, subsection 1, "Questions must be answered briefly and distinctly, and be limited to the necessary explanations, though a certain latitude is permitted to Ministers of the Crown whenever they find it necessary to extend their remarks with the view of clearly explaining the matter in question." So it depends which half of the sentence you put your emphasis on. I would not certainly rule that the minister was abusing the answering period of the Question Period at that time. I will recognize one further supplementary and then I will go on to the hon. member for Fogo.

MR. NEAPY: I would like to

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MR. NEARY: ask the minister if he would tell the House - because this is a very important industry to Newfoundland, involving the fishery, would the minister tell the House where the best markets are? Are they in North America, Europe, or where do we market the crab, in the United States, the Mainland of Canada or to Europe?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

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MR. W. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, I think the main market for crab, as indeed for most species of fish caught in Newfoundland, cod blocks and others, is in the States. My colleague here who visited Finland said that he saw some Newfoundland processed crab in that Country -

MR. LENDRIGAN: From Bonavista.

MR. W. CARTER: From Bonavista but the American market is the main market.

MR. NEARY: Norway.

MR. SPEAKER: Before recognizing the hon. member for Pogo I would welcome to the House on behalf of hon. members ten grade ten and eleven students from J. R. Smallwood Collegiate in Wabush with their teacher Mr. Ern Condon and I know all hon. members welcome these young students from Wabush to the House.

The hon. member for Pogo.

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CAPTAIN WINSOR: Mr. Speaker, a question to the hon. Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing. Can the minister inform the House if a decision has been made to complete the water and sewer system at Musgrave Harbour?

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MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

MR. PECKFORD: No decision has been made on that yet, Mr. Speaker. Hopefully within the next week or two we will be in a position to make such a decision and inform the Council accordingly.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir.

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MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Premier but as he is absent at the moment, perhaps one of the other ministers who were to Europe with him on the trip, the Minister of Industrial Development,

MR. SIMMONS: Fisheries, or Forestry and Agriculture would answer the question. What I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, is when we can expect or when the House can expect to get some report on the trip to Europe taken by the Premier and several ministers back, I believe, in late January.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Industrial Development.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: Soon, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, can the minister, I know he wants to be ccy, but can the minister indicate how soon. It is an important issue and it has been four months now, perhaps we could expect an answer in the next week or so, can the minister indicate?

MR. LUNDRIGAN: Very soon, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SIMMONS: Do not be so smart 'John' boy, it does not become you. It does not become you at all.

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

MR. CANNING: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Can the Minister of Finance inform the House when he can supply the answers to question 756 and 757 on the Order Paper of Monday, May 19th.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Finance.

MR. DOODY: There are a number of questions outstanding which department officials are working on. I cannot give you the exact date but as soon as they are available I will certainly get them for you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Bellevue. Does the hon. gentleman have a supplementary.

MR. CANNING: The same question to another minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Well then I should recognize the hon. member for Bellevue.



MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Acting Minister of Recreation. In view of the fact that the grants made available to nine areas to build stadia are inadequate to do the job and therefore necessitates the raising of funds from outside sources and so on, and in view of the fact that ERCO at Long Harbour have committed an additional \$25,000 to the stadium at Whitbourne provided that there is no stadium going in Placentia this year, could the minister indicate to the House whether or not a commitment has or will be made to erect a stadium in the Placentia area this year?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister Without Portfolio.

MR. WELLS: No commitment has been made, Mr. Speaker.

If I may, while I am on my feet, could I clarify an answer I made to an earlier question I think by the member on the Southern Shore stadium. The question was the feasibility study. I said \$3,000. It is quite correct but the \$3,000 covers more than the Professor Dyer report, The Professor Dyer report cost \$1,000, and \$1,000 was spent on a trip by members of the Recreation Commission to look at other stadia.

MR. ROBERTS: Including Mr. Charlie Power.

MR. WELLS: I do not think so. No. And the remaining money is going to be spent on a field survey and site collection. So that is where the total \$3,000 is going.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The thirty minutes has now transpired.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

MR. SPEAKER: Motion (9).

On motion of the hon. Minister of Health, a bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance Act," read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow. (Bill No. 58).

On motion of the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Urban And Rural Planning Act," read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow. (Bill No. 60).

On motion of the hon. Minister of Justice, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act," read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow. (Bill No. 63).

On motion of the hon. Minister of Justice, a bill, "An Act Respecting The Retirement Of Magistrates," read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow. (Bill No. ~~65~~). *W. W. ... 62*

On motion of the hon. Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Livestock (Community Sales) Act," read a first time time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow. (Bill No. 61)

On motion of the hon. Minister of Finance, a bill, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Made Between The Government And The Government Of Canada Respecting Price And Income Controls," read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow. (Bill No. 59).

MR. SPEAKER: Order (3) - Committee of Ways and Means. The motion is that I now leave the Chair. Is the House ready for the question?

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Daie Verte - White Bay.

MR. ALDEOUT: Mr. Speaker, I certainly would like to have a few words to say on this amendment to the Budget Speech before we finish with it. The amendment, as I understand it, regrets the failure of this government to disclose fully the financial situation of this Province. Now over the past few days much that needs to be said on this particular amendment has probably been said. There are a couple of areas that I would like to deal with. People, Sir, know the record of the government, and we can beat our lips away day after day here talking about it, but in my mind there are two things that really get

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the adrenalin of the people of this Province flowing; **one**, I think, is the thing we talked about last night, the Lower Churchill, and I do not want to refer to it too much because I understand from our rules that you cannot go back to it if it has already been debated. But, Sir, that I am sure has every man and woman in Newfoundland today standing with the government in the hope that we can get something out of Quebec for the benefit of this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. RIDEOUT: The other thing is that the expectations of our people have on a number of occasions been raised and raised deliberately, and that, Sir, also causes our people to be upset. We hate to have the plug pulled on us and in many cases that is what has been happening. So that is history. That is history. Now, Sir, the day of reckoning will come and we will deal with it then. But I want to talk about other failure for a few minutes this morning, and it is a failure of this government and a failure of **past** governments. So there are a few things I want to say, and I will let the chips fall where they may, whether it be in the lap of this government or in the lap of previous governments. And I want to talk specifically about the fishery on the Baie Verte Peninsula.

Now, Sir, the misconception is lasting among too many people in this Province that the Baie Verte Peninsula is totally a mining operation.

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I am sitting right in front of the hon. member who is now speaking and I cannot hear what he is saying. There is an awful noise in the corridors of the House, and in the House. I wonder if the Speaker could direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to cut down the noise.

MR. ROBERTS: It is certainly not any lack of diction or enunciation on your colleague's part.

MR. SPEAKER (Dr. Collins): The hon. member, of course, has the right to be heard in silence, and I would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to see that silence is properly kept in the corridors.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. RIDEOUT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was attempting to say, Sir, that too many people in too many places, in too many high places in this Province are living under the misconception that the Baie Verte Peninsula is totally dependent on the mining industry. That, Sir, has had an adverse affect on the many hundreds of fishermen who are still trying to scratch a living from the fishery on the Baie Verte Peninsula. The mining on the Baie Verte Peninsula is indeed very important. It is the most single important component of the economy of the Baie Verte Peninsula. Of that, Sir, there is no doubt. But it is not the only component of the economy of the Baie Verte Peninsula. The fishery has been important in the past. I submit, and the fishermen of the Baie Verte Peninsula submit, that it can be an important component in the future. What we are concerned about, Sir, is the misconception, the false conception by people in government and in other organizations, that there does not exist on the Baie Verte Peninsula a fishery, that there does not exist on the Baie Verte Peninsula a fishery that has any future. Well, Sir, nothing could be further from the truth. The Baie Verte Peninsula over the past number of years, up until the coming of the mining industry ten or twelve years ago, had a very viable and vibrant fishing industry. If we are to provide jobs for all of our people in that particular part of the Province, then I submit that we have to go back, and we have to go back in a planned detailed approach to the development of our primary industry on the Baie Verte Peninsula and one of the most single important primary industries that we have and that we are not using or maximizing at this present moment has to be the fishery, Sir.

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Before the coming of Rambler Mines and Advocate Mines the greater part of the economy of the Baie Verte Peninsula depended on the fishery. But since then, Sir, there has been a gradual decline in all the communities - and there are twenty-two communities on the Peninsula - there has been a gradual decline, but many people, some men still depend on the fishery. It is a small percentage, I grant you. A large number are still depending on the fishery for a livelihood. And it is here that many problems are currently existing. The decline due to the mining industry has brought about a new, but an unhappy phase in the fishing industry of that particular area. What has happened is that the fishermen are becoming insecure. I do not have to tell the Minister of Fisheries. He attended - and I was very grateful to see him there - he attended a fisheries conference in Baie Verte sponsored by the Baie Verte Peninsula Development Association about a month ago, a very good conference.

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It talked about the problems that faced the fishermen of that particular area. But the fishermen, Sir, are very insecure. Just to give you a couple of examples: When I was first elected as the member for that district I could not believe when it was brought to my attention that the vibrant fishing community of Nippers Harbour in Green Bay on the Baie Verte Peninsula has a total lack of fishing facilities. There is nothing there. There was a wharf built there last year, a couple of years ago, but there is no community stage. Part of that wharf is now floating around the harbour. The whole community is dependent on the fishery. If there is one fishing community on the Baie Verte Peninsula it is Nippers Harbour. That is all they have ever done and that is all they are doing today.

Yet we have communities on the Baie Verte Peninsula where we have less than four and in some cases only two and three per cent of the people dependent on the fishery that have beautiful community stages. Now, Sir, that is where the problem is. That is where the failure has been for the fishermen on the Baie Verte Peninsula is the failure of proper government planning. Not only this government. I said that in the introduction and I want to say it again. But this government has now been in office for five years and they certainly have to bear part of the blame and bear their share of the responsibility. There has been a lack of proper planning on the Baie Verte Peninsula to ensure that the fishery there stays alive, and it must stay alive and we must encourage more people to go back to it.

Advocate Mines and Rambler Mines cannot be expected to employ everybody on the Baie Verte Peninsula. The fishery can offer a good life to the people in that area who want to partake of it and we must provide every opportunity for them. So the government has to take a good, solid, hard look at the fishery in that area and we have to do it putting in the back of our minds that there is a mining economy there. You cannot look at the fishery of the Baie Verte Peninsula in

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the proper prospective if you are going to let your mind be clouded by the fact that two mines operate on that peninsula. That is where the problem has been for the past ten or a dozen years and that is where the problem is today.

Now I suggested that there was a lot of evidence of little planning, and a complete lack of it in some cases in many communities around the Peninsula. The facilities of that area are sadly lacking, Sir. There is an inadequate supply of community stages in a number of communities, and as I suggested there are a couple of communities that have them that should never in God's name, should never have had them in the first place. They are a nice, beautiful edifice. They are a nice building to look upon but they are of absolutely no benefit to anybody. That certainly has to be a lack of planning and a failure to plan properly on someone's part.

So it is high time therefore that the government set about to establish a long range plan for fisheries development on that Peninsula. It is high time that we tried to set forth our goals of whether or not we are committed to maintaining a fishing industry on the Baie Verte Peninsula. I believe we have to be. We will have to start drafting policy and putting in place policy that will place the fishery in a very important position with respect to the future development of the Baie Verte Peninsula. The mining, Sir, is a nonrenewable resource. Some day it will be over and done with. Rambler Mines will close and Advocate Mines will close and we could be left, you know, with the ghost town situations on our hands. That will not remain forever.

But with proper planning and proper policy the fishery could be vital and indeed is vital at this moment to a number of people outside the metropolitan area, for want of a better word, of Baie Verte itself, when you get out into the smaller communities from Ming's Bight to LaScie and up around Westport in the other end of the district.

