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Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, first of all I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Dr. Kitchen in St. John's West, and Mr. Charlie Power in Ferryland district, for winning the two by-elections yesterday.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER MOORES: For our part, Mr. Speaker, we are delighted to have Mr. Power joining us - and I thought that would stop that sustained applause - but I am delighted that Mr. Power, after several years hard work towards his election, has finally made it. I would also like to congratulate his two opponents who, in my opinion, conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. They fought a good campaign. Equally in the St. John's district, I think both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green did their best. They were not successful and Dr. Kitchen was. I am sure that the Leader of the Opposition should be very bouyed up by the fact that he and his party showed such a rebounding ability. I think he must be overjoyed at the fact of having a man of Dr. Kitchen's calibre sit at his left. I am sure that as the years go by he will certainly be the beneficiary, or certainly will be affected, and his party will be, by Dr. Kitchen's talents which are considerable.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, the Premier has many good points, and not the least of them is a sense

MR. ROBERTS: of generosity and sportsmanship, and I would compliment him on that. I would also wish to add the voices of those of us on this side of the House in congratulating the two members, the two gentlemen who were elected last night, and in congratulating their opponents.

I think both the by-elections were fought in an exemplary fashion. The press thought they were quiet campaigns, which meant an absence of hoopla, but I can assure the House, and I am sure the Premier would concur, that any hon. gentleman who campaigned was very much aware of the fact that the campaigns were very hard fought by all parties. In fact, I knocked on a door in St. John's West yesterday to invite the people there to come out to exercise their franchise, and I gather I was either the seventeenth or eighteenth party representative to have been at that house that day. I guess the people in question were marked doubtful on all the parties canvass lists.

I do wish to congratulate Mr. Charles Power. He will take his seat in the House now without the necessity of a recount. I believe it took him five cracks, counting the two nomination campaigns and the three general elections. I think that is a tribute to his persistence and to his doggedness, and he ought to be congratulated and complimented.

MR. SIMMONS: Second only to 'Bill Patterson'.

MR. ROBERTS: The people of Ferryland district wanted to settle the issue and they did settle it. I do not have the percentages for Ferryland district before me as yet, but a margin of 240 votes is quite a clear-cut and quite a decisive margin. His opponents, Mr. Kenny and Mr. Walter Power, who represented us, I think both conducted themselves with great style and great

MR. ROBERTS: grace and fought first-class campaigns.

St. John's West, Sir, I think will go down as one of the more significant campaigns. Dr. Kitchen has been declared the member elect. The official count will be on Saturday and I would assume the election-night totals will stand, they usually do, and then we will see what happens from there.

I think all of us on this side are pleased, Sir, because as the Premier has said, it is a significant breakthrough. It is a matter of interest that the P.C. candidate's vote is the lowest percentage gotten by a Tory candidate in St. John's since Confederation.

Mr. Lewis, who represented the P.C. Party -

MR. MURPHY: No, it is not.

MR. ROBERTS: In St. John's.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: In St. John's.

MR. ROBERTS: It is the lowest percentage of a vote, Sir.

MR. MURPHY: No.

MR. ROBERTS: Thirty per cent of the vote is the lowest percentage a P.C. in a St. John's district has got since Confederation, so I am told. Mr. Lewis got about 30.5 per cent of the vote, Mr. Green of the N.D.P. got 34.0 per cent of the vote, and Dr. Kitchen got 35.4 per cent of the vote.

MR. MURPHY: It is the first time and it will be the last.

MR. MCNEIL: It is also lower than the lowest Liberal vote.

MR. FLIGHT: It is the first time the ministers went down there too.

MR. ROBERTS: Oh, it is not, it is double the Liberal vote in St. John's West in the election last year. It is exactly double what happened in the election where Mr. Crosbie was sent to Ottawa.

MR. MURPHY: But not in the Provincial.

MR. ROBERTS: Provincial? Oh no, no, no!

Gosh no! Down in St. John's East we got 18 per cent of the vote; down in Pleasantville we got - what? - under 20 per cent of the vote in the general election. But the fact remains, Sir, that in what was formerly the P.C. stronghold of St. John's -

MR. J. CARTER: You did well, for a change.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: We did well, Sir, and I think the people did well, and let me add on to that quite simply, that I am delighted that Dr. Kitchen is in the House. It is the second time he has been elected. The last time, as the Premier will recall vividly, Dr. Kitchen was with us for only half a day, the one day session. I am sure he will be here a great deal longer this time. I propose to ask Your Honour to assign to him the seat formerly occupied by the gentleman from Twillingate (Mr. Smallwood). I believe, Sir, that Dr. Kitchen will make the kind of mark that the gentleman from Twillingate made, both within the House and outside, Sir.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Port de Grave.

MR. DAME: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to add my words of congratulations to the two members, Mr. Power and Dr. Kitchen. Irrespective of what the Leader of the Opposition has said, in my opinion, I think these two new members will be sitting here. What actually tipped the scales in favour of the two new members was the persons themselves. Neither of the parties can take all the credit. We all know of Charlie Powers aggressiveness. He was a good member when he was

MR. ROBERTS: Let me ask a question of the Minister of Health, Sir, a district situation but one which is of great importance, the Flower's Cove public health centre, or the proposals to establish it. Can the minister tell us, please, what will be done this year to start work on the clinic? The planning has been completed; in fact, I have seen the plans, why be coy about it? Will work start this year?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Health.

MR. H. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I had a short conversation with the hon. member behind the curtain yesterday and I undertook then, and I will reconfirm that now, as soon as I get an opportunity I will take a look at exactly where the planning is and will get back to him in his office.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Labour and Manpower. Sometime ago the minister tabled a letter in the House which he had written to his federal counterpart, the hon. Bud Cullen, and I have not been able to get a copy of the letter. However, it is my understanding that in that letter the minister made some suggestions to the hon. Mr. Cullen respecting Manpower training programmes, and UIC benefits, and several other things. I wonder if the minister could indicate to the House whether he has yet had a reply from Mr. Cullen?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes, I have. And as I suggested earlier I would hope within the next couple of weeks to arrange a meeting. I have asked my officials to look at the week of July 4th. If we can arrange a meeting with

MR. ROUSSEAU: Mr. Cullen I will travel to Ottawa and meet with him and discuss further the letter. I have had a reply to the original letter.

MR. LUSH: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. LUSH: I wonder also, if the minister can indicate if in that letter he made any request through Mr. Cullen that there be a joint effort made by the federal and provincial governments to try and alleviate the unemployment problem that we are currently facing?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes, yes we did, Mr. Speaker. Actually, as the member says, there were three points raised in the letter. The question of changes in the unemployment insurance programme: We gave our position, as a Province, on that to the federal government, and the question of Manpower training, and the question of allocation of funds for the capital works programmes. So beyond that, I have had the reply from Mr. Cullen. Some aspects of the reply were not encouraging, but hopefully we can sit down and discuss the matters and resolve any differences we have. We are not happy with the new unemployment regulations insofar as it covers the fishermen and the ten week period. It is very difficult in this Province with ten weeks. Although it is a return from the twelve weeks previously announced, it is still very difficult for some people to get ten weeks of benefits here in this Province with the kind of industries we have, seasonal.

The question of Manpower training as I suggested, during the estimates and in the letter I tabled, we were losing man days, not because the amount of money - the amount of money actually this



MR. MURPHY: and everything to the Public Utilities Commission, so basically all they did was take the 300 or 400 pieces of presentations that I had, they looked at them, they surveyed the whole situation generally, where the problem areas were. This will be looked at by Cabinet and then if there is a further investigation needed that will be done. But as far as rates and whatnot are concerned, I did not ask them to look into rates because it had been established previously by a commission and will be looked at now by the Public Utilities Board, and I am hoping to include a separate investigation into fire insurance and mobile homes. Basically that is the statement I did make on these things.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker, does the minister intend to have the rates, the increases we have seen in insurance over the years - this was the purpose for which the general public clamoured to have a probe, because of the way insurance rates have escalated the past couple of years. Now they may never go back to PUB for another rate increase, so we are stuck. What the people of the Province wanted to know was whether or not the insurance companies were indeed gouging the public as indeed they have been accused of. Does the minister not believe that that should have been one of the Committee's responsibilities?

MR. MURPHY: No. I think it might be something for a further committee to do after they have surveyed it, as I said. They just hauled together an awful lot of presentations that I did not have the chance to look at, nor did anybody else, to set it down into matters, as I said - one would be mobile homes, another one would be older homes not furnace heated, and this type of thing. I hope to submit the report within the next few days to Cabinet who will look at the thing and

MR. MURPHY: then, I think, it might be practical, perhaps, to bring in someone and have a look at the question of rates. I have done some correspondence myself right across Canada, and we find that pretty well the same conditions prevail. In some cases we are a bit lower and in some a bit higher, but we are trying to emphasize, as I said earlier, matters such as safe driving, the reduction of the speed limit, as the hon. the Minister of Transportation has said, perhaps the use of safety belts. Unless we can reduce the accident rate there is no hoping of reducing the rates established, unless the Committee looks further and the Public Utilities Board, which is equipped to get into all these matters, can then give us a definite ruling on whether the rates are justified or not.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. FLIGHT: Would the minister indicate to the House if the Committee looked into the charge that the insurance companies are denying people in rural Newfoundland, and even all over Newfoundland, denying them insurance because of where they live or as a result of the fact that they have installed wood-burning units and this type of thing? Has the Committee probed that type of accusation? That charge was flying around here last year and it needs to be looked into.

MR. MURPHY: Yes, I would say that was a part of it. You do not have to go to rural areas. I have them here right in the centre of St. John's who do not have furnaces in their houses and are using, perhaps, space heaters and have been refused or offered insurance at very prohibitive rates, in the opinion of the people. So the whole thing will be looked at. And if we are talking about getting back to wood stoves and coal stoves to save electricity and these insurance rates skyrocket, well, it is just as well to pay the high electric rates

MR. MURPHY: as to pay the insurance.  
So the consumer is caught in the middle on the whole thing. What the answer is at this moment I am not in a position to say.

MR. FLIGHT: One final supplementary,  
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. FLIGHT: Would the minister indicate what time that report will be made public?

MR. MURPHY: I cannot indicate exactly, but I hope within the next three weeks or so to have the whole thing. In courtesy I would just like to have Cabinet have a look at it. Perhaps it might be sooner than that. There is no great statistical information to hide; it is just a general survey of conditions that prevail regarding insurance in pretty well every area. I might add that as far as car insurance is concerned, we were looking at public liability. Now we are hoping to bring in the comprehensive and the collision insurance into the whole orbit of the Public Utilities Board.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Windsor-Buchans.

MR. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture, please. Would the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture give the House an update on the status of the experimental budworm spraying going on on the West coast now? Just what areas have been sprayed? Are there any areas not sprayed? Are we running out of time to do the experimental spray programme, and this type of information. Would the minister give the House an update please?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture.

MR. MAYNARD: I do not have a complete update

MR. MAYNARD: this morning, Mr. Speaker. The reports do not usually come in until ten o'clock as to what areas have been done. But so far there has been some problem with weather conditions around the Province in trying to get the experimental programme carried out. Some of the programmes have been carried out in Central Newfoundland on the smaller blocks and one large block. There have been a couple of attempts made on the West coast. The weather has been inclement and we have not been able to carry out the spray programme.

The helicopter experiment was being done with Bell Helicopters. They have not been able to get the so-called bucket that is used in the helicopter spraying in at this point in time, although they hope to have it within a couple of days.

The question as to whether it is too late or not: It is not, for the next couple of weeks, too late to kill the budworm that may be around at that point in time. It may be, within the next few days, too late to prevent damage to the trees, but it will not be too late to kill the budworm for the next three or four weeks.

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

MR. STRACHAN: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Mines and Energy. Now that there seems to be an easing up, at least, in the restrictions for the export of uranium, and in general it looks a little healthier, could the minister tell us whether we are any closer to getting a 'go' or 'no go' situation on the Kitts Pond - Michelin Lake deposit.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. PECKFORD: One of the factors involved in

MR. PECKFORD: the green light or red light situation of the Kitts-Michelin ore deposit is the business of uranium exports, but it is not the only one. There are many other factors which will determine whether, in fact, the project flies or not. One is the environmental situation, which is a very important one, and the overall economics of the operation as it applies to the going price of uranium. The answers to those two other factors will not be known until Brinex complete both their environmental studies and their economic feasibility studies which are due to be completed in mid-Summer.

However, it is not totally clear yet just how the whole uranium export situation is going to work itself out. The Japanese and the Canadians seem to be close to an agreement. If we get a few more mystery ships travelling around the world, leaving ports and not turning up at their supposed destinations, and in the meantime having millions of dollars of uranium aboard, perhaps this will spur countries to try to do something in an open way rather than in those mysterious ways. I guess it points up the necessity for some kind of standard international agreement on the flow of uranium products from one country to another.

But to make a long story short, Mr. Speaker, hopefully by mid-Summer we will have some definite intentions from Brinex and then be able to put our own position before them.

MR. STRACHAN: A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. STRACHAN: Could the minister assure us if the 'go' or 'no go' situation is delayed or held over because of all these reasons? Could the minister assure us that the environmental assessment group and the work

MR. STPACHAN: they are doing on the protection of the environment will continue with as much vigor as if the situation was understood to go ahead rather than to slack off and to accept a lower level of environmental work?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. PECKFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can assure the hon. member that because there is this delay now it has not reduced our enthusiasm on the environmental side, and that we will pursue that. The Minister of the Environment and myself are, in the last week or so, involved in this very deeply and we intend to continue it with all vigor. Add that to the expressed intentions of Brinex, as the hon. member has indicated some days ago, to really try to have as close to a perfect situation in a uranium mine as possible under present technology and knowledge, we will continue to do that with all vigor.

MR. STRACHAN: A final supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: A final supplementary.

MR. STRACHAN: Could the minister assure us, and also, probably, the Minister of Environment assure us, that the Dames and Moore Report, the company who are doing the environmental work, or have been contacted to do the environmental work, that that company's work will be scrutinized with the utmost severity? Because as we have known there has been some criticism of their lackadaisical approach, or at least their non-understanding of the problems of this Province, because they are an out-of-Province company which I objected to in the first place. I felt that the company could have been an in-Province company

MR. STRACHAN: but they are an out-of-Province company and I am asking whether their reports will be scrutinized deeply and they not be allowed to give slipshod work.

MR. PECKFORD: Do you want to answer that, 'Ank'?

MR. MURPHY: What is that?

MR. PECKFORD: Do you want to answer that?

MR. MURPHY: Yes, I can assure the hon. member that before any permission is granted every last shred of evidence will be gathered. The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy has said that we are working very actively. In the very near future there is a meeting again of both Mines and Energy and the Environmental people. Dr. David Barnes, I think, is heading the thing up, and before anything goes ahead there will be an absolute guarantee given to the member and the people in his area that everything is above board. And as far as our Province is concerned, and our environment, we take no risk whatever in any way.

MR. FLIGHT: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A final supplementary, then the hon. gentleman for LaPoile.

MR. FLIGHT: Would the Minister of the Environment indicate to the House, in the capacity of environmental protection, if he has any readings on the spruce budworm spraying with regard to the effect it is having on the environment in the areas that have been sprayed? Are there any reports coming in from the people that he has on the site at this time in the areas sprayed? Any province.

MR. MURPHY: I have not received any direct, but I would just like to assure the hon. member that through the Forestry and Agriculture Minister and

MR. MURPHY: through all, it is a little concrete group working together one to the other, so at this moment I have nothing to report on it.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to put my question to the hon. the Premier, Sir, but the hon the Premier not being in his seat -

AN HON. MEMBER: He is listening though.

MR. NEARY: Well, is the hon. the Premier out in the corridor or out in the common-room? Well, the hon. gentleman is coming so - the question has been put to the Minister of Mines and Energy, the answer given the House has been unsatisfactory so now I am going to put the question to the hon. the Premier and it is in connection, Sir, with widespread statements that have been made by the Federal Minister of Mines and Energy, Mr. Gillespie, in connection with a proposal that was made to this Province in relation to the development of Gull Island, the tunnel underneath the Straits of Belle and the transmission line.