MR. RIDEOUT:

Now in order to put the fishery of the Baie Verte Peninsula in prospective, I suggested already that we have to look at it and forget about the mining. But we also have to begin work immediately to upgrade the present fish holding facilities that exist there and to provide new facilities in places where they do not exist. That is not going to be a six month plan or a one year plan. It has to be a long range plan. It has to be a plan that when it is completed in five or ten years will have provided the foundation for a vital, viable industry on that Peninsula.

I have already mentioned the case of Nippers Harbour. One other community that depends almost totally and solely on the fishery is Wild Cove. They still have in 1976 to crawl out around the sides of the cliff to get out to their longliners that are moored off to the government wharf out further around the cove. There is no fish holding facility there whatsoever. Yet there was a half million pounds of fish landed in that community alone last year. A half million pounds, Sir, is, to put it mildly, a lot of fish.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Where does it go?

MR. RIDEOUT: Most of it, about half of it, went to the plant in LaScie. But there is no facility there to land it. They have to use the same old black stage that was used by their fathers and their forefathers years ago. Now how can we produce a quality product, Sir, under those conditions?

We hear people talking about the fishery today and they say we must produce a quality product. And I agree we must produce a quality product. But if we are going to produce it, then we have to have the proper facility to handle it. The fishermen can bring it in but if it is going to be taken by the pitchfork and thrown into a place where there is inadequate holding facilities in terms of ice, or into facilities that are far from sanitary, then when it gets to the plant it is going to be in very poor shape and you therefore



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cannot maintain the quality of the product under conditions like that. So we have to have a long range plan to upgrade the present fishing facilities in the area and to provide new ones in at least two places where they currently do not exist, Nippers Harbour and Wild Cove.

MR. SMALLWOOD: What is their source of fishing there?

MR. PIDEOUT: They catch turbot and haddock and flounder and, you know, whatever they can get their hands on. They are pretty diversified.

MR. SMALLWOOD: And lobster?

MR. PIDEOUT: Lobster not so much in the Baie Verte Peninsula part of the district but in Wild Cove and Seal Cove there is some lobster in that area but it is not that great down that way. Salmon, whatever they can get.

So also, Sir, I maintain there must be a programme introduced which will provide ice making machines in areas where ice can become more accessible to the fishermen. Currently we have to truck ice from LaScie, thirty-five miles up the LaScie highway and another thirty-five miles if you want to get it into Westport. Now that truck load of ice, Sir, is probably half melted by the time it gets there and then by the time it gets back with the fish packed in it you know what has happened. Again, how can you maintain a quality product under those conditions?

Provisions have to be made to have fish gutted and cleaned at the point of landing. Again this relates to the quality of the product. Now I have already tried to emphasize the fact that the fishing industry in our particular area has suffered greatly because of the emphasis placed on mining over the past few years. That is a fact. Now that is not to be critical of the mining. We are very pleased to have them and we want to keep them there. But what I am saying is that we must diversify the job opportunities of that particular area of the Province. We must not let an old industry

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go down the drain and that is what has been happening over the past ten or twelve years. Everybody wanted to get into the mines. The mines cannot handle everybody and neither should everybody want to get into it. There is a good life left for our people, our young people in the fishery. But we have to stop this silly nonsense, and I have probably been as guilty of it as anybody having been a teacher, we have to stop this silly nonsense of saying that unless you have a university degree you are nothing. Not every man or woman in this Province is cut out for that, Sir, and the sooner we realize it the better.

MR. ROBERTS: Or anywhere for that matter.

MR. RIDEOUT: That is right. Not every man and woman is going to spend four or five years in university. Not every man or woman is going to spend one or two years in the vocational schools.

MR. NOLAN: Not every person should.

MR. RIDEOUT: And not every person should. That was about to be my next statement. So we must encourage the people, our people, our young people, to go where they want to go and in order to do that we must provide them with the basic necessities to make a living. One of these basic necessities that can be developed and can be developed much greater than it has been over the past ten or twelve years, Sir, on the Baie Verte Peninsula, is the fishing industry.

We have sadly failed

MR. RIDEOUT: to do anything about the - or to do very much about the fishing industry on the Baie Verte Peninsula over the past ten or twelve years because of our over emphasizing the mining industry.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Would the hon. gentleman permit a question?

MR. RIDEOUT: Yes, Sir.

MR. SMALLWOOD: How far north does his constituency extend?

Does it go so far in White Bay as to include the Mooney Block, which has just been acquired, and if so what effect will that have in the hon. gentleman's opinion on employment and the development of his constituency?

MR. RIDEOUT: That, Sir, I hope will have a great effect on the Northern part of my district. For your information, my district starts at Middle Arm in Green Bay and it goes right around the Baie Verte Peninsula, up to Westport and then I shoot right across White Bay and I pick up at Great Harbour Deep.

MR. SMALLWOOD: It is two districts.

MR. RIDEOUT: It is two district. Right. This great Redistribution Bill that we had last year took out Hampden, Jackson's Arm and so on. It was only a couple of hours away from the Baie Verte Peninsula and sent me shooting nine hours down the Northern Peninsula Highway to get to Roddickton and Englee.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Put it in with Deer Lake.

MR. RIDEOUT: That is right, put it in with Deer Lake. But anyway, be that as it may, I go across to Harbour Deep and then I go from Harbour Deep to Englee and Roddickton and Bide Arm, and that is the end of it.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Bide Arm?

MR. RIDEOUT: Bide Arm, yes.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Included?

MR. RIDEOUT: Yes, Sir, and the Reverend Reid.

MR. SMALLWOOD: The Cardinal Archbishop is a constituent?

MR. RIDEOUT: I have said enough.

MR. RIDEOUT: But the Mooney Block, I would hope, has great implications for the Harbour Deep area particularly of that district. You know the people of Harbour Deep have been looking for a road connection for the past number of years. I would hope that the Mooney Block will be the beginning of that dream.

Harbour Deep is a community of 400 people who do not want to leave that area and should not leave. They are a viciously independent people, 400 of them, and I spent a week down there in January and I believe there was one welfare case in January in 400 people who depend solely on the fishery as their means of making a living. This Mooney Block will provide extra job opportunities for them, I hope, when it is developed and also of course we will have to build access forest roads into that particular area and from there I would hope it would not be too difficult to get the last few miles extended out into Harbour Deep. Now I know that will not happen tomorrow morning but I hope it will come about within the next few years because of the development of that Mooney Block of timber.

But to get back to the Baie Verte Peninsula and the fishery. There are a number of things we have to do if we are to maintain a viable fishing industry in that particular area and not all of them are the responsibility of the provincial government. I want to say that right from the beginning. Some of them are the responsibility of the federal government. But they have been dragging their feet as well.

There has to be an assistance programme for fishermen based on the length of the season, and the efforts expended by the fishermen to pursue the fish. And we have to have the establishment of a gear bank where fishermen can lease with the option to purchase the gear that they need.

Now I was very pleased with the minister's announcement

MR. RIDEOUT: a while ago that they were intending to lease longliners to fishermen. That is a good thing, Sir, but the longliner is useless unless you have something to use with it. And in order to properly equip a longliner today, I understand from my fishermen friends, there has to be a great deal of capital invested. Nets are not cheap to buy and you have to have many, many hundreds of them and all kinds of them if you are to pursue the fishery. Because the day is gone in this Province when we can pursue the cod fishery only. Our fishermen have to be able to catch all the species available to them if they are to make a living from the fishery. You cannot depend on the cod trap anymore and you cannot depend on the cod solely anymore. They have to be mobile and they have to be prepared to catch whatever is in the water that can be sold, and that of course indicates or brings about the problem with having various kinds of catching capacity and different kinds of expensive gear and equipment.

While I am on this leasing the longliner business, a little disappointed really by some fishermen having told me, I do not know - Have any of them been leased yet to the fishermen, does the minister mind my asking?

MR. W. CAPTER: They will be in a few days time.

MR. RIDEOUT: I understand from some fishermen that they are pretty disappointed over the high rental rate, the high lease rate that apparently is to be charged for those longliners. I have heard a figure of \$4,000 mentioned which in terms of the capital investment in the boat is not great, but if you are going to pay \$4,000 this year and \$4,000 next year and \$4,000 the year after, with no thought of ever owning it - now I do not know if that is the way it will work out in the end or not but these are some of the objections I have heard - with no thought of ever owning that particular boat, you know it is like renting an apartment all your

MR. RIDEOUT: life and never ending up with a home. That may be something that can be looked at and worked at in the future. But we have to have gear banks too, Sir, strategically located around this Province if we are to build up the fishing industry.

So I try to hit on some of the special and the serious problems that exist with regard to the fishery in my particular district and if I can emphasize one thing, and I want to say it again, is that we have to look at the fishery, at the Baie Verte Peninsula, that is Green Bay and White Bay areas, with mining the least thing in our mind because that is what has retarded the fishery growth in our area, or the fishing industry in our area for the past ten or twelve years. We have to get that out of the way and look and see and if we really believe there is a viable fishing industry there, and I believe it is, and the fish plant is in LaScie and, you know, the whole foundation is there, it is just a matter of building on it and building on it properly, if we really believe that then we should start to work immediately to set up a long range plan for the development of the fishery of the Baie Verte Peninsula.

This government, as I have suggested, has been in office for five years now, Sir, and we have to soon see some evidence of what they are going to do to make the fishing on the Baie Verte Peninsula a viable part of the economy of that area.

MR. W. CARTER: Four years.

MR. RIDEOUT: Going on five, is that right? There is a new Minister of Fisheries, I am looking forward to him for the leadership that this will require. I think he is capable of providing it, Sir, to be quite honest. I was impressed with him when he was at the Fisheries Conference in Baie Verte. I think he is quite capable of providing that, but the time has now come for us to sit down seriously and to decide once and for all whether or not we want a fishing industry in the Baie Verte area or whether

MR. RIDEOUT: we are just going to say, "Let it go mining," and that is all. I do not want to see that happen. I do not think it should happen. I do not think the minister will allow it to happen. I am hopeful that he will not and I would hope that when he is drawing up fishery policy relating to the whole Province he will not forget the Baie Verte Peninsula and that he might take some of the comments that I made into consideration. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear! Hear!

MR. SPEAKER (DR. COLLINS): Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the amendment and I will read the amendment, to amend the motion by striking out all the words after "that" and substituting therefore the following. "This House regrets the failure of the government to disclose completely and fully the present financial situation of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the government thereof." Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? Those in favour please say "aye", those against the motion please say "nay". In my opinion the nays have it. Call in the members.

MR. SPEAKER (Dr. Collins): Order, please!

The motion before the House is to amend the motion by striking out all the words after "that" and substituting therefore the following, "This House regrets the failure of the government to disclose completely and fully the present financial situation of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the government thereof!"

Those in favour of the motion please rise:

The hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Canning, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Simmons, Mr. White, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Lusk, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Nolan, Mr. McNeil, Mr. Neary.

Those against the motion please rise:

The hon. Premier, the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the hon. Minister of Tourism, the hon. Minister of Manpower and Industrial Relations, the hon. Minister of Health, the hon. Minister of Social Services, the hon. Minister of Justice, the hon. Minister of Mines and Energy, the hon. Mr. Wells, the hon. Minister of Finance, the hon. Minister of Industrial and Rural Development, the hon. Minister of Fisheries, the hon. Minister of Public Works and Services, the hon. Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, Mr. Young, Mr. Goudie, Mr. J. Windsor, Mr. Dinn, Mr. Patterson, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. Woodrow, Dr. Winsor, Mr. Marshall, the hon. Mr. Smallwood -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

- Mr. Callan, Mr. R. Moores.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Dr. Collins): I declare the motion lost.

The motion before the House is that I do now leave the Chair.