As the House knows, Mr. Gillespie, has been widely publicized as saying that he has made the government a proposal to become a shareholder, to buy shares, and to become a partner in the development of these three great projects, and he says that an answer from the Premier is overdue. Now let us get it straight. Has there been a proposal to the Premier or has there not? Could the Premier straighten this matter out once and for all?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: I think Mr. Gillespie may have been suffering from a little extreme pressure from the previous member for St. John's West, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure. But when we were in Ottawa, as the Minister of Mines and Energy, I think, told the House the other day,

PREMIER MOORES: certainly we talked about the subject at some length and at that time Mr. Gillespie intimated that the federal government may be interested in taking an equity position which was a new approach from what they had before. That was to be followed up by doing an updating of the cost of the project by both the federal and provincial officials, and that has been done. That has not only been done, but it has been submitted with the exception of the money costs, and the inflationary cost, which has to be identified. Of course those are arbitrary figures and guesses, at best, I would suggest at this time. But other than that this information has been available. There was never ever a proposal in writing. There was never ever a proposal to my knowledge, or to our knowledge, other than what was really a conversation in the most general terms around the table, other than to update the figure to bring it to a stage where a proposal could be made.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. the Premier in his reply to my question talked about the federal government putting equity into this project. Now I am not sure if Mr. Gillespie is talking about the same thing; equity, partnership, or buying shares in the corporation, but does the Premier feel that the Province should jump at this opportunity to have the Government of Canada become a partner in these three gigantic projects? And does the Premier not feel that he should pursue this matter with Mr. Gillespie and even though there is nothing in writing, I understand from the Premier's answer, pursue it to see if it is a fact that Mr. Gillespie is being quoted correctly?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: I do not think there is any question but Mr. Gillespie is enthusiastic in his own style, Sir. The fact is that, of course, yes, I agree. I think we should follow it up and we will follow it up as briskly and as forcefully as we possibly can.

I might also say that, regarding this, when we talk about equity in the Lower Churchill I think what we are talking about, and what he meant, was some cost sharing by the federal government of the project itself like it does with nuclear plants today. In the case of a nuclear power plant they pay fifty per cent of the cost of the nuclear plant itself whereby with generating stations that is not so, so I think that was the sort of formula he was looking at.

The problem of customers for the full amount of power still causes a considerable problem. Of course, the Quebec situation is still there. But all these things are being put forward and are being followed up with the diligence that we can muster at this time.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, this will be a final supplementary, Sir. I do not want to belabour the point, but it seems to me to be one of the most important developments in this Province in a long time, when the Government of Canada offers to become a partner. Now the Premier just mentioned that what Mr. Gillespie probably meant was to develop these projects on a cost shared basis of, say, fifty/fifty. Well that in itself is a major accomplishment. They have done it in the case of the Tar Sands and in the case of nuclear power plants and so forth, so would the Premier indicate if and when a

MR. NEARY: meeting can be set up between his colleagues and the federal government to see if this matter cannot be brought to a head and get the project underway as early as possible?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, yes, the Minister of Mines and Energy has already been in touch with Mr. Gillespie on several occasions trying to get a meeting set up as soon as possible, but that does not mean to say that action will take place as soon as possible. And I might point out to Mr. Gillespie and others that he talks about not having a report for the go-ahead of the Gull Island project. In fact, the federal government had the position two and-a-half years ago that this Province was ready to go ahead. We were ready to go ahead then, two and-a-half years ago, and we are ready to go ahead now.

MR. NEARY: Yes, but do not get stubborn about it now.

MR. MOORES: I am not getting stubborn. No, no.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, again a question to the Premier.

MR. STRACHAN: Is that a supplementary?

MR. LUSH: No, it is a new question. In last June's by-election in Bonavista North the Premier promised to establish a blueberry factory at Centerville.

PREMIER MOORES: Yes.

MR. LUSH: With the recent closedown of so many industries, this certainly would be a good time to start a new one, so I wonder if the Premier is in a position to inform the House what steps the government

MR. LUSH: have taken to establish this blueberry factory at Centerville?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker the blueberry industry as the hon. member - you make this as somewhat in jest, but not so - the blueberry industry in the Province is of major concern to both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Rural Development, and the screening and the freezing of the berries in individual form is something we are looking very seriously at right now. We will be doing it as soon as possible, but it is the sort of thing that Rural Development is concentrating on. It is just that.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. ROBERTS: The Minister of Transportation, I think, is just outside the Chamber. If he could resume his seat I would like to ask him a question. If he would keep quiet for a minute he could hear what I am saying. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Speaker. It relates again to my constituency, to the Labrador portion of it. Could the minister tell us, please, what work will be done this year by his department's officials, either using their own forces or through the agency of contractors, with respect to improving the road between L'Anse-au-Clair in the South and Red Bay in the North, the main road through that part of the district?

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

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take that question under advisement. I do not want to make this promise this year again and not follow through.

MR. MORGAN: Last year I promised to go down with the hon. gentleman to that part of the Province which is in his district to take a look and be accompanied by the engineers of the department. It is my intention to do it this year as soon as the House closes. Hopefully - not next week, we shall be in Ottawa but the following week - we will go down to the area and take the people concerned, the maintenance people primarily, and take a look and see what we can do this Summer.

MR. STRACHAN: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. STRACHAN: Thank you. This is really a supplementary to an earlier discussion, but I will direct it to the Minister of Mines and Energy, concerning Mr. Gillespie and the Gull Island situation. Could the minister indicate whether he or the Premier, or the administration has been in touch with Mr. Gillespie to verify the press statements that he made, firstly. And secondly; whether he has been in touch with him since he made these statements to discuss possible get togethers, to follow up on his initiative, the initiative made by Mr. Gillespie, if it can be called initiative.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. PECKFORD: I have not, Mr. Speaker, been in touch with Mr. Gillespie this week. I was talking to him on Friday past and I am trying to line up to speak to him again now within the next seven days or so. And because there has been some ongoing discussions between the Provinces on energy conservation which we have been pushing, we meaning both the Province and all the provinces, trying to combine when I go to Ottawa, hopefully to resolve the national conservation programme,

MR. PECKFORD: to also be in a position then to talk to him about the whole Gull Island project and its in position.

There does not seem to be any point in trying to confirm with Mr. Gillespie some of the comments that he makes in the House of Commons or just outside, because it does not do anything for inhibiting that kind of a misunderstanding from getting out again in the future. It is just the ongoing kind of process with Mr. Gillespie in response to questions in the House and outside, that he from time to time makes fairly general sweeping statements which upon closer examination do not always have all the elements in them that we would consider valid.

MR. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Windsor - Buchans.

MR. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. the House Leader would undertake to get the Minister of Tourism, or else the Minister of Consumer Affairs and the Environment in to answer a question relative to their portfolios?

MR. HICKMAN: I beg your pardon?

MR. FLIGHT: The Minister of Tourism.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Transportation and Communications. I wonder if the minister is in a position to inform the House just what is the status of the negotiations with Ottawa with respect to upgrading the Trans-Canada Highway?

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

MR. MORGAN: Well, Mr. Speaker, the four provinces have been waiting all this week for a meeting

MR. MORGAN: with the federal minister. It was planned for Monday past, but it had to be postponed. As of yesterday afternoon we have been informed by the federal minister the hon. Otto Lang that he wants to meet with us - when I say us, the four ministers responsible for transportation and highways in the Atlantic region - on Monday, June 27 in his office at Ottawa. Of course, the meeting will include the ministers and their officials with the federal minister and his officials and we will then put forward the position we finalized at our earlier meetings held in Halifax, No. 1, and No. 2 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. We are hoping to reach agreement at that time, at that meeting coming up with Mr. Lang, to get the agreement signed and get the work going. So the meeting has now been set for June 27, with Mr. Lang.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. HICKMAN: Budget Debate.  
MR. SPEAKER: Committee of Ways and Means.  
Order 2. The motion is that I leave the Chair.

The hon. the member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, the short notice puts me in the situation where I will have to do my filing or my unfiled, as it were, as I talk. There is no shortage of subjects we can talk about this morning when one has such a broad general subject as the Budget debate, and as soon as I find my proper folder I am sure I will be in high flight. Indeed, the events of the last, we could say the last twenty-four hours, twenty-six and-a-half hours to be more correct, are enough to give us plenty of topics for at least an extended Budget debate, considering that I have unlimited time and could talk until at least Tuesday or Wednesday on the subject of the by-elections and their implications for spending.

MR. MORGAN:

What are we doing now?

MR. SIMMONS:

Oh, we are on the Budget debate now, for the information of the Minister of Transportation and Communications. The Budget Debate: What better topic? What better topic? Why am I so favoured, Mr. Speaker, that the morning after a by-election, two by-elections, two glorious by-elections, I should have this opportunity to talk on the Budget debate?

The question I put to the Premier this morning about when the by-election would be called in Twillingate is one that needs to be answered fairly soon. Because we proved last night, Mr. Speaker, the people of this Province cannot wait to get the opportunity to express their view on the way this crowd, this hon. crowd, Mr. Speaker, are running the government.

Now we have heard all kinds of theories about what really happened last night. No shortage of analysis about who really won or who really lost last night's by-election, so I am sure the House will bear with me if I give my version of what happened last night, and it goes somewhat as follows: I had a look at the by-election results for the provincial by-election in Ferryland in 1976. In that election, June 30, 1976, you will remember we had two Liberal candidates, the Liberal and the Liberal Reform, and we had two P.C. candidates, the P.C. and the independent. The two Liberal candidates in 1976 got 1,414 votes; the two P.C. candidates got 2,352 votes. The NDP got 114. In 1977, last night, the Liberals get 1,256 compared to 1,414; the P.C.'s. get 1,496 compared to 2,352. Compared to 2,352, Mr. Speaker. They did not even nearly hold on to their own vote. They dropped

MR. SIMMONS: from 2,300 votes to 1,500 votes, dropped over 800 votes last night, the Tories did in Ferryland. About 300 of these were picked up by the NDP. They went from one hundred and something to 500. So it might be said last night, if you want to summarize Ferryland, that the Liberals held their own, the P.C's. got clobbered in terms of popular vote. They squeezed in - or Charlie Power squeezed in - and let it be said what it is. Let it be said what it is.

MR. MORGAN: Who squeezed in?

MR. SIMMONS: Let it be said what it is. Let it be said what it is. It is a personal victory for a tremendous young fellow who fought everything, the Liberals, the Liberal Reform, the NDP and the Tory Party. He even fought the Tory Party. And finally, Mr. Speaker, they realized that they could not get along without him and so they had to embrace him rather reluctantly. But it was very much -

MR. MORGAN: Are you talking about 'Herb Kitchen'?

MR. SIMMONS: I am talking about Ferryland now. Wake up, 'Jimmy' boy! Wake up 'Jimmy'! We are going to do it one at a time, but the way the member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan) forgets. He is not even really wide awake this morning. I owe him five dollars. I owe him five dollars. You are not allowed to pay off debts in the House, are you? I owe him five dollars because he and I had a bet on the Ferryland election, and I remind him that I owe him five dollars which I shall pay. I will not do it in the House because it might be improper to do do. But I owe that gentleman five dollars.

MR. MORGAN: You bet me that you would win Ferryland, right?

MR. SIMMONS: We bet on Ferryland. He bet the P.C. candidate would win and I bet the Liberal candidate would win, and I must say, I owe him five dollars. He had forgotten all about that. But anyway, Mr. Speaker, I will pay him his debt as soon as I am through here this morning.

Mr. Speaker, let there be no mistake, before I make some other comments on the budget, let there be no mistake the big losers last night in Ferryland were the P.C. Party. They dropped in popular vote from 2,350 to 1,500 votes while the Liberals held on and the NDP increased somewhat.

In St. John's West: I am going to use the figures, the last figures we have for St. John's West which are part of the federal figures. If you take the St. John's West federal district and take out of it that part of it which is the St. John's West provincial district, you will get the following figures - in other words, the people in the same areas as yesterday who voted. I am talking about those areas in relation to October 1976. The Liberals were just over 400 in October 1976, the P.C.'s 1,200 - Mr. Innes got 400, Mr. Crosbie got 1,200 and the NDP over 900. Last night the NDP again got over 900, so this nonsense about the great surge in NDP strength, of course, is just that. It is utter, complete nonsense. Absolute nonsense. The NDP last night got somewhere around a dozen more votes, about a dozen more votes last night than they got in October in those same areas. About a dozen more votes although last night in that area there were 300 more votes cast. Last night there were 2,807 votes cast compared to 2,500 hundred in that seat in October. So with an extra 300 votes the NDP managed to pick up a dozen votes.

MR. SIMMONS: So this utter, complete nonsense about this great surge in NDP strength, of course, is nonsense. In St. John's West they held on to their own at best. Of the extra 300 votes cast they picked up twelve of them, if you like. They held on to their own at best.

Now what happened otherwise? Well, the P.C. vote went from 1,200 down to 808, and the Liberal vote went from 400 to 1,020. It is clear to me, Mr. Speaker, that the conclusion in St. John's West is that the P.C.'s once again were the big losers, the big losers, at the expense of the Liberal candidate in St. John West.

Now let me say, Mr. Speaker, a word of personal congratulations to Mr. Charlie Power, the new member elect for Ferryland. There is only one man, I suppose, in the history of parliamentary politics in this Province, or at least in my memory of these events, who more deserved to be in the House, and that is my good friend from Placentia (Mr. Patterson), who ran a number of times with great persistence and eventually got elected to the House. I believe he ran six or seven times

MR. SIMMONS: or something.

AN HON. MEMBER: A lot had more than one crack.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes, there are a lot who had more than one crack but I think particularly, and I am being kind when I -

MR. DOODY: Dr. Kitchen had (inaudible).

MR. SIMMONS: Yes, I am coming - we are doing it one at a time for the benefit of fellows who had a rough night. We are doing it one at a time. We are talking about Ferryland first and I say there is only one man to my knowledge who deserves more to be here and that is the gentleman from Placentia. I think he ran seven times, 'Steve'? Six or seven times -

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MR. SIMMONS: - before he got elected.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Power, Mr. Charlie Power, with his nomination fights within his own party - the crowd from St. John's, the establishment working their best to get rid of him and not able, finally he gets in - two nomination fights, three elections, he finally gets in and he deserves to be here. I have great admiration for him. He is a very able young man and I am looking forward to having him as a colleague in the House.

I want also to offer my very sincere personal congratulations to Dr. Hubert Kitchen. My first association with him was that he was my school teacher and principal in Grade IX back in high school in Bishops Falls. I have gotten to know him quite well since then, I have come to respect his ability greatly, was pleased to work with him during this

MR. SIMMONS: particular election campaign, and very pleased last night to see him emerge as the victor. He is the kind of man we need here in this House, he is the kind of man we welcome to our caucus, and, as I say, he will make our fight that much the easier as we continue to work for some decent government in this country, which brings me, Mr. Speaker, to this obnoxious document somebody had the nerve to call a budget.

Mr. Speaker, let us talk about the Budget for a few moments and about some of the issues that arise in relation to that budget. I meant had I -

MR. MORGAN: Where are your notes? The Budget Speech has been ended a long time now.

MR. SIMMONS: Sorry?

MR. MORGAN: Your notes for your speech. The Budget Speech ended a month ago.

MR. SIMMONS: The Minister of Transportation - if there is one thing he is, he is a great cue card. He is one of the best cue cards one could have. You know a cue card, this little gadget they use -

AN HON. MEMBER: You could use a cue card.

MR. SIMMONS: - a cue card which you use on television, which Bob Lewis used so badly. I used to think sometimes he was cross-eyed, he was looking at cards both ways. How a man could so bungle a media campaign I do not know. But anyway, if the minister is going to be my cue card I would ask him to sit somewhere out here on the floor. That little spot, actually, I had put there just for him. If he would sit right on that spot I could get my cue and at the same time look straight into the camera, as it were. I need the practice. Believe me, I need the practice. He is a

MR. SIMMONS: great cue card. Apart from making you cross-eyed, he is a great cue card. He must have been the cue card for Bob Lewis because Bob was always looking off to one side on all those spots during the election campaign. I am sure my friend from Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) has noticed this. So I am glad, now that Bob Lewis does not need a human cue card, that my friend from Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan) has agreed to pinch-hit for me, because I need one very badly.

And he asked me when I made my notes. My cue card has just asked me when I made my notes. The fact is I made them a long time ago. Because as he points out, and here is the real cue he gave me, this budget came down so long ago that it is an absolute disgrace. Here we are on the 17th. day of June getting our first crack at debating a budget that was brought down on the 28th. day of April. The 28th. day of April this budget came down and here we are today, seven weeks later getting our first crack at saying a few things about that budget. So the Minister of Transportation is right. My notes may even be out of date now, Mr. Speaker. They may well be out of date but I will check them as I go. One thing is not out of date and that is the concern over the Grand Falls hospital which comes under the Health estimates. There is a great deal of concern out there. My friend from Windsor - Buchans attended a meeting on Monday night on that particular subject.

The people in Grand Falls - the Elks Club spirited the drive, but also the Canadian Legion.

MR. FLIGHT: All the organizations.

MR. SIMMONS: All the organizations, indeed.

MR. SPEAKER (Young): Order, please! I must remind the hon. member that he must speak from his seat.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, my friend was talking to me. I would suggest to Mr. Speaker he break up that conversation there and that one as well.