Is the House ready for the question?

The hon. member for Trinity - Bay de Verde.

MR. BOUE: Mr. Speaker, we are now on the main motion that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and, therefore, we are on the main substance of the Budget Speech. I do not intend to be very long, Sir.



Mr. Rowe.

Sir, if one takes a serious, an analytical look at the various budget speeches that have been presented since 1972 - and there have been six budget speeches, I believe, including the emergency budget - one can easily see, Sir, that this administration, and the various finance ministers in particular, have been the authors of their own political destruction and annihilation and possibly misfortune, misfortune indeed when hon. members opposite might have been able to do something about it. But, Sir, if one analyses even just the highlights alone of the various budget speeches since 1972, you can see why this Province is in the precarious position that it is in today. And you can see that the various Ministers of Finance have been the authors of the destruction of this particular administration. Because, Sir, there is no consistency whatsoever, no consistent progressive, sound philosophy or policy with respect to just the highlights of these various Throne Speeches. Certain things have been consistent, and I will mention those. But generally speaking, Sir, it is quite obvious that there is no sound philosophy behind the fiscal philosophy of this administration.

As a matter of fact, Sir, if one analyses just the highlights alone of the six budget speeches it looks like - the best adjectives I can use for it - fiscal convolutions or financial fits or fiscal convulsions. I do not know how to describe it because there is no consistency whatsoever. Sir, I would even go so far as to say that - and this is parliamentary, it has been used by Mr. Speaker himself on a number of occasions without interference from the Chair - the content of the various Throne Speeches have been nothing but a catalogue of financial or fiscal deception on the part of this administration, not necessarily deliberately, Sir, but there is no doubt about the fact that it represents the best catalogue of fiscal and financial deception by any administration since Confederation. Sir, when one reads the various speeches, and particularly this year's Budget Speech, it almost can be entitled, An Encyclopedia Of What Not To Do For All Finance Ministers Throughout This Nation.

Mr. Rowe.

Now, Sir, I was interested in the comments made by the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) who I listened to with great interest and great respect.

MR. J. CARTER: Who is this?

MR. ROWE: The member for Twillingate.

MR. CROSBIE: Do you remember last night?

MR. ROWE: I remember last night. Let us get one thing quite clear, Mr. Speaker. I have a great deal of respect for the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood). I am proud of the accomplishments of the Liberal administration under his administration. I have every respect for the hon. member, but I do not necessarily agree with the actions of the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) in recent years. But let it be quite clearly stated that I have every respect for his past actions and the actions of the administration and I am proud to have been a supporter of that administration.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROWE: And I am not the least bit ashamed, and I sit here in this House, and listen very intently to what

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the hon. member has to say with respect to the financial position of this Province should be listened to very clearly by every hon. member of this House. It is not a matter of agreeing or disagreeing, Mr. Speaker. It is a matter of listening, analysing, synthesizing and coming up with your own particular stance or your own particular opinions. You do not have to disagree wholly with a person or agree wholly with a person on either side of this House. And for the hon. Minister of Justice to suggest whether you agree or disagree is absolute nonsense.

You listen to hon. members, you analyse what they have to say and you develop your own thoughts and you try to make your own contribution to this House. But the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) has painted a very dark picture as far as the financial position of this Province is concerned. And if I misrepresent what the hon. member had to say I would appreciate his intervention in straightening me out. But one thing that I heard from the hon. member—and it was a courageous call on his part because under the member's administration this Province advanced and progressed greatly. Now it is not all to the credit of the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood). The hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) had some good colleagues and had a good administration, very good colleagues and a very good administration over these years. And we progressed steadily, and although we were going in debt we had something to show for it and the rate of our debt accumulation was not near as great as it has been under this present administration. But the member did courageously call for something that we would never have expected to come from the lips of the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood): Hold her back, cut back if necessary on the provision of certain public services, however badly needed, because of the financial situation of this Province; hold her down. And, Sir, he said in this House, the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood), that the people will respond, that the people if they are given a satisfactory explanation will respond and support the government in

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any fiscal cutbacks with respect to the provision of public services if they are given a clear indication and proof of the very hazardous and precarious fiscal position of this Province under this present P.C. administration.

Now, Sir, maybe that is so. Maybe the people will respond. But, Sir, I do not think that this administration, the P.C. administration, is going to call on the people of this Province to accept further cutbacks. We have had our cutbacks. We are in a period of restraint, retrenchment. There is no doubt about that. There will be very little in the way of new water and sewer projects started this year, if any. The most that we can expect is a continuation of some of the projects that were started last year or the year before.

But, Sir, that is not the point that I am trying to make. Even with the restraint that we have now I do not think that this administration is prepared to put their case before the Newfoundland people and expect them to respond with respect to the kind of drastic cutbacks called for by the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood). Sir, I will give you my personal and my considered opinion as to why they will not. Sir, the Minister of Mines and Energy has gotten up on a number of occasions and given this assembly every impression that they have had the cookie when the next election rolls around, had the cookie and it is not a Chinese cookie.

MR. CROSSIE: A fortune cookie.

MR. ROWE: And it is not a fortune cookie. Sir, in some of his more desperate moments the hon. Minister of Mines and Energy says, "Look! Stop the political talk over there on the other side, boys. Do not be so foolish. You will have her in three or four years time after the next election. You do not have to carry on a campaign here in the House of Assembly. It is all yours in three or four years time."

MR. ROBERTS: Sure he is going to be out of it in six months.

MR. POWE: Now, Sir, here is what I think is happening: I think that this administration realizes that they have not got a ghost of a chance of continuing on in the administration of this Province following the next election whenever it is going to be called.

MR. ROBERTS: That is why the minister is going to go run in St. John's West.

MR. ROWE: It has been confirmed by the Minister of Mines and Energy and probably this is why we understand that the minister is running in St. John's West for the federal by-election. But, Sir, this administration know full well that they will be repudiated at the polls in the next election. I think that they are setting out on a plot to go ahead and borrow as much as they possibly can, no matter how low our credit rating drops, borrow, borrow, borrow, borrow. Not what they accused the Leader of the Opposition. The Leader of the Opposition says - Household Finance?

MR. ROBERTS: Borrow what we safely can.

MR. POWE: Never borrow needlessly but borrow -

MR. ROBERTS: No, what I said was borrow what we safely can.

MR. ROWE: Borrow in a very responsible manner and as much as you can responsibly.

But this administration, Sir, is going to keep borrowing and borrowing and borrowing. It will continue to increase taxes upon taxes upon taxes and it will not really have a substantial, a really substantial restraint programme. I think the plot is this, that knowing that they are going to be sitting on this side of the House, what remains of hon. members opposite after the next election, they are going to leave the next administration that takes over with such a terrible mess that it would look Himalayan in comparison to the mess that they supposedly inherited. I think, Sir, this is what they are up to. They see the hand writing on the wall and they do not care what kind of a mess they leave behind. As a matter of fact sometimes I wonder if they think the bigger the mess they leave behind the better,

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because it will put the next administration in so much difficulty that they may be flicked out within one term. That is their only political salvation that I can see and I am looking at this very politically because I think the administration opposite is playing the financial game in this Province very politically.

Sir, the Minister of Finance made the statement - he got very emotional, Sir, as a matter of fact the Minister of Finance had to sit down with a trembling voice after speaking for about only ten or fifteen minutes. And he said to Your Honour, "Sir, I get so excited, I get so emotional about this." The hon. Minister of Finance was saying we inherited a great public service bill.

MR. ROBERTS: I do not think that is a compliment, by the way.

MR. ROWE: Sir, the hon. Minister of Finance said, "We cannot provide all we wish because of the great public service bill we inherited. Therefore we had to come in with the cutbacks." Well, Sir, the remarkable thing about it is that I, as far as my memory serves me, this administration got elected in 1972. That is when they inherited this great mess, this great public service bill. How come it was necessary to bring in a budget, an emergency budget, November 24, 1975,

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three years later, Sir, when we have highlights such as this. This budget is the first Fall supplementary budget since Confederation, the main objectives of which are to correct present budgetary trends - present budgetary trends - outlining a revised approach to the Gull Island project, outlining the provincial government's approach to the federal government's attack on inflation.

Sir, the minister said that we would have been facing a \$30 million current account deficit, and I believe in the same budget his aim was to cut it down to \$11 million. Is this the same budget? - yes. Eleven million dollars - that was the aim of the government to cut the current account deficit down to \$11 million. It is a most unusual situation. The government has already started a budgetary revision programme to reverse unfavourable trends in existence. The Premier announced cut-back restraints and freezes in government spending October 15, 1975. The Newfoundland Liquor Corporation increased the prices of all alcohol beverages on November 1, 1975. This is before the budget. The Fall budget contains further cutbacks and tax increases. In the 1976-1977 budget will see the deferment of several significant government programmes and the continuation of government spending cutbacks and a thorough assessment of existing programmes. This budget, the increase of the retail sales tax from eight per cent to ten per cent, the elimination of vendors' commissions, the increase of personal income tax, a general increase in driver's licence, registration fees, and introduces a complete exemption from sales tax on all purchases of clothing.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROWE: Sir, that sounds good on the surface but only to people with the money, only the rich people will benefit greatly from that. It extends the exemption from sales tax to include coal for heating purposes.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROWE: I just wondered, Sir, how many people in Newfoundland are using coal today as compared, for example, with the number of people who are using electricity.

The elimination of the third phase of the pupil/teacher ratio; the deferment of sports and recreation programmes saving \$2.15 million; the deferment of new hospital construction, And so we go, Sir. The question I ask is this: How can the hon. Minister of Finance stand emotionally in this House, with a quivering voice, and had to sit down and terminate his speech abruptly because of his excitement and emotion, because of the fact that he says, we have inherited a great mess, a great public service bill, we cannot provide all that we wish, when it was not until this emergency budget of 1975, the Fall of 1975 when they indeed did come in with all their cutbacks.

MR. DOODY: That was the first chance I got.

MR. ROWE: That was the first chance, first chance, Mr. Speaker, first chance!

MR. DOODY: A brand new deputy minister and minister.

MR. ROWE: Oh, first chance.

Just listen to this one, Sir, if I do not get if I do not get my budgets all mixed up here. Just listen to this little preamble to that particular budget. "Having already held the Treasury Board portfolio," he said, "for more than one year I was completely aware of the financial situation facing the Province and the need to put together a revised financial plan just six weeks after assuming my new duties."

MR. DOODY: That is what I just said.

MR. ROWE: Okay.

MR. DOODY: Six weeks after.

MR. ROWE: Well, I suppose, the hon. minister can remember what he said. I mean he does not have to go chattering away there.

- "a revised financial plan and just six weeks after assuming my new duties it comes as no great surprise to be presenting this particular budget." But the hon. minister said this, "Having already held the Treasury Board portfolio for more than one year." Within



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that one year, Sir, we had a budget presented, the first \$1 billion bust - it was not a \$1 billion budget, it was a \$1 billion bust - presented by the now -

MR. DOODY: A Marilyn Monroe budget.

MR. ROWE: It was a Marilyn Monroe budget combined with Jane Mansfield probably, all put together.

MR. NOLAN: Jane Mansfield was decapitated.

MR. ROWE: And this is probably what is going to happen to this administration with their \$1 billion bust.

But, Sir, we did have a budget brought in by the late Hon. H.R.V. Earle, politically speaking, within that same year that the - is it Chairman or President of Treasury Board?

MR. NOLAN: President.

MR. ROWE: He calls it a portfolio in his speech.

But within that year when he already knew, was aware of the financial situation facing this Province, within that very time we had this kind of a budget, the first \$1 billion budget in the Province's history.