MR. SPEAKER (Young): Order, please! The hon. member was not in his seat.

MR. SIMMONS: He was talking to me, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Young): He was in the doorway here.

MR. SIMMONS: Doorways are out when you are talking.

Mr. Speaker -

MR. SPEAKER (Young): Do you want to be heard in silence?

MR. SIMMONS: No, I am doing great, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Monday night my friend from Windsor - Buchans (Mr. Flight) and I were invited to attend an important meeting in Grand Falls. I was unable to do so because I was required here in the House for some matters. He went off to attend the meeting on our behalf. Others were invited to that meeting including the member for Grand Falls, who was in Grand Falls that very afternoon to talk to the Chamber of Commerce, and saw fit to boycott, to stay away from, not to attend the meeting in Grand Falls Monday night about an issue affecting his district, my district, my colleague's district of Windsor - Buchans and other surrounding districts, and that is the issue of what you are going to do about the Grand Falls hospital and the need for additional space. Indeed, the need to open some of the beds they shut up thanks to that crackpot policy,

MR. SIMMONS: absolutely nuts, crackpot, harebrained scheme that they came up with last year.

If you do not know the scheme, let me give it to you in two parts. Now which do you want, the before-election part first or the after-election part first? Perhaps to keep it simple for the fellows on the other side, I will give you the before-election part first. The before-election part went like this: It consisted of a big billboard facing over on Sutherland Drive saying, "Your P.C. Government" or something to that effect, "is about to expand here once again." They put up a huge billboard. It was 8 feet by 16 feet, I think, or 16 by 16. It took four sheets of plywood - what is that? - 16 by 16. Four sheets of plywood to do her. A big expansion to the hospital.

MR. FLIGHT: And your P.C. Government.

MR. SIMMONS: Your P.C. Government.

MR. RIDEOUT: An expanded sign.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes, an expanded sign for a very expanded project. In my district alone, the Bay d'Espoir part of my district, I checked a couple of weeks ago and there were over twenty people from that part of my district in the Central Newfoundland hospital. I am sure the figures would be comparable for Windsor - Buchans or for Exploits. And that is another member who was invited. The member for Exploits (Dr. Twomey) was invited and he never saw fit to get to that particular meeting. My colleague from Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. J. Winsor) I do not believe was invited to the meeting or else I am sure he would have gone. But people from his district also are involved in that particular hospital, have need of it, depend on it.

MR. SIMMONS: So they put up this great expansion sign, Mr. Speaker, just before the election. There was room for more space and by golly your P.C. Government was going to build that space. Because if you need it, we give it to you. No question about it, before the election of 1975. Then we came in here in November of 1975 and we got the Mini Budget. Remember the year of the two budgets? I save them for souvenirs. I probably have them down in my vault now because I would not want to lose them for anything, Mr. Speaker. They are probably down in my vault for safekeeping. The year of the two budgets; the Spring budget and the Fall budget, the real budget, the one that came down in November. And let me tell you what it said about the hospital. It changed, did an aboutface completely and the government that in August was saying, that on September 15th was saying, We will build the extension to the Grand Falls Hospital, in November was standing in this House through its Minister of Finance and saying, Not only are we not going to build the extension to the Grand Falls Hospital, we are going to close some of the beds in the Grand Falls Hospital, we have too many out there, too many beds. So with that callousness that this government has demonstrated in so many other areas it moves in and begins shutting her up. And that is really where they got their practice, Mr. Speaker. That is where they began to get their practice on this close her down policy that has now become the order of the day. That is how they began to win their name as The Shut Her Down Government, The Shut Her Up Government, The Close Her Down Government, The Golden Padlock Administration. That is where they began to get their reputation for being that kind of a crowd.

MR. SIMMONS: The other night the people, the organizations in Grand Falls, wanted to meet with the Government, the Minister of Rural Development, who is the member for Grand Falls and the member for Exploits, wanted to meet with them. They would not even go out there and meet with the Elks Club, and the Canadian Legion, and the other organizations in the town, and the hospital administrator to talk about, not a great expansion,

MR. SIMMONS: but to talk about a very real and pressing problem they have in Grand Falls. Bishops Falls and St. Alban's, and Milltown in my district and the other communities in my colleague's district in Fortune - Hermitage and the communities of Buchans and other ones around that depend on the hospital, and here is the problem: There are a number of patients there who are either chronically ill or otherwise require fairly extended care. For one reason or another require extended care beyond the normal period of hospitalization.

MR. DOODY: Is there a quorum?

MR. FLIGHT: May we have a quorum call, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, my friend from wherever - the Minister of Finance has called a quorum for me, so I have no choice but to yield to his advice.

MR. SPEAKER (Young): Order, please! I will ask the Clerk to count the House. We have a quorum.

The hon. the member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir.

MR. SIMMONS: I thank the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker, because he just showed me the real budget. It has not been tabled yet so it would be indiscreet for me to indicate its contents except to say to his colleagues on the government side that it is worth their while to see it, get a copy of it, read it thoroughly and memorize it, because it is an omen of things to come. It is clearly an omen of things to come.

AN HON. MEMBER: What is this?

MR. SIMMONS: The budget that was not tabled, that the Minister of Fisheries is now looking at,

MR. SIMMONS: the budget I am not allowed to discuss because it is not officially before the House, but is it clearly, particularly the back cover, the message that needs to be conveyed here. But as I say, it is a subject that I should not talk about. It is certainly an omen of things to come. Oh, if the Minister of Finance could only present a financial picture that beautiful how well off we all would be.

I want to just clue up my comments on the Grand Falls hospital, Mr. Speaker, because it is a matter that is of particular concern to my district and other districts which border on or are a part of Central Newfoundland. The government the other night were requested through a public meeting in Grand Falls to do something about the particular needs of the extended-care patients who are now at the hospital, and I understand are about to be rooted out because of the shortage of space. In the Central Newfoundland there are a number of people -

MR. H. COLLINS: We try to move those people out of the acute-care beds in any hospital because of the tremendous cost involved.

MR. FLIGHT: Why so many in Grand Falls?

MR. SIMMONS: No, the Minister of Health makes a good point that obviously you always have to choose, the hospital administration, between competing requirements or competing needs. And certainly you have to keep in mind that you have at all times to be geared for emergencies or for the seriously ill people. There is no argument there. But let us not sell short those people who have extended care requirements.

A number of proposals have



MR. SIMMONS: on very long, which I  
doubt -

MR. J. CARTER: We have all next week.

MR. SIMMONS: I have all next week,  
there is no question about that.

AN HON. MEMBER: Heading for the beach.

MR. SIMMONS: I have already been out  
there once this week, and I am looking forward to  
getting out there again as soon as I get back from  
Halifax over the weekend. But if people would like to  
have a debate here for a couple of weeks I would be  
very happy to do so.

I wonder if perhaps  
somebody from the government side could indicate whether  
or not the government got any tenders when they called  
the tenders on the sale, the disposal of the Simwestco  
Hotel. I wonder if the Minister of Finance, when he  
finishes discussing his proposed budget, can the  
minister indicate whether he is aware if the government  
recieved any tenders on the Simwestco sale?

MR. DOODY: Yes, we have about three  
proposals now which we are examining. I think there are  
three. There were three or four but at least three  
which are now being examined by government. We have  
had proposals prior to this which were unacceptable.  
We have three current ones which government has not yet  
had the time to look at, or have not had the opportunity  
to look at. The department is analysing them and they  
will be presented to government shortly.

MR. SIMMONS: I thank the minister.  
In answering the he has corrected a rumor in the Grand  
Falls area to the effect that there had been no  
proposals.

MR. DOODY: That is wrong.

MR. SIMMONS: That is wrong, eh? Okay.  
So as I understand from the minister, there are three current proposals which are being examined, hopefully, with a view to making a decision on the disposal of the Simwestco property.

MR. DOODY: As a matter of fact, we thought we had it disposed of but the person came back and said no, the price that we offered you we now feel is too high, we are offering you less. So we have to go through the whole process again.

MR. SIMMONS: In addition to the three

MR. SIMMONS: proposals, because I have put to the minister this morning a fourth proposal, that the government look at using it for an extended care institution, as an adjunct, or an annex, or as an institution to be operated in collaboration, or co-operation with the Central Newfoundland Hospital. And it may well be a way out of the dilemma that the government faces in not being able to extend the hospital at this time, I understand, for financial reasons. Can any of the ministers indicate whether this has been looked at? The Minister of Finance? The Minister of Health? Has this been looked at as a possibility, would the minister indicate?

MR. H. COLLINS: I can respond by saying that this group have requested a meeting with me within a week or ten days time. Exactly what their plans are I can only suspect, but there is a meeting set up with them.

MR. SIMMONS: A group that is representative of the organizations in Grand Falls, I believe.

MR. COLLINS: Yes.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes. This group, I say to the minister, is very concerned on this particular issue, and not only do they speak for the organizations in Grand Falls, but they express the concern on behalf of people in my district, the Bay d'Espoir part of it, certainly, who depend heavily. I was saying in the minister's absence a few moments ago that I checked a couple of weeks ago and I believe there were twenty-two people from Bay d'Espoir area in the Grand Falls Hospital at that particular time. It is the one institution they depend on, unless they come into St. John's for some specialized treatment.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, never have I had such co-operation. Let the record show that since I began a scant fifteen minutes ago, I have had advice from the Minister of Finance, I have had a preview of his next budget and now the government House Leader has come over and given me a few ideas. I could be talking for days, Mr. Speaker. There are all kinds of notes coming to me.

MR. MURPHY: The hon. member better quit while he is ahead. I know a few things he would not want to talk of.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I understand now that despite the unlimited time which normally applies here, there are other limitations placed upon our time due to unfolding events.

MR. HICKMAN: Your bank manager called.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes, my bank manager has just called, and the sheriff, in that order.

Mr. Speaker, a few other sundry notes that need to be gotten into the record. It is a day which may well be the last day of this sitting so I suppose it is not the day to wave ones arms about grave financial matters, as much as I would like to do, as much as I have a very deep concern at issue, but I am sure there will be opportunities in the weeks that lie ahead to do that. I do have one particular concern that I would like to mention though, Mr. Speaker, as it realtes to the budget, and that is that with the build-up of a fairly large senior bureaucracy, a fairly large number of very able and very experienced and very highly paid civil servants, we are running the danger in this Province of having the effective control of governing out of the hands of the elected people. I have long felt that that has already happened in Ottawa, that in

MR. SIMMONS: Ottawa it is the senior civil servant who runs the government anyway, and it may well be because of the size of the bureaucracy, it may well be because of the distances between Ottawa and here, or Ottawa and Manitoba, or Ottawa and British Columbia.

MR. H. COLLINS: The region is running the show. Moncton, for instance, has more power than Ottawa has, the Moncton civil service.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes, the Minister of Health is right, in some respects, that in too many cases the apparent lack of impact of any political input is really a matter of concern for all of us as electors. I am afraid that it is beginning to happen here on the provincial level. One really appalling example that came to mind not too long was the instance involving the Newfoundland Teachers' Association collective bargaining agreement, or the efforts to get a collective bargaining agreement. That example needs to be mentioned because it is a shameful example of where the government at the political level were not in effective control of a situation.

We all remember some months ago, I believe back in January or February, the situation where it appeared there was an impending teachers' strike - the guessing was the teachers were going to go out on strike. Indeed, they voted to do that - and there was a lot of, as one would understand, a lot of comparing of notes between the collective bargaining people in government and the NTA negotiators. And this was going on on almost an hour to hour or day to day basis, going on quite rapidly back and forth. And then there was that impasse and you remember there were two matters at issue; one was the consultation right

MR. SIMMONS: on pensions and the other was a matter of dollars for teachers in certain salary brackets and certain salary categories. There were those two particular issues, the pension issue and, if you like, the money issue.

Then on one occasion, on the Thursday, I believe, the Minister of Education came out of a Cabinet meeting and was in telephone conversation with a senior official in the NTA and said to that official, You know, I have some good news for you; the Cabinet has just considered another offer and off the record I will tell you what it is because our boys in Treasury Board are going to put it to you tomorrow or this afternoon. So the Minister proceeded in confidence, or off the record as it were, off the record, not as an official approach at that time, to give the NTA official the details of the latest offer. That was on a Thursday. When he was halfway through the NTA official interrupted and said, Well, you know, that is nothing new, we knew that three days ago. And it was established, Mr. Speaker, that three days prior, senior officials of the collective bargaining team had given that information to the NTA, three full days before they even went to Cabinet to get authority to make an offer. Now that is a clear case, Mr. Speaker, a clear and a shameful case where the mandarins, the senior civil service is calling the shots.

MR. DOODY: You do not know if they were the Newfoundland Federation people, the school board people, or Education people, or Teasury Board people? You do not know?

MR. SIMMONS: Oh, I do know they were Treasury Board people.

MR. DOODY: They were Treasury Board?

MR. SIMMONS: I could, but it is not fair, but I could give the names.

MR. DOODY: It is not Education?

MR. SIMMONS: No, no. Let me clarify the question now. I do not know what the minister is saying.

MR. DOODY: I am saying you said senior officials of government.

MR. SIMMONS: Oh no, no, no. I do know the actual names. I can say now that they were personnel of Treasury Board.

MR. DOODY: Oh yes. I may be wrong but I think I know what you mean. This is not at all unusual for these people to discuss behind the scenes what may or may not be acceptable before they get into a deadlock.

MR. SIMMONS: No, I am sure there is a lot of -

MR. DOODY: That is not unusual in collective bargaining.

MR. SIMMONS: I am aware of that. The Minister of Finance makes a good point. It is not at all unusual to have a bit of informal bantering back and forth. Indeed, for about six years I was a member of the NTA collective bargaining team. I was on one side of the table during the period 1965 to 1970 or 1971.

MR. DOODY: There are many unofficial positions discussed before Cabinet approves.

MR. SIMMONS: Yes, of course, there are many, but this was put to me by a very responsible person who was himself a person who was familiar with the ins and outs of negotiations, who himself at points had participated in the negotiations, and who was very surprised at the turn of events.

MR. SIMMONS: Given, Mr. Speaker, the normal sequence that you have a lot of unofficial bantering back and forth, this official, and I when it was put to me, were very surprised that a firm offer which involved a lot of dollars for government, and which involved a basic principle on which the government had been taking a very firm stand publicly, the issue of pensions, I was extremely surprised that the non-elected, the unelected, the civil service, the mandarin people, would make that as a firm offer to a group as large as the NTA, 7,000 or 8,000 teachers, make that kind of an offer without any Cabinet approval and then go in and use the sixteen or seventeen fellows in Cabinet as rubber stamps.

I mean, how do they feel? How do you feel over there? How does the government feel? How does it feel to be in a cabinet that is a rubber stamp outfit that is told after the fact by your employees what it is you have to agree to? A scandalous situation, and the sooner the Premier of this Province and his colleagues get control of it the better for all concerned. It is a scandalous situation and it is a bad omen,

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, because it indicates quite clearly to me that we are on this skid approach leading to the mandarins taking over, as they are, apparently, taking over in Ottawa, or have, in some respects, already taken over. It is not a good omen, Mr. Speaker. It does not at all auger well for maintaining the effective control of the government by the people who elect those governments.

Mr. Speaker, there are so many other dozens upon dozens of things that could be said. I am aware that we probably will never again get the chance to discuss this budget here in the House as part of the budget debate. Because my prediction is that we will probably shut her up now pretty soon with legislation on the Order Paper, with a budget that has only been touched on ever so briefly, ever so scantily. I have a lot of notes down in my office I would like to have brought into play here, to discuss a number of issues that occur at every point throughout the Budget Speech.

The big issue, the way the government spends its money, the way the government abuses its own tendering legislation, that particular issue is an issue that luckily we have had a chance to deal with elsewhere; in the Public Accounts Committee and in the House on the money bills, and in the public media. And we should continue to do that because I suppose, Mr. Speaker, that the flagship of the government's disaster programme, the government's disaster fleet has got to be the way it is spending the public money. It is a shameful, shameful, shocking going-on. There are so many other examples I wanted to give this morning, but I know I will have opportunity in the next few days to do so, to again focus the

MR. SIMMONS: public's attention on what is at best very sloppy management of their tax money. I understand my friend from LaPoile (Mr. Neary) has a few things he wants to say before the Governor comes to do what has to be done, and so I shall yield the floor at this particular time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. friend for giving me an opportunity to participate in this Budget debate, Sir. I realize I only have about seven or eight minutes because I understand the Governor is coming in and the House is drawing to a close which is probably a good thing. Because I find it very difficult myself to get psyched up at this particular point in time in this session of the House.