"The Gross Provincial Product will grow by 12.5 per cent in 1975 and amount to \$2.267 billion. The provincial borrowing requirements for 1975-1976 are \$203 million rounded off, including \$43 million approximately for debt retirement. The proposed Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Electric Corporation will receive financial support from the Government of Canada amounting to \$425 million of the estimated \$1.6 billion required for the 1,800 megawatt Gull Island Hydro project, and will begin the construction of the project this year. Eighteen-point-three million dollars will be spent on the fishing industry this year. Two gas wells drilled off the Labrador Coast by Eastcan Exploration Limited have produced substantial quantities of gas - a nice little tidbit thrown in to raise expectations of the people. The highway maintenance and construction programme will total \$109 million. Improved hospital facilities and health programmes will cost \$170 million.

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Education continues to be the largest expansion programme and will rise to \$232 million. Government will improve its student aid programme by providing approximately \$4 million by extending its present \$450 maximum loan per student programme to all university years. An additional \$25 million in school construction and commitments has been made to the school boards in this Province. Memorial University budget, including the Health Sciences Complex, will total almost \$61 million. Construction of a new headquarters for the Newfoundland Constabulary will commence in 1975. A revised programme to give assistance - "

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, if I could rise on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER (Dr. Collins): Point of order.

MR. ROBERTS: It is one that has been made many times here today, but really it is getting out of hand. I am not just referring to conversations in the House, although the Minister of Transportation and the gentleman from Bay of Islands (Mr. Woodrow) are having quite a loud chat over there, but whoever it is, and I do not know if it is any individual or not, but somehow in the precincts of the House, Sir, in the galleries upstairs and the galleries around here, whatever is happening, you know, you cannot hear a word that is being said, and, you know, I think as a House of Assembly, Sir, we have a right to ensure that the people in the galleries, be they members or be they not, either carry on their conversations quietly or carry them on not at all. And I hesitate to interrupt my colleague who is making quite an excellent speech, but could Your Honour perhaps re-inforce the ruling which the Chair has already made today that, you know, that we are entitled, as a House, to have absolute quiet in the galleries. And in some cases it is members but in other cases, Sir, it is not. They are visitors or they are press people or what have you, and they have got to respect our rules. It is not good enough, Sir, and it has gone on all morning long. It has been far worse today than it has been for many, many days. You know, as a member of the House I want to raise that, Sir, and ask Your Honour to take the appropriate action.

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MR. SPEAKER (Dr. Collins): In regard to the point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition very correctly points out that an hon. member addressing the House has the right to be heard in silence and whereas this does not preclude conversations between other hon. members these conversations should be kept at the lowest possible volume. In regard to members in the galleries, absolute silence has to be maintained at all times. This applies not only to strangers in the galleries but to anyone occupying the galleries. In regard to the corridors in the proximity of the House, again the volume of noise must be kept to the lowest possible level so as not to interfere with the proceedings of the hon. House.

MR. SPEAKER (DR. COLLINS): The hon. member for Trinity -  
Bay de Verde.

MR. ROWE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Sir, the point that I was trying to make when the point of order was raised is that I have just read through and I was about to read the last list in the highlights of the \$1 billion bust budget or the election budget, whatever you wish to call it. The last great indication of expenditure was "A revised programme to give assistance with the construction of new stadiums will be introduced in 1975."

Now, Sir, I have gone through one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fourteen highlights of the \$1 billion bust budget, the election budget which required the expenditures of vast sums of money, Yet the Minister of Finance who was President of the Treasury Board at that time has already admitted that he was aware of the precarious financial situation of the Province one year in advance to the time he was Minister of Finance. In other words, the President of Treasury Board, Sir, was aware of the hazardous financial situation of this Province at the very time this election budget was delivered via TV to the people of this Province just prior to election. He was a party to it, Sir. He allowed it to happen.

Sir, how can the minister stand in his place with any degree of pride or conviction and say now that these cutbacks are necessitated because of the great public service bill that they inherited, because of the great mess they inherited. And they cannot provide what they wish to now because of that one, because they inherited the so-called mess in 1972, not 1975. There was no indication in the election speech of 1975, delivered on March 12, 1975, no indication whatsoever that we were in a precarious financial situation. But the present minister now has

MR. ROWE: publicly admitted that while he was President of Treasury Board he was quite aware of it. Yet he was a party to, and he was partly responsible for, and he endorsed and he campaigned and stood by an administration which brought this great promising, glorious \$1 billion budget to the people of the Province and then in the same year, in the very same year, November 24, 1975, the present Minister of Finance rapes, scrapes and scratches and tears out practically every highlight contained in the 1975 Budget and delivers us with the Fall Budget in which, to put it mildly, is a reversal, is the complete antithesis of, is a complete contradiction to the main budget that was delivered -

MR. CROSBIE: The first three were the best.

MR. ROWE: - in the first few years. The first three were the best, Sir. Oh yes, Sir, the first three were the best, eh? The first three were the best.

MR. RIDEOUT: We have something to say about that here.

MR. ROWE: Let us get the very first one. Oh so it is, the hon. John C. Crosbie.

MR. CROSBIE: No picture.

MR. ROWE: No picture. Thank God for that. That is about the best part of the budget, Sir, no picture. This was a great budget, Sir, this is what the hon. Minister, the defunct Minister of Finance, now Minister of Mines and Energy calls one of the best budgets. A current account deficit of almost \$4 million, very good, and increasing each year thereafter. This was great news after all the support. I can remember the students at the university following the hon. minister all over the Province just like the people after Peter Pan -

MR. CROSBIE: Still do.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes but for a different purpose this time.

MR. ROWE: The hon. Peter Pan minister.

After he won the support of the university students, Mr. Speaker,

MR. ROWE: he then announced a decrease in provincial support to university students through raising the required Canada Student Loan floor to \$600, from \$400 for the provision of any provincial assistance, a decrease in the number of graduate fellowships from 130 to 90 and the elimination of the \$400 pupil-teacher grant. That was good news. That was a great piece of stuff for the people who helped electe the - The elimination of the Provincial Parents Subsidy Programme, the doubling of the tobacco tax. Great news, Sir.

Then if I wanted to trace through the various budgets we will see an increasing current account deficit. Until this year the aim was to reduce it to \$11 million. Imagine the aim of an administration to try to hold the current account deficit to \$11 million. We have seen a constant and consistent increase in every tax possible, every tax possible, from registration fees for vehicles, drivers licence, tobacco, liquor, gasoline, oil, sales tax, provincial income tax, there is nothing else to tax.

AN HON. MEMBER: That is what you think.

MR. ROBERTS: They could tax the salaries of senior officials.

MR. ROWE: Oh news, Mr. Speaker, news. News. News. That is what I think. So the minister has another source to tap. Probably the minister is thinking of another source to tap. Probably the minister is thinking of tapping the subsidiary of the Crosbie Company. The minister may have that up his sleeve, Sir, I do not know.

MR. CROSBIE: You are a captive.

MR. ROWE: But, Sir, I would be quite willing to disclose what benefits I have gained from being a subsidiary of the Crosbie group of companies and I can assure you that you would need a microscope to find it, as I am sure is true for most, if not all of my colleagues on this side of the House. But,

MR. ROWE: Sir, lest I be diverted, let me get back to the original point that I -

MR. CROSBIE: Let me make a bad report to Andrew. I keep notes for him.

MR. ROWE: I think the Province is deeply aware of that, Mr. Speaker. It is always great to have one foot on each side, or both feet on each side of the fence.

AN. HON. MEMBER: As long as the pickets are not too high.

MR. ROWE: As long as the pickets are not - One of those days, Sir, the minister is either going to shrink or slip or the pickets will be raised, and he will be impaled upon his own - well.

Anyway before I get too biological, Mr. Speaker, I just want to reiterate, and I had not intended to take this much time, that if hon. members opposite will do what I did, and I sincerely request him to do, just - it is only a couple of pages out of six budgets, just open them up and start from 1972 and read the comical fiscal fits of the budgets, the inconsistencies, the convolutions, the great budgets before an election and the telling of the truth after the election.

Sir, if there was every recommended reading to other ministers of finance of the various Provinces of this nation as to what not to do, I would submit, Sir, that Newfoundland Information Services could probably get some revenue into this Province by printing up this six budgets advanced by this administration and entitle it, An Encyclopedia Of What Not To Do In Terms Of Presentations Of Budgets To The Provinces. Because, Sir, it is a very sorry roller coaster type of budgetary strategy when you look at the highlights and you can see the current account deficit steadily climbing when you see one year cutbacks, you see another year great announcements of

MR. ROWE: great expenditures and then another year cutbacks again, then increases in taxes. There is just no consistency whatsoever, Sir, and I tend to agree with the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) when he suggests that we are in a very hazardous financial situation.

However, I do not think that this government gives a hoot, cares a darn



MP. ROWE:

what kind of a situation they will leave this Province in because they have accepted the inevitable within their own souls. They have accepted the fact that they will not be around after the next election. And the bigger the mess they can leave for the Liberal Administration after the next election the greater their hopes -

AN HON. MEMBER: Which Liberal group?

MP. ROWE: The only Liberal Party in this Province - the greater their hopes of getting back in power in a few years after that. Because, Sir, I firmly believe and I realize that I am speaking politically. This is a political forum. I realize that I am being kind of partisan and I do not apologize for it whatsoever. But I feel very strongly and very sincerely that this government's fiscal policy has been a political fiscal policy. It has been a partisan political fiscal policy and therefore I think it warrants a partisan political analysis. That I have done. I think it is a plot on the part of this administration to leave the boys who are going to take over the next time around with such a horrendous mess that it is their hope that they will only survive one term and they will be back.

Well, Sir, we will survive more than one term. We will act responsibly. We will not make any irresponsible promises during election campaign. No Sir! And then we will not retract and retrench and retreat after the election as has this present administration. Sir, I think that it is deplorable, deceitful, deceptive and shocking what this government has done to the people of Newfoundland-and I will return to the same old theme - in raising their expectations during the Summer and dropping them in the Fall, and this is exactly what this administration has done. It is a sad, sad situation, Mr. Speaker, and I fear for the welfare and the future of this Province under the fiscal policy of this administration.

They have to do one of two things. They have to do one thing. And one thing I recommend is that they become consistent.

MR. ROWE:

And there is no consistency to be found in this particular series of budgets presented by the administration. The only consistency is deeper and more deeply going into debt. The only consistency has been constant increases in taxes. The great inconsistency has been an indication of great things to come only to let the people down in the final analysis.

So, Sir, I do not know how to react to this particular budget except to say that this government certainly should not hold the confidence of this House.

MR. HICKMAN: Let us have a vote.

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, the hon. minister just said, "Let us have a vote." How brave of the hon. Minister of Justice! How brave for him to say, "Let us have a vote", when he know that they have the big majority. They have the big stick over there and they can vote down anything that they wish to vote down or they can vote in anything they wish to vote in.

MR. HICKMAN: There is nothing unprecedented about that.

MR. ROWE: It is not unprecedented and everybody realizes it and makes the minister sound all the more silly for saying, "Let us have a vote." How foolish! How silly! How immature! How pious! For a minister, Sir, who just got in by the skin of his teeth, fluked in. We would have greater contributions that the kind of yahooping the minister is getting on with now. Sir, lest I be provoked I am told I only have a couple of minutes left, just in case I get provoked by the utterances, the whinings, the yahoosings -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. ROWE: The hon. Minister of Mines and Energy is - what did I say to the minister? I had various conversations with the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood). I have been talking with the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) for some twenty-two or three or four or five years. I had not ceased talking to him. What the hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) was talking about last night is utter and complete foolishness.

AN HON. MEMBER: You just said what a great man he is.

MR. ROWE: But I am not going to get into that. There will be time for that. If the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) wants to raise it I will take him head on.

MR. WELLS: You are not afraid?