It has been a very dull and dreary session, I suppose, to a large degree. Most of our time in the House in this session has been piddled away at a lot of foolish nonsense, things that really, when you get down to brass tacks, are not in the interest of the ordinary people of this Province. The government no doubt will point to the amount of legislation that has gone through the House over the past several months. The Opposition, I suppose will take a great deal of pride in the fact that they have been able to rack up the government, been able to pound the government in one way and another.

We will look back and remember all the debates that we had but in the final analysis, when you clear away the debris, the underbrush, really, there is not much there for the ordinary people of this Province.

MR. NEARY: The election result yesterday, I would say, Mr. Speaker, demonstrated two things, that the old-line parties in this Province have a tendency to take too much for granted in their strategy for conducting elections, whether they be by-elections or provincial general elections. In planning their strategy they have a tendency to overlook the most important element of winning elections, and that is to organize at the grass-roots level.

MR. DOODY: This would not mean (inaudible).

MR. NEARY: No. Sir, it would not. The NDP, Mr. Speaker, I think a tribute to the NDP success in yesterday's provincial by-election is the fact that they believe in and they practice organizing at the grass-roots level. And the second indication that I would get from yesterday's by-elections, Sir, is that it is going to be a real battle to upset the present government. Mr. Speaker, even after the pounding that the government has taken inside and outside of this House for the last year or so, especially, but over the last four or five years, even after the disclosure of sloppy and careless accounting procedures and possibly unethical practices in spending the taxpayers' dollars, then after the government ignoring the real needs of the people of this Province, despite all this, Mr. Speaker, the government were still able to take Ferryland district away from the Liberals.

Now I have no doubt, Sir, we will not have a provincial general election in this Province, say, outside eighteen months to two years, but if the regular Liberals, in my opinion, and I think I can look at it now fairly objectively from my vantage point here in the House sitting as an independent Liberal over the last couple of years, that

MR. NEARY: if the regular Liberals are going to have any hope at all of taking over the government of this Province they are going to have to get to work right now studying the needs of the ordinary people of Newfoundland and Labrador and blueprint a party platform. That is the most important thing, blueprint a party platform that will appeal and that will genuinely and sincerely be in the interest of the ordinary people of this Province. I do not think that we on this side of the House, if we ever want to move over on that side, can have any real hope at all of ever forming the government of this Province, especially in the next election, without doing 'a little bit of work ourselves. So I think that is the real lesson to be learned from last night's by-election.

I cannot see, Mr. Speaker, how you can say that the district of St. John's West is Liberal or P.C. I would say traditionally it is Liberal. It is a Liberal district. Mr. John Crosbie won it on two occasions if not three. Was it two or three? He won it Liberal Reform, and he won it once Liberal.

MR. HICKMAN: He won it once Liberal and twice as a Progressive Conservative.

MR. NEARY: Yes. Well, then, the people followed Crosbie. The people followed Crosbie, so you cannot say it is traditionally a P.C. stronghold.

Talking about legislation, Mr. Speaker, I have to draw to the attention of the House the fact that we have failed again to bring in legalizing denturists in this Province. That I regret very much. I am sure that the hon. members of the House regret this very much. I also regret very much that we have had to cut back on hospital construction in this Province, especially in my own district of LaPoile where the need for a new hospital is so desperate, as my hon.

MR. NEARY: friend the Minister of Health realizes. Then we have a situation down here at the only children's hospital we have in the Province, the Janeway Children's Hospital, absolutely desperate for space, overcrowding -

AN HON. MEMBER: They are doing a bit of work down there now.

MR. NEARY: Yes, they are doing a bit of renovations and so forth, Sir, but I think the hospital needs to be extended. We are adjourning the House today, the Governor will be in in a few minutes, without knowing the fate of the St. Lawrence mine. The Minister of Justice may know it. We do not know it. The House does not know it. We do not know the fate of the Buchans mine. We do not know the fate yet of the Linerbaord Mill in Stephenville. We do not know the fate of the Come By Chance refinery. We are told that businesses in Labrador, in Happy Valley are going bankrupt because of the William Carson disaster. We hear about increases in crime and vandalism and the dastardly act that took place recently over here in the Pippy Park when a disabled children's playground was smashed to pieces, and yet the weak-kneed Minister of Justice does nothing about it.

We know nothing about the situation in Baie Verte, how serious it is. We have had a lot of banter back and forth across the House and we still do not have Dr. Selikoff's official report. We do not know if the people's lives down there are being endangered or not. We do not know if the Government of this Province is going to continue to work under the Anti-Inflation Board. We do not know what is going to happen to the old Bowater Park out in Corner Brook, where Cabe Koa, the little bit of patronage that was doled out to that crowd when this government refused to take



MR. NEARY: Will it be available to the people in that area? Will the Province take it over and have it operated as a provincial park? I think that is something the government should face up to immediately.

Then there are the negotiations with the nurses, the police, the wardens at the penitentiary. We do not know where they stand. We do not know where the negotiations stand with the public service employees. The whole roof, Sir, seems to be coming right down around our ears and here we are closing up. The government have managed to put the golden padlock on just about every industry in Newfoundland, now we are going to put the padlock on the doors of the House of Assembly. We could not beat the school children to their vacation, but not long after they went out, two days ago - there is another crowd who will have to do their exams next week - we cannot beat that first crowd, but we are going to beat the second crowd and get out and put the padlock on her as quick as we can and the ministers and the government and the members will be scattered to the four corners of the earth, and here we are almost in a state of emergency in this Province.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is a crying shame for the government to force closure of this House at a time when our people are facing the most serious problems they have ever faced in their whole history. We are going to close up the House. I know, Sir, I have reached the time limit. I said I would finish at eleven thirty. I only want to make one suggestion. I could keep going. The hon. House knows I could keep going for days and days and days, but it is like water on a duck's back talking to that hon. crowd.

MR. NEARY: They will not listen to reason. They will not listen to constructive criticism and positive ideas. They become arrogant and they become swell headed. They are on an ego trip and they are just not interested in doing anything or listening to any reason or anything that is in the interest of the ordinary people of this Province who are undergoing such tremendous hardships at this moment.

Before we get back here again there is likely to be another 25 or 30 per cent increase in electricity rates. And before all this happens, before the government starts asking ordinary people to tighten their belts what they should do is cut down the size of the Cabinet. Reduce the Cabinet down to fifteen members and cut down the size of this House.

MR. J. CARTER: I did my share.

MR. NEARY: The hon. gentleman got the flick, he did not leave voluntarily! Cut down the size of this House to about thirty-five. We do not need fifty-one members in this House. There are all kinds of ways. I listed ten ways the government could save money there sometime ago. And instead of asking ordinary people to tighten up their belts, and sock it to them in new taxes, and sock it to the ordinary people every way you can, the government should economize themselves and, as I say, cut down the Cabinet to probably less than fifteen members, which would be more manageable, and cut down the House of Assembly to about thirty-five members.

I look forward, Sir, to getting back on the floor of this House. I presume if there is going to be any monkeying around with the Linerboard Mill or with Come By Chance the House will be

MR. NEARY: called into session. If there is a general strike among all the employees in the public service - we do not know where the Waterford situation stands at the moment - that the House will be called into emergency session so that the elected representatives of the people will be given an opportunity to have some say in the running of the affairs of this Province.

MR. SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? Those in favour 'aye', contrary 'nay', carried. Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair.

On motion, report received and adopted, Committee ordered to sit again on tomorrow.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. Speaker, His Honour The Lieutenant-Governor has arrived.

MR. SPEAKER: Admit His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province have at its present session passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972." (No.21)

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Mortgage Brokers Act." (No. 40).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act." (No. 41).

A bill, "An Act To Repeal The Refinery Agreement Act, 1973." (No. 44).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act." (No. 47).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976." (No. 49).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Housing Act." (No. 51).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro Act, 1975." (No.54).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Hospitals Act, 1971." (No. 58).

A bill, "An Act To Amend The Adoption Of Children Act, 1972." (No. 61).

A bill, "An Act Respecting Labour Relations In The Province." (No. 62).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Tourist Establishments Act." (No. 64).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Solemnization Of Marriage Act, 1974." (No. 65).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Forest Land (Management And Taxation) Act, 1974 And To Make Other Statutory Amendments In Respect Thereto." (No. 67).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act." (No. 68).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Child Welfare Act, 1972." (No. 69).

A Bill, "An Act To Authorize The Raising Of Money By Way Of Loan By The Province (No.70).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Embalmers And Funeral Directors Act, 1975." (No.71).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University (Pensions) Act." (No. 72).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Loan And Guarantee Act, 1957." (No. 73).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957." (No. 74).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Community Councils Act, 1972." (No. 75).