MR. ROWE: I am not afraid of any minister or any hon. member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) in this House, Sir. I respect certain people. I disagree with certain people but that is not the point here.

Sir, I will just simply close and say that this is the saddest chapter in a fictional fiscal novel as presented by this administration. I just hope that we will not see another chapter that indicates that the financial situation of the Province is in worst shape than we see it today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to dash the hopes of the hon. member who just took his seat in his remarks there during the latter part of his debate in connection with winning the next election. I would assume from the statements of the hon. gentleman that the Liberal Party will be holding a leadership convention in the foreseeable future and, Mr. Speaker, the various people will have an opportunity to offer themselves as candidates for the leadership of the Liberal Party. Because I would submit to the hon. gentleman that one of the most frustrating things in this Province at the present time, one of the things that is tantalizing the people of this Province is the fact that they are fed up with the present administration, fed up but they see no alternative to the government and therein lies the problem, Mr. Speaker, they can see no alternative to the government at this particular moment.

Now, Sir, as far as a coalition is concerned one thing I agree with the hon. member on is that before another year, before another twelve months comes to an end, there are going to be some

MR. NEARY:

interesting developments in politics in Newfoundland and this is going to be a very, very interesting House indeed. Because I would agree with the hon. member who just took his seat that whenever the three by-elections are called, whether it is before the federal St. John's West by-election or following the federal by-election in St. John's West, whenever it is called, that the government are in such bad shape in this Province at the moment that they are going to lose all three by-elections, in Exploits, in Bonavista North and in Ferryland, that the government will lose the three by-elections, that the three members will come on this side of the House somewhere.

I am not predicting that they will be three members elected to the old line Liberal Party. Maybe some of them may be elected to the Liberal Reform group and maybe there may be some independents elected because people are starting to think more along the lines of forgetting the party label. Party labels in Newfoundland at this particular moment do not mean a thing. People are fed up to the teeth with the two old-line parties.

AN HON. MEMBER: Are you going to run any candidates?

MR. NEARY: Well, I do not know. I cannot say no to that, Sir. There is a possibility. I have been approached by a number of people who ask me if I would support them if they ran as independent Liberals, as a matter of fact as independent P.C. So, Sir, this whole idea is catching on, that the party labels, Sir, do not mean a thing. I believe in the by-elections that people will be voting for the man rather than for the party. So it will depend largely on which party can get the best -

MR. J. CARTER: On a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order has arisen.

MR. J. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, this House does not recognize political parties. Therefore it is my belief that any mention of any political party, new P.C., old P.C., Reform Liberal, Liberal, Conservative, is

MR. J. CARTER:

out of order. There are those who support the government and there are those -

MR. NEAPY: Go back to your savoury patch.

MR. J. CARTER: - and there are those who do not support the government. But this House does not -

MR. DOODY: And there are a lot who do from time to time.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. J. CARTER: This is true. As the Minister of Finance has pointed out there are those who sometimes support the government. But the point is, Mr. Speaker, that this House does not recognize political parties and therefore for any member to get up and prate about Tories or Liberals or this or that or the other is completely out of order. I would like a ruling made for all time.

MR. NEAPY: Mr. Speaker, that is not a point of order. I wish Your Honour would put the member back in his cage, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

Certainly there is nothing out of order to my knowledge in mentioning political parties whether the House recognizes them or not.

The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Your Honour.

So, Mr. Speaker, it leaves the people of Newfoundland with a choice of either voting for the man, whether he represents the P. C. Party or the old-line Liberals or the Liberal Reform Party or be Independent. But I think the vote will be more along the lines of voting for the man. And I would strongly submit to this House, Your Honour, that this may be the year that the NDP may make some strong gains in this Province. And, Mr. Speaker, I am particularly rather proud of that because I started my political career as an NDP'er, the Newfoundland Democratic Party, NDP.

MR. DOODY: A new party.

MR. NEARY: Well, let me explain to my hon. friend why it was called the Newfoundland Democratic Party, because I was the originator of that party. It was my idea. It was a protest party because of the IWA dispute in Newfoundland.

MR. NOLAN: Tell us about the meeting in the Newfoundland Hotel.

MR. NEARY: Yes, I can tell the hon. gentlemen all about the meetings in the Newfoundland Hotel and the press releases and the speeches, and I would not be a bit surprised but my hon. friend helped to write some of the speeches. And, Mr. Speaker, I happened to attend the merger convention of the CLC and the TLC.

MR. DOODY: And that is why it became the NDP.

MR. NEARY: No. It was then known as the CCF, the labour party in Canada was the CCF. But in order for the TLC and the CLC to merge they had to agree on a new political party representing mainly the labour movement, and I had inside information.

MR. DOODY: Usual reliable sources.

MR. NEARY: Yes. I had inside information that indicated that the party was going to be called the New Democratic Party of Canada. And so that is why, when we formed this party, this protest party in Newfoundland, we called it the Newfoundland Democratic Party so that initials would be the same, NDP. So this may be the year that the NDP may make strong gains in this

Mr. Neary.

Province, and rightly so, Sir, because the people have become so disillusioned and disenchanted and discouraged and disgusted and fed up with the two old-line parties or they may turn to my hon. friend the member for Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood) who leads the Liberal Reform group .

MR. SMALLWOOD: I would like to see Mr. Panting in here.

MR. NEARY: Yes, Mr. Panting is a fine gentleman, and I had the pleasure last night to make a presentation to the Royal Commission on Concentration of Corporate Power in this Province and Mr. Panting was one of the gentleman who sat beside me. I made the first presentation and Mr. Panting later on during the course of the proceedings made his own presentation which was more impressive.

MR. J. CARTER: Tell us what you said.

MR. NEARY: What I said, Sir, was reported accurately this morning on the CBC, and on CJON, and I am sure there will be some startling revelations. At least I will be very surprised if there are not a few headlines in The Evening Telegram this afternoon.

So, Sir, we are in for some very, very interesting times in politics in Newfoundland, and I would submit that in less than a year from now it will be virtually impossible for the P. C.'s to govern this Province. And I will tell the House why I feel that way, Mr. Speaker. Their fiscal policy is one reason.

MR. PECKFORD: Dream on! Dream on!

MR. NEARY: The fact that they have built up people's hopes and expectations and taken the people of this Province up a country lane for the last five years and then let them down. I will tell you what the administration reminds me of, Sir. It reminds me of a car with dirt in the gas, and so the car stalls, and you get out and you clean the carburetor, she starts up another little bit and then another little bit of dirt gets in the carburetor and you have to take it off

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and clean it again, and this goes on and on and on for miles and miles. Well that reminds me of this administration, Sir. They have gotten a little dirt in their carburetor. And once in awhile they show signs of moving ahead and then all of a sudden they stop and then they go ahead again and then they stop again and the next thing you know they are all scattered to the four corners of the earth. They are all gone off on vacation again and everything grinds to a halt. In the meantime the whole economy is practically crumbling down around our ears. So in less than a year from now, Sir, I would suggest that the present administration - Mr. Speaker, does Your Honour realize how close the vote was the other day? What was it? It was sixteen to twenty-one. Well now, Sir, they are going to lose the three by-elections. That will reduce the government's majority to twenty-eight. Take out Your Honour as Speaker, that is twenty-seven.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: Your Honour has a vote.

MR. NEARY: Well, Your Honour has a vote but you have to exclude Your Honour as an ordinary member of the House. That is twenty-seven. That will leave, Sir, a total of twenty-five on this side of the House, and that means, Your Honour -

MR. MORGAN: Twenty-eight members.

MR. NEARY: Just a second now, Sir, until I get my mathematics straight here. They now have twenty-eight -

MR. SMALLWOOD: You are right, you know.

MR. NEARY: I know I am right.

They now have twenty-eight. They will be down to twenty-seven, taking out Your Honour -

MR. R. MOORES: There are twenty-four on this side.

MR. NEARY: There will be twenty-four.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: Point of order, Your Honour.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order.



MR. LUNDRIGAN: I am aware about the rule of relevancy, and I am also aware of the rule about the breadth of debate, the latitude of debate in matters of this nature, but I do not see the relevancy of the arguments and the attitudes and the political -

MR. NEARY: I am just leading up, leading up.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: He has been leading up to it for six months, Your Honour.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. LUNDRIGAN: He has been leading up to it for six months. I am aware of that, but certainly, Your Honour, there has to be some sense of responsibility even if the rules do not specifically require the hon. member to be relevant in a particular way, but this kind of attitude and this kind of commentary is the precise reason why a lot of Newfoundland people might be disillusioned with politics.

MR. J. CARTER: Make him sit down! Make him sit down!

MR. SPEAKER: On that point of order. My understanding is that on the debate on the budget any matter which is of reference to, or of importance to public affairs in Newfoundland, various areas of government responsibility, public affairs in Newfoundland is relevant, and I could not say that what the hon. gentleman is speaking on does not relate public affairs of the Province.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So, Sir, what will happen - I have had a chance now, Sir, to do a little mathematics, a little arithmetic. There will be twenty-four members on this side of the House. Now, Sir, what will happen is this. That it means that none of the members on the government benches then can take a day off sick. They will have to have a sick bay over in the Government Common Room. None of the members will be able to go away on business, be absent from the House, because at any moment with twenty-four and twenty-seven on that side, excluding Your Honour, the government could be defeated.

MR. LUNDRIGAN: We have fifty-one members.

MR. NEARY: Twenty-seven and twenty-four, fifty-one.

Mr. Neary.

And so, Sir, what will happen is that the government - and the hon. Premier is aware of this - that the government cannot be defeated outside of the House. It is only in the House that the government can be defeated. So once we prorogue the House now, Sir, I doubt very much if the House will be called back together until it is absolutely essential and that will be some time next March to bring down the budget, because the administration will not be able to face such a huge Opposition. It will be completely impossible, with the reduction in the numbers, it will be completely impossible for the administration to govern this Province. And some time in the next year or so the hon. Premier will be forced to go down to the Lieutenant-Governor and say, "Your Honour, I can no longer carry on," because the Premier cannot go out and say, "Well, I want to call an election." He has to go to His Honour and say, "I can no longer carry on with the government. I want to hand in my resignation." Well then

MR. NEARY:

Your Honour will invite the Leader of the Opposition to form the government and that will fail. And then Your Honour may invite the leader of the Liberal Reform Party to form a government. They may or may not fail. The hon. gentleman has dreams of a coalition, has been a real Machiavelli in this session of the House and I do not know whether his dream, Sir, at this point in time will become a reality or not.

But anyway there is the situation as I see it, Mr. Speaker. So we are in for some very, very interesting times in the political life of this ancient Island of ours.

MR. WELLS: What portfolio do you want?

MR. NEARY: What portfolio do I want, Sir? I tell you if I was the Leader of the Opposition today, Sir, I would not be too hard on the government. I would be not trying to force an election. As a matter of fact, if I were leading the Opposition today I would try to keep the government in power because there is no way they can win. There is no way that they can make right decisions. There is no way that they can stop inflation. There is no way that they can solve all the major problems that are confronting the people of this Province and of Canada. And if I were leading the Opposition I would try to keep the government there for another couple of years because God help the administration that takes over the running of this Province whether it be a year from now or two years from now.

I tell you, Mr. Speaker, if the present Leader of the Opposition ever became Premier of this Province I would like to stay right were I am. I would like, Sir, to remain in opposition and I would like for my hon. friend, the Minister of Mines and Energy, to come down and join me. Well what a time we would have! But anyway, Sir, this is all opinion. It may or may not happen, but I would suggest again, Mr. Speaker, that because of the attitude and because of the behaviour and because of the image of both of the old-line parties, because of the government's fiscal policy, their failure to produce, their failure to perform and because the old-line Liberal

MR. NEARY:

Party - and I have a lot of respect for a great many members of the old-line Liberal Party. I hope they will not be convinced by their leader that this is a hate Edward Moxon campaign or anything because that is not so. But they have not been able to get the image across and they are in serious trouble with the electorate.

MR. ROWE: You do not govern by images.

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would say that the leader of a party has about seventy-five or eighty per cent of helping get the party elected.

Now, Sir, I have got about a half hour left and I am going to have a few words now about my own district of LaPoile just in case, Your Honour, that this is the last opportunity we may have. I know the Throne Speech is coming up. It may never be called. So I want to say a few words about my own district of LaPoile especially the Port aux Basques area.

MR. SMALLWOOD: It has got to be called.

MR. NEARY: Well, maybe it has got to be called but maybe I will not get an opportunity to participate in it.

MR. SMALLWOOD: There has got to be an Address in Reply.

MR. NEARY: Well I am going to have a few words about my own district anyway so it does not make any difference if it is called or not. I could not care less. I am going to do my own thing in the House anyway.

Mr. Speaker, the most serious problem in the whole district of LaPoile today is job security for the CN employees in the Port aux Basques area. Mr. Speaker, we have heard it said in this hon. House over the last few months about the increasing number of tractor-trailers that are bringing freight into Newfoundland, that are replacing the Newfoundland railway, that are now bringing freight into Newfoundland that was formerly brought in by the railway. Sir, it might interest members of the House to know that the increase to date, the increase for the first quarter of this year, tractor-trailers over the same period last year, the number of tractor-trailers coming in for the first quarter

MR. NEAPY:

has increased by forty per cent, a whopping forty per cent.

MR. MORGAN: Forty-eight per cent.

MR. NEAPY: Well forty-eight per cent, but I checked the figure this morning with the public relations man of CN and he told me to date the increase for this year has been forty per cent over and above last year and they are estimating that over the total year, over the whole year, that the number of tractor-trailers coming into Newfoundland will increase by twenty-five per cent. I think they are projecting that over a five year period.

But in the meantime, Mr. Speaker, what is happening is that although the work force, the stevedoring and those who are handling freight, the work force has remained fairly stable, it is having a demoralizing effect on the work force. I might say, Sir, that I have to compliment CN. If nobody else in this House has ever paid a compliment to CN I have to do it now, because they are the biggest employer in Port aux Basques and the situation as far as employment in Port aux Basques is concerned could be much worse than it is at the present time. The employment situation is fairly stable for those who are what we call permanent, for those what they call assigned employees. And there are 427 of those at the moment, 427 assigned or permanent employees. That is pretty well, Sir, equal to what it was a year ago even though, Mr. Speaker, there has been a drastic reduction in the amount of freight that is being handled on the waterfront in Port aux Basques. I think that CN - I have to tip my hat, I have to take my hat off to CN for being able to maintain the work force at practically the same level, that is the permanent work force, as it was a year ago.

I certainly have to give words of praise to Mr. Frank Broderick, who is a Newfoundlander, who is the general manager of the operations, the CN operations in Port aux Basques, a good man, a Newfoundlander, a man who understands the implications of keeping the CN employment at the level that it is. We certainly need more and

MR. NEAPY:

I certainly wish we had more people like Mr. Broderick in Newfoundland, and I had a lot of dealings with him.

But I want to say this, Mr. Speaker, that the assigned - now remember the number of permanent employees is 427 - the unassigned - and these are fellows who turn up every day round the clock looking for the odd shift - the unassigned number at the moment is 211 employees. Those are people who come out, get up in the morning, go in at four o'clock in the evening, go in the midnight shift to see if they can get a shift. Now that is down slightly from last year. Even though 211 is a fair figure it is still down slightly. So it gives the total number of people who are employed either permanently or on a part-time basis a total of 638 stevedores on the water front.

The number of man-hours - and I was unable to get this figure, Mr. Speaker, but I was told by Mr. Petten that the number of man-hours for the unassigned employees is down substantially over the same quarter last year, as of the end of March last year, which goes to prove, Sir, that we are going to have to watch the situation in Port aux Basques very carefully because at any moment anything could happen to offset the economy of Port aux Basques which would have a drastic, devastating effect on the whole economy of the Southwest Coast. We are going to have to watch that situation, Sir.

But what is very demoralizing about it all, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that here you have all these men with very little freight coming through the sheds and so on, watching these tractor-trailers rolling off the ferry every time they come in, heading out over the Trans-Canada Highway, destroying our highway, and getting public vehicle license plates in Newfoundland dirt cheap. Newfoundland truckers cannot get them in any other part of Canada, especially in the Province of Quebec. And, Mr. Speaker, our highways just cannot handle the volume of tractor-trailers that are going over it at the present time and the heavy equipment, CN buses and mobile homes and all that sort of thing. And it is a hazard.

MR. NEARY: There are people in the Western part of Newfoundland who will not drive on the highway when they know the ferry is in, because they know it is a safety hazard. But apart from that they are destroying the highway and I have suggested in this hon. House and outside of the House, Sir, that we have a railway system in this Province. And I read this morning in the newspaper, and I want to draw this to the attention of the Minister of Transportation and Communications, that we have a railway system in this Province and the Government of Canada now is going to spend millions of dollars, according to Mr. Lang, upgrading railway systems right across Canada, especially the rail passenger end of it, of the service. Incidentally I also heard, I think it was on radio yesterday, where they are now thinking about replacing some passenger trains in other parts of Canada with buses and they are going to subsidize the buses, which means that if they do it in Western Canada they will automatically do it in Newfoundland, subsidize the buses.

But, Sir, I believe more of this freight could be moved by rail, especially at a time when the minister is not sure whether or not the Government of Canada is going to come through with its ninety - ten deal to upgrade the Trans-Canada Highway and resurface, reconstruct and twin the Trans-Canada Highway, in other words make one highway coming and one going. While the minister is in a quandary about this, I believe the minister should take a strong look, and I have suggested this before, of forcing more freight back on rails.

MR. MORGAN: You cannot, because this would hurt the consumer.

MR. NEARY: No, Sir, you do not have to hurt the consumer because the other day I read in the newspaper, again a couple of days

MR. NEARY: ago, I believe it was in The Daily News or The Evening Telegram, I am not sure which, where a survey had been done recently of businessmen in St. John's who said that the CN service had improved tremendously and that they were satisfied with the service they were getting.

MR. MORGAN: That is a very untrue statement.

MR. NEARY: Well it may be untrue but it was quoted in the newspaper.

MR. MORGAN: There are all kinds of questions about the CN service.

MR. NEARY: But anyway, Mr. Speaker, the hon. Don Jamieson, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, told a delegation from Port aux Basques in Ottawa before Christmas that he would undertake, because they have the financing in the minister's department, undertake to do a study of the whole LaPoile District, especially the Port aux Basques area to see what alternatives can be found to CN.

I claim, for instance, that there should be, if the tractor-trailers are here to stay, that there should be a maintenance depot in Port aux Basques, that they should refuel in Port aux Basques, and we should look at refrigeration and more warehousing in Port aux Basques, that Port aux Basques should become a major distribution centre for the whole Southwest Coast.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I have to say this at this point in my speech -

MR. MORGAN: Maybe one in Marystown.

MR. NEARY: - and it is this, Sir, that before - well up to the time I went out to Port aux Basques to run, Sir, that I was really amazed to discover that the attitude of the people on the Southwest Coast, their tendency was to look across the Gulf more than to look to St. John's.

MR. SMALLWOOD: That is right.

MR. NEARY: And they looked across the Gulf and they went over on their vacation, over across the Gulf and they went over



MR. NEARY: sometimes to do their shopping across the Gulf and they listened to the radio across the Gulf.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Even their groceries.

MR. NEARY: Even their grocery shopping, and they did not have a tendency at all to look to St. John's and they had very good reason, Sir, to be discouraged and disgusted with the attitude of the people in authority. Somehow or other ministers, the Premier, Ministers of the Crown, somehow or other got the impression that there was a barrier in Stephenville, that there was an iron curtain in Stephenville and everybody got as far as Stephenville but would never get down to Port aux Basques or the Southwest Coast.

Well, I tried the moment I got elected to smash that barrier and I succeeded to a certain degree. The Minister of Fisheries came out on a trip with me, I think the minister has made two trips. The Minister of Tourism came out on a trip with me and the Minister of Industrial Development came out on a trip with me and I am trying to talk the Minister of Transportation and Communications now into coming down on a trip with me. But the people felt as if they were left out of everything and they felt that nobody was concerned about their needs and now they are beginning to regain a little bit of hope and they are looking now to St. John's for help, and looking to St. John's for help to put the pressure on Ottawa because a lot of the problems in the Port aux Basques area are the responsibility of the Government of Canada.

I am happy that Mr. Jamieson was able to persuade his colleagues in the Government of Canada to do a new harbour development in Port aux Basques and the feasibility and the preliminary study has already been done and this is being done, Sir, in the face of bitter protests and bitter competition from other

MR. NEARY: parts of Newfoundland. But as far as I know the only major harbour development in Newfoundland in the next year, couple of years or three years will be done in Port aux Basques.

MR. DOODY: That is Mr. Jamieson's ship system.

MR. NEARY: And three new ships, I understand, three new ships will be built. The facilities will be built to accommodate a new type, a faster type, a different type of ship for coming back and forth across the Gulf and this is indeed encouraging. But whether or not, you know, we can maintain the work force at the same level as the thing that is worrying everybody, job security again, Sir, Mr. Speaker, I call upon the Minister of Transportation and Communications and the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Premier to do anything they can to support measures, to support ideas and proposals that are put forward by the Channel - Port aux Basques Town Council, that are put forward by the Chamber of Commerce, the Kinsmen, who do an outstanding job in Port aux Basques, in trying to consolidate their position and in trying to make sure that their future is secure.

Mr. Speaker, there is no other place in Newfoundland, bar none, and I do not care where you go, where the people are more generous and more kind than they are on the Southwest corner of this Province.

MR. SMALLWOOD: And progressive.

MR. NEARY: And progressive, They are the most generous people on the face of this earth.

You know I have been tangled up, Mr. Speaker, with a lot of service clubs and service organizations in Newfoundland. I was out there once attending a Lions Club meeting when not only did they give one colour television to the hospital out there, but they gave them three. Why it would take a year or a couple of years in most communities to raise enough money to get one colour television. These people donated three in one smack, one swoop, fell swoop, and they

MR. NEARY: are doing all kinds of charitable things, building a swimming pool, I must admit with substantial help from the government. The hon. the Premier was there and saw the location of the swimming pool and saw it actually being constructed. They are having financial problems at the moment trying to get enough money to finish it. It is going to be a magnificent pool when it is finished. It is an enclosed swimming pool and it would be a pity, Sir, if anything happened to the economy of Port aux Basques and so I call upon the government to keep an eye on all the proposals and the ideas and the suggestions that are emanating from the people of Port aux Basques, from the unions who are doing a good job, to try to maintain the work force at its present level, and to try to offer the men some job security so they will not be continuously worrying about their future and whether or not they are going to have a job tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, one thing about the people in that area, they do not get handouts from CMHC or from various government agencies, when they want to build homes they go to the bank and borrow the money and they build the most beautiful homes, and better constructed, than the houses you see around St. John's.

Now, Sir, apart from CN, fishery is a big thing in my district, as the hon. Minister of Fisheries is aware. And I am so glad, Sir, that the minister has taken steps, as he indicated in the House the other day, to try to bulldoze if he has to, BC Packers, Nelpack Fisheries in Isle aux Morts into using that plant to process groundfish and operate it on a year round basis.

As the hon. minister knows from his discussions with the fishermen in the area, that all you need from, say, Fox Roost, Margaree right down to Petites is three or four draggers and, Sir, you will have full improvement on that part of the coast, people making their living, earning a good living off the fishery and I want

MR. NEARY: to thank the minister here and now personally, Sir, for sending down these two experimental mid water trawlers, the "Sand Lance"-and what is the name of the other one? The "Sand Lance", anyway, Sir, the minister sent out on an experimental basis and assured me that it would be carried on for some time, two mid water trawlers to feed into the Rose Blanche Fish Plant, to feed into the fish plant in Burnt Islands and if Gabe Billard in Fox Roost, Margaree wanted fish I presume the minister would allow the trawlers to go in there.

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there have been a number of mechanical breakdowns with the trawlers, and there have been a lot of delays. But one of the captains now is from Burnt Islands, a good man, Walter Bond, a man that I know personally that you will never find a finer man on the face of this earth. I guarantee the minister that he will do a good job for the minister as skipper of that boat.

So this is the kind of thinking that we need as far as the fishery is concerned. We need some freezing facilities, ice-making machines, some warehousing, and that sort of thing. And that is what you need. And you need to diversify the fishery as far as Port aux Basques is concerned, in the whole area probably and get into smoking and get into canning, and get into this sort of thing. If we allow ourselves to that kind of positive thinking then I believe the fishery has a great future, and as it played such an important role in the past, it will also play a major role in the future prosperity of the whole district of LaPoile. It does not take very much, because the people there, Sir, the fishermen there are almost like the fishermen in Port de Grave. There are very few places in Newfoundland where you will find men who will leave home on Sunday night - I have been there when they loaded the ice aboard their boat - they leave Sunday night, and Friday night they come back hell or high water. And I was there in Fox Roost, Margaree, and I was sitting there chatting with Gabe, the owner of the fish plant there, and I said, "The fishermen will not be back tonight. It is too stormy." The waves were coming in over the rocks everywhere. "Well," he said, "There is a dance on over in the hall tonight. They will be back. You just watch." And within five minutes I looked out and sure enough here was one of the longliners coming in, and they all got back safe and sound, thank God. They are fine fishermen.

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They are eager and anxious to be able to earn a living. And I think the minister is aware of this. The whole Southwest corner of this Province -

MR. SIMMONS: The fishermen of the Province?

MR. NEARY: That is right.

- are unique. They are like the fishermen in Port de Grave and over in Old Perlican. And there are a few areas of Newfoundland that are really special. And the Southwest Corner is one of these areas. These men down there are fearless. They do not mind going out and spending a whole week away from home. But Friday night they got to get back in for the scuff in the hall. And they come back usually with a full load. And I know the Minister of Fisheries is interested in what I am saying. And again, Sir, I want to thank the minister for sending down his two mid-water trawlers. I hope the experiment will be a success, and I hope the minister will be able to persuade T. J. Hardy, the man who operates the big fish plant in Port aux Basques, the need and the necessity of getting a couple of draggers to feed into his plant in Port aux Basques and to feed into the fish plant in Rose Blanche, which is now operating only a couple of months out of a year, but may be more.

The last time I was there, Sir, the morale of the people was unbelievable, the people in Rose Blanche. The minister should have come back with me after we went there that first time and everybody was depressed and demoralized. If the minister only had come back with me after these boats made a few trips and they got a few shifts, and they got a couple of pay days, it was absolutely unbelievable. And this is the sort of thinking we need, Sir, in this Province, Sir, positive thinking.

You know, Mr. Speaker, talking about politics - I am getting near the end of my time, but I have to get back to this

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again, Sir - that I think the only way that the old-line Tory Party could probably save its image, with all due respect to the leader, because what will happen once the by-elections are lost people will begin to lose confidence and lose faith in their leader, and he is not spending enough time in the House, and not enough time in the office, and they will get disillusioned, and the Premier has various factions there now going after each other's throat. They are hard to control. You know, it would not surprise me, Sir, that if one day the Minister of Fisheries, the present Minister of Fisheries, as much as the member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir hates and despises the hon. gentleman, it would not surprise me, Sir, that one day that particular gentleman will lead that party.

MR. SIMMONS: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think we need a citation, but the ones I would refer to would relate to a member not being able to misconstrue what another member has said, and certainly the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) has just implied that I have no love for the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. W. Carter). Nothing could be further from the truth, Mr. Speaker. There is no member in this House I have more admiration for. It is unbounded, completely unbounded, Mr. Speaker.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to save time I will withdraw it. I only have a couple of minutes left, Your Honour. I would not waste my time getting into a hassle. I completely withdraw it.

MR. DOODY: Has the hon. member ever thrown out bait that the hon. member did not go for?

MR. NEARY: No, the hon. member always takes the bait. Every time I throw it out.

MR. SIMMONS: Every time. It is lousy bait.

MR. NEARY: But, Sir, there are some problems in my district right

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right from Cape Ray right down to Grand Bret. I did not have time - I may in the Throne Speech get a chance to talk about the coastal boat service and a few other problems. But there is a problem, as my hon. friend knows, in Rose Blanche at the moment in trying to get the government of Canada to produce another - what is it, a quarter of a million? - quarter of a million dollars to get on with the water supply, and I believe the Province would be satisfied to go along with fifty per cent. Because the problem, you see, Mr. Speaker, is this that tenders were called - this is a new technique by the way, it is an over-ground, I think, water supply that we heard so much about a few years ago from Gerald Farrell, who is a blind man by the way, who went from coast to coast on this matter because of the insects in the water -

MR. W. CARTER: He does not live there.

MR. NEARY: No, he lives in Burnt Islands, but he is sorry he moved. He wants to go back to Rose Blanche. But the problem is, Sir, that the lowest tender, the lowest tender was a half million dollars more than the estimated cost of the system. So the minister has a bit of a problem, and I hope the minister can resolve that because the people are looking forward to seeing the second phase of that system started. The second phase of the water supply, the industrial water supply in Burnt Islands is almost complete. It will be complete probably by the end of June and the causeway will be paved, and the people may eventually get a chance to hook into the service. There is a problem in Burnt Islands, as the minister knows, as the town council versus the community council. And I am not going to get caught in the middle of that one. I am going to let the people -

MR. H. COLLINS: Where do you stand? Now tell the truth.

MR. NEARY: No, Sir, I am not going to get caught in that middle of that one. I am going to let the people sort that one out themselves.



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And again, Mr. Speaker, as far as the Tourist Interpretation Centre for Port aux Basques is concerned, I am glad the minister has now got it back on the rails. The minister told us the other day the site has been picked out, that he is going to ask for another design. I think he is favouring a lighthouse as opposed to a mamateek, tepee type interpretation centre. And so I hope the construction on the interpretation centre will get started early Summer.

MR. DOODY: Did he tell you what is going to happen to The Annie Coady?

MR. NEARY: The Annie Coady, no. And I am not going to tell the hon. minister what is going to happen to it either. That may just develop into a bit of a problem, and I do not know whether you can have both, The Annie Coady and the interpretation centre on the same site.

But, Sir, I hope that that interpretation centre will get off the ground quickly, that the minister can get it redesigned within a matter of three weeks, call public tenders, have specifications, call public tenders and award the contract in a matter of weeks and get the construction underway, because it has been outstanding now, Sir, for two years since the Government of Canada passed that Silver Anniversary gift over to the Province of Newfoundland. I agree with the minister. There was some difficulty in the beginning in getting it in writing. There was no commitment in writing. But all that has been sorted out.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have the opportunity to say a few words about the district of LaPoile. Maybe in the Throne Speech I will get an opportunity to have a few more comments about my district. But I hope, Sir, that the administration, the people in authority, even in Opposition for that matter will remember that the people now are starting to look towards St. John's and not look across the Gulf. And the only way that we can keep it that

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way is by showing an interest in these people, visiting them more often and showing people that we are concerned in that part of Newfoundland about their problems.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Eagle River.

MR. STRACHAN: Mr. Speaker, seeing it is close to one o'clock,

I do not want to take any chances. I would like to wish to adjourn the debate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WELLS: Mr. Speaker, I do move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday at two o'clock in the afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: It is moved and seconded that this House do now adjourn until tomorrow Tuesday, May 25, 1976 at two o'clock.

Those in favour "aye." Contrary "nay." Carried.

This House do now adjourn until tomorrow Tuesday, May 25, 1976 at two o'clock.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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## ANALYSIS OF COLLECTIONS

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## COMMUNITY LIBRARY SERVICES

LIBRARY	POP. SERVED	ADULT VOLS.	JUV. VOLS.	TOTAL VOLS.	% A/VOLS.	% J/VOLS.	VOLS. PER CAP.	VOLS. ADDED	TITLES ADDED	VOLS. WITH- DRAWN	NO. PHONO RECD.	NO. OF FILMS	NO. PERIOD- ICALS.
Arnolds Cove	-	929	789	1,718	54	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badgers Quay	1,700	1,850	2,344	4,194	44	56	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bay Roberts	8,000	2,496	1,624	4,120	61	39	.51	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bell Island	6,500	2,063	2,504	4,567	45	55	.70	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonavista	3,000	3,711	2,309	6,020	62	38	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brigus	1,500	1,291	2,376	3,667	35	65	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burgeo	3,000	2,915	4,179	7,094	41	59	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burin	4,000	2,527	2,350	4,877	52	48	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Shora (St. Brides)	2,000	945	1,307	2,252	42	58	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbonear	-	5,070	3,339	8,409	60	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carmanville	3,000	2,750	2,225	4,975	55	45	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catalina	3,000	1,843	1,719	3,562	52	48	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centreville	2,000	1,416	1,973	3,389	42	58	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change Islands	600	655	-	655	100	-	1.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarenville	2,700	2,588	2,448	5,036	51	49	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dark Cove	-	1,416	2,229	3,645	39	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fogo	4,500	641	753	1,394	46	54	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fortune	2,500	1,884	1,828	3,712	51	49	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Harbour	800	165	-	165	100	-	.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freshwater	1,800	439	690	1,129	39	61	.62	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gander	10,000	7,557	5,107	12,664	60	40	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garnish	685	1,239	1,380	2,619	47	53	3.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glenwood	1,400	486	683	1,169	42	58	.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glovertown	-	1,810	2,287	4,097	44	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Bank	4,000	3,666	2,078	5,744	64	36	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenspond	440	1,790	1,435	3,225	56	44	7.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Happy Valley	14,000	3,471	1,956	5,427	64	36	.38	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harbour Grace	4,000	1,394	2,443	3,837	36	64	.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hare Bay	1,500	824	1,816	2,640	31	69	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labrador City	13,500	7,415	3,460	10,875	68	32	.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewisporte	7,000	2,325	2,405	4,730	49	51	.65	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lumsden	700	443	425	868	51	49	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marystown	5,000	2,497	1,530	4,027	62	38	.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mount Pearl	10-12,000	6,000	4,000	10,000	60	40	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Musgrave Harbour	-	1,750	1,326	3,076	57	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Placentia	6,000	4,388	2,679	7,067	62	38	1.17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Saunders	1,000	400	600	1,000	40	60	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pouch Cove	1,600	153	174	327	47	53	.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rama	1,306	3,526	3,026	6,552	54	46	5.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Anthony	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Lawrence	3,500	4,494	3,177	7,671	59	41	2.19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern Harbour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spaniard's Bay	2,000	1,198	970	2,168	55	45	1.08	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summerford	1,200	737	1,079	1,816	41	59	1.51	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trepassey	2,500	197	101	298	66	34	.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twillingate	5,000	4,027	1,860	5,887	68	32	1.17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upper Island Cove	-	200	200	400	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	312	312	624	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wabush	3,000	7,704	4,916	12,620	61	39	4.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wesleyville	-	1,636	1,876	3,512	47	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winterton	1-2,000	620	800	1,420	44	56	1.29	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookmobile Clarenville				4,000									
Bookmobile Carbonear				6,000									
Bookmobile St. John's				10,000									
Travelling Library Svs. Exchange		24,000	36,000	60,000									
TOTAL		113,853	127,087	280,940									

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LIBRARY	POP. SERVED	ADULT. BK. CIR.	JUV. BK. CIR.	TOTAL BK. CIR.	VOLS. PER CAP.	NON. BK. CIR.	TOTAL CIR.	MEMBER-SHIP	HRS. OPEN PER WEEK	STAFF FULL TIME	STAFF PART TIME
Arnolds Cove	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-
Badgers Quay	1,700	4,241	4,827	9,068	5.33	--	9,068	635	10	1	-
Bay Roberts	8,000	4,715	2,496	7,211	.90	--	7,211	858	10	1	-
Bell Island	6,500	5,925	4,723	10,648	1.63	--	10,648	-	10	1	1
Bonavista	3,000	5,576	7,023	12,604	4.20	--	12,604	500	8	1	-
Brigus	1,500	3,156	4,187	7,343	4.89	--	7,343	523	6	1	-
Burgeo	3,000	5,440	5,005	10,445	3.48	--	10,445	789	15	1	-
Burin	4,000	8,232	7,138	15,370	3.84	--	15,370	876	18½	1	1
Cape Shore (St. Brides)	2,000	4,797	9,728	14,525	7.26	--	14,525	633	23½	1	-
Carbonear	-	15,791	10,081	25,872	-	--	25,872	1,092	25	1	1
Carmanville	3,000	8,659	12,492	21,151	7.05	--	21,151	911	35	1	-
Catalina	3,000	1,682	3,493	5,175	1.72	--	5,175	287	8	1	-
Centreville	2,000	2,591	5,348	7,939	3.96	--	7,939	417	15	1	1
Change Islands	600	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	1	-
Churchill Falls	-	5,913	2,562	18,475	-	--	18,475	515	25	1	1
Clareville	2,700	4,336	6,405	10,741	3.97	--	10,741	869	12	1	-
Dark Cove	-	4,644	8,198	12,842	-	--	12,842	920	15	1	-
Fogo	4,500	2,846	1,071	3,917	.87	--	3,917	714	25	1	1
Fortune	2,500	2,015	10,356	12,371	4.94	--	12,371	334	16½	1	-
Fox Harbour	800	711	1,884	2,583	3.22	--	2,583	400	9	1	-
Freshwater	1,800	1,149	5,296	6,545	3.63	--	6,545	280	7	1	-
Gander	10,000	23,316	17,193	40,509	4.05	--	40,509	3,859	24	1	-
Garnish	685	3,485	4,309	9,588	13.99	--	9,588	343	10	1	-
Glenwood	1,400	620	3,280	3,900	2.78	--	3,900	257	6	1	-
Glovertown	-	4,441	2,974	7,415	-	--	7,415	99	12	1	-
Grand Bank	4,000	3,621	5,321	8,974	2.24	--	8,974	450	14	1	-
Greenspond	440	1,226	1,268	2,494	5.66	--	2,494	150	4	1	-
Happy Valley	14,000	3,106	3,264	6,370	.45	--	6,370	530	15	1	2
Harbour Grace	4,000	6,876	8,253	15,129	3.78	--	15,129	498	19½	1	-
Hare Bay	1,500	937	2,379	3,316	2.21	--	3,316	603	6	1	-
Labrador City	13,500	35,681	9,857	45,538	3.37	--	45,538	3,796	31	1	1
Lewisporte	7,000	5,064	4,364	9,428	1.34	--	9,428	776	8	1	-
Lumsden	700	645	592	1,237	1.76	--	1,237	187	18	1	-
Marystown	5,000	4,198	7,762	11,960	2.39	--	11,960	1,362	16	1	-
Mount Pearl	10-12,000	24,664	43,392	68,056	-	--	68,056	4,152	47	1	-
Minerave Harbour	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-

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Placentia	6,000	7,203	7,130	14,333	2.38	--	14,333	911	25	1	--
Port Saunders	1,000	457	225	1,606	1.60	--	1,606	237	10	1	--
Pouch Cove	1,600	965	4,049	5,014	3.13	--	5,014	176	10	1	--
Ramea	1,306	5,931	11,396	17,327	13.26	--	17,327	737	12 1/2	1	--
St. Anthony	3,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	1	--
St. Lawrence	3,500	6,930	11,712	18,632	5.32	--	18,632	1,056	24	1	--
Southern Harbour	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Spaniards Bay	2,000	2,167	2,913	5,080	2.54	--	5,080	421	7	1	--
Summerford	1,200	1,322	938	2,260	1.88	--	2,260	208	6	1	--
Trepassey	2,500	747	3,466	43,112	17.24	--	42,112	179	6	1	--
Twillingate	5,000	2,516	1,401	3,917	.78	--	3,917	--	10	1	--
Upper Island Cove	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Victoria	--	557	1,673	2,230	--	--	2,230	247	10	1	--
Wabush	3,000	10,019	6,738	17,358	5.78	--	17,358	1,546	9	1	2
Wesleyville	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Winterton	1-2,000	1,527	3,810	5,337	4.85	--	5,337	185	5	1	--
Bookmobile Clareville		10,980	22,156	33,136			33,136				
Bookmobile Carbonear		17,791	39,132	56,923			56,923				
Bookmobile St. John's		12,176	108,243	120,419			120,419				
Exchange		12,700	125,700	132,700			132,700				
TOTAL		304,287	586,635	896,097			928,123	34,509			

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CENTRAL REGIONANALYSIS OF COLLECTIONS

1974 - 1975

LIBRARY	POP. SERVED	ADULT VOLS.	JUV. VOLS.	TOTAL VOLS.	% A/VOLS.	% J/VOLS.	VOLS. PER CAP.	VOLS. ADDED	TITLES ADDED	VOLS. WITH- DRAWN	NO. PHONO RECD.	NO. OF FILMS	NO. PERIOD- ICALS.
Baie Verte	2,397	1,538	1,256	2,794	55	45	.75	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bishops Falls	5,200	2,522	4,174	6,696	38	62	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Botwood	5,000	2,260	1,372	3,632	62	38	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buchans	3,000	7,331	4,477	11,808	62	38	3.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harbour Breton	3,000	1,377	1,721	3,098	44	56	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harmsworth (G.F.)	20,000	6,999	4,031	11,030	63	37	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harry's Harbour	800	2,550	1,580	4,130	62	38	5.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hermitage	800	1,046	1,379	2,425	43	57	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kings Point	1,000	944	753	1,747	57	43	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Scie	1,500	1,048	1,198	2,246	47	53	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norris Arm	1,550	1,153	907	2,060	56	44	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Point Leamington	1,000	906	1,047	1,953	46	54	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Albans	2,200	480	564	1,044	46	54	.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seal Cove	960	830	1,100	1,930	43	57	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Springdale	4,000	3,281	2,560	5,841	56	44	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windsor	7,000	217	2,157	2,374	.9	91	.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bookmobile				1,079									
Books by Mail				501									
Reg. Office				1,505									
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34,527</b>	<b>30,276</b>	<b>78,893</b>									

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CENTRAL REGIONCIRCULATION1974 - 1975

LIBRARY	POP. SERVED	ADULT BK. CIR.	JUV. BK. CIR.	TOTAL BK. CIR.	VOLS. PER CAP.	NON. BK. CIR.	TOTAL CIR.	MEMBER- SHIP	HRS. OPEN PER WEEK	STAFF FULL TIME	STAFF PART TIME
Baie Verte	2,397	2,845	4,377	7,222	3.5	---	7,222	729	10	1	-
Bishops Falls	5,200	12,477	14,193	27,670	6.75	---	27,670	2,154	21	1	1
Botwood	5,000	3,827	3,325	7,152	1.5	---	7,152	1,413	10½	1	-
Buchans	3,000	12,250	14,839	27,089	9.1	---	27,089	1,044	20	1	1
Harbour Breton	3,000	2,490	3,590	6,080	2.1	---	6,080	367	10	1	-
Harnsworth (G.F.)	20,000	28,118	20,278	48,396	6.75	---	48,396	3,753	39	1	4
Harrys Harbour	800	1,756	2,054	3,810	4.5	---	3,810	205	10	1	-
Hermitage	800	1,964	4,084	6,048	7.5	---	6,048	284	12	1	-
Kings Point	1,000	3,330	4,277	7,607	8.5	---	7,607	344	10	1	-
La Scie	1,500	8,372	4,675	12,947	8.6	---	12,947	495	10½	1	-
Norris Arm	1,550	1,986	2,805	4,791	3.2	---	4,791	361	10	1	-
Point Leamington	1,000	1,301	3,588	4,889	4.75	---	4,889	380	15	1	-
St. Albans	2,200	3,651	5,267	8,918	4.5	---	8,918	420	10	1	-
Seal Cove	960	433	1,239	1,672	-	---	1,672	158	10	1	-
Springdale	4,000	6,168	6,114	12,282	3.2	---	12,282	515	16	1	1
Windsor	7,000	1,533	13,057	14,590	2.5	---	14,590	1,294	12	1	-
Books by mail				7,500			7,500				
TOTAL		<u>93,401</u>	<u>107,762</u>	<u>223,943</u>			<u>223,943</u>	<u>17,916</u>			

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CIRCULATION  
1974 - 1975

LIBRARY	POP. SERVED	ADULT BK. CIR.	JUV. BK. CIR.	TOTAL BK. CIR.	VOLS. PER CAP.	NON. BK. CIR.	TOTAL CIR.	MEMBER- SHIP	HRS OPEN PER WEEK	STAFF FULL TIME	STAFF PART TIME
Bay St. George South	1,000	3,789	5,013	8,802	8.4	---	8,802	319	25	1	-
Cape St. George	2,500	4,632	8,426	13,058	-	---	13,058	900	9	1	-
Channel	6,000	11,670	7,297	18,967	3.9	---	18,967	1,436	29½	1	-
Codroy Valley	1,500	361	209	570	.3	---	570	198	35	1	-
Cormack	700	3,058	2,536	5,594	7.7	---	5,594	305	8	1	-
Corner Brook	30,000	33,911	38,590	72,501	2.5	678	73,179	3,900	62½	6	1
Cowhead	-	-	-	-	-	---	-	-	-	-	-
Daniels Harbour	500	547	1,132	1,679	3.2	---	1,679	225	7	1	-
Deer Lake	7,000	2,541	4,685	7,226	1.5	---	7,226	1,054	25	1	-
Lourdes	3,000	3,845	8,328	12,173	-	---	12,173	355	10	1	-
Norris Point	1,200	72	306	378	.25	---	378	239	12½	1	-
Pasadena	3,000	1,621	3,091	4,640	1.5	---	4,640	388	15	1	-
Port au Port East	1,400	1,926	7,646	9,572	6.1	---	9,572	411	15	1	-
Port au Port West	1,500	1,891	2,268	4,159	2.6	---	4,159	502	15	1	-
Rocky Harbour	1,000	698	916	1,614	1.6	---	1,614	391	15	1	-
St. Georges	2,046	5,067	4,196	9,263	4.52	---	9,263	556	15	1	-
Stephenville	15,150	28,396	19,685	48,081	3.17	---	48,081	2,254	48	1	2
Stephenville Crossing	3,200	5,410	6,336	11,746	3.67	---	11,746	773	12	1	-
Woody Point	1,600	1,702	3,507	5,209	3.25	---	5,209	255	7	1	1
Bookmobile #1		12,076	66,340	78,416	-	---	78,416	5,040			
Bookmobile #2		5,757	34,914	40,671		232	40,903	5,319			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>128,970</b>	<b>225,349</b>	<b>354,319</b>			<b>355,229</b>	<b>24,820</b>			

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