A Bill, "An Act To The Gasoline Tax Act." (No. 80).

A Bill, "An Act To Restructure The Law Society Of Newfoundland." (No. 81).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly (Retiring Allowances) Act." (No. 82).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Judicature Act." (No. 83).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Historic Objects, Sites And Records Act, 1973." (No.85).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Social Services Act, 1973." (No. 86).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Automobile Insurance Act." (No. 87).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Livestock (Community Sales) Act." (No. 88).

A Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Metric Conversion." (No. 89)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Regulation Of Mines Act." (No. 90).

A Bill, "An Act Concerning An Agreement Between The Government And The Government of Canada Respecting Reciprocal Taxation Of These Governments And Their Agencies." (No. 91).

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Creation Of A Unified Family Court." (No. 94).

A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Education (Teachers' Pensions) Act (No. 2)." (No.95).

A Bill, "An Act For The Protection Of The Health Of Persons Exposed To Radiation And For The Safety Of Persons In Connection With The Operation And Use Of The Electrical And Mechanical Components Of Radiation Producing Equipment And Associated Apparatus." (No. 96).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act." (No. 97).

A Bill, "An Act To Control The Rates Of Newfoundland And Labrador Hydro And To Declare A Provincial Power Policy." (No. 98).

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Elections To The uncil Of The City Of St. John's." (No. 99).

A Bill, "An Act Respecting Certain Leasehomd Interests Within The City Of St. John's." (No.100).

A Bill, "An Act Respecting An Increase Of Certain Pensions." (No. 102)

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Local School Tax Act." (No. 103).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Motor Carrier Act." (No. 104).

A Bill, "An Act To Establish A Municipal Grant System." (No. 105).

A Bill, "An Act To Make Provision For Animal And Meat Inspection In Slaughter Houses." (No.106).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Health Act." (No. 108).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registration (Vital Statistics) Act." (No. 109).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting Social Assistance." (No. 110).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Highway Traffic Act." (No. 111).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Companies Act." (No. 112).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act." (No. 113).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Department Of Municipal Affairs And Housing Act." (No.114).

A Bill, "An Act To Provide For The Closing Of Certain Shops On Holidays." (No. 115).

A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Preparation And Revision Of The Statutes And Subordinate Legislation Of The Province." (No. 116).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Fishing And Coasting Vessel Rebuilding And Repairs (Bounties) Act." (No. 117).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Liquor Control Act, 1973." (120).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Local Government Act, 1972." (No. 121).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Western Memorial Hospital Corporation Act, 1947." (No.60).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Utilities Act." (No. 92).

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The War Service (Pensions) Act, 1975." (No. 119).

HONOURABLE GORDON A. WINTER (Lieutenant-Governor): In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these bills.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Justice.

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker in rising to move that this House do adjourn, may I first avail of this opportunity to extend on behalf of all hon. members our

MR. HICKMAN:           gratitude to the officials and staff of this House who have worked so assiduously during the past several months.

                          This House opened on February 2, 1977, and with the exception of a very short Easter recess has been in session continuously since that date. And since April, as hon. members will recall, they need no reminding, we have been sitting three days a week morning, afternoon and night. This has imposed a great workload on the staff, the gentlemen at the table, the members of Hansard, and we are very grateful to them.

                          I would not wish to embarrass the gentleman, but I think this House should take due note of the fact that Mr. Carl Thompson, the Deputy Clerk, will not be with us, he is moving to carry on his practice of law in Corner Brook. I am sure all hon. gentlemen in this House will join with me in extending him our very best wishes and thanking him at the same time for a job exceptionally well done.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:   Hear, hear!

MR. HICKMAN:           The press have been working, probably, a great deal harder than we have during this session. They too have enjoyed, or otherwise, the long hours and I am sure that, again, hon. gentlemen would wish me to thank them for their devotion to their profession and for the very fair

MR. HICKMAN: and equitable way in which they have reported the sittings of this House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HICKMAN: I would also very much like to thank, and this is something that does not really come directly to the attention of hon. members, the chief legislative draftsman and the other three legislative drafting solicitors in the Department of Justice who have been responsible for drafting this massive amount of legislation that has come before this Legislature during this session. They have worked exceptionally well. I think today we have one of the strongest legislative drafting division of any government or legislature in Canada, and their work is very much appreciated I know, by all hon. members.

MR. NEARY: Did they work on the denturists' legislation?

MR. HICKMAN: I thank hon. gentlemen opposite, in particular, for their co-operation during this session. I believe that we are moving more and more towards the realization that this House can only function if certain conventions are observed, and these conventions we are getting closer to observation of all the time and I thank hon. gentlemen in that respect.

Mr. Speaker, I move that be it resolved that when this House adjourns today it will stand adjourned until Thursday, November 24, 1977 at three of the clock provided that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, or in the case of his absence from the Province, the Chairman of Committees after consultation with Her Majesty's Government that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time than the date to which the House is adjourned, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, as

MR. HICKMAN: the case may be, may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated by such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

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

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, in speaking in support of the adjournment motion I should like to make one or two comments on behalf of my colleagues who sit to Your Honour's right in the House, Sir, and they take the form of seconding the remarks made by the Minister of Justice in his capacity as the Government House Leader.

I have not looked up the figures, Sir, but I would suspect this has been one of the longer sessions of the Legislature of this Province. We have sat for eighty-two days but that in itself is misleading because on many of those days we have had three sessions and that is unusual. In years past we have normally only had the morning, afternoon, and night sessions for the last few days, the last shove-off. I have not calculated but I would suspect, Sir, we have met for a hundred and fifty sessions, a hundred and fifty separate sittings of the House and that must be one of the longest sessions, certainly since Confederation.

I think, Sir, all ought to be congratulated, all who have helped to make this so. The members themselves, Sir, have attended, I think, faithfully. It has been a great burden on most, I know. The ministers must have work piled up. I know that my colleagues and I have certainly found the workload in the House has cut into our other responsibilities, but I think all members have made a very diligent effort to attend and I think they ought to be commended for that.

MR. ROBERTS: The press have reported us assiduously and, I think, faithfully. Perhaps not at the length we would like, but, Sir, those of us in the House must realize that most of Newfoundland is not quite as interested in what goes on in the House as we are. But I think the press should be commended for their work in covering the session. The old saying is, They are the Fourth Estate but, of course, Mr. Speaker, that should not be lost sight of because as the Fourth Estate of the realm, in a realm that only has two estates, the press are the people who really let the people of Newfoundland and Labrador know what is going on in the House. What happens in these walls, Sir, is of importance but what really matters is what the people who send us here, and whom we represent, what they know and what they think and, Sir, their opinions in large measures are founded on what is reported through the press. I think we in the House ought to realize that the press do a very admirable job in reporting this House, and it can be a difficult one to report.

MR. ROBERTS: I would certainly like to join with the Minister of Justice in commending the Table Officers. I have often thought it is a thankless task. They are in the middle, they cannot fight back, they cannot speak back, they just have to sit and listen to our sometimes interminable debates. But I have found them, Sir, and I know all of us on this side have found them to be always willing to oblige with advice or assistance. I think, Sir, this House is well served by the Table Officers.

I want to associate myself particularly with the good wishes to Mr. Thompson who is going to the greener fields of Western Newfoundland, and I would hope, if not more lucrative certainly at least as lucrative and even more successful than following his career at the Bar. We shall miss him, Sir. I do not know who his replacement will be but I would hope, Sir, that the time will come and perhaps Your Honour might make yet another mark in a notable career in the Chair and perhaps the time has come, since we have a lady in the House as a member, the lady from St. Georges (Mrs. MacIsaac), perhaps we should have a lady at the Table. Perhaps that could be arranged. I would certainly hope that that could be.

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to say anything about the Speaker.

MR. MURPHY: Serve meals and this, that and the other thing.

MR. ROBERTS: No, I had not thought of serving meals at the Table. I could suggest several ladies who would be, not only an ornament to the Table, but would add great strength to the work of the Table. While I believe very much in the difference between men and women, I think the very useful and fine distinction

MR. ROBERTS: indeed, I do not think the distinction ought to be one of roles or of the kind of work they do. I think the lady from St. George's in every way has held her own as a member of this House and, indeed, has added considerably to it by her presence.

Mr. Speaker, we are not allowed according to the rules, to comment on the Chair and so I would not dream of transgressing the rules. Never in my life have I transgressed the rules other than once or twice when I have been caught at it, but I do want to say that I think, Sir, your presiding over this House, and the work of your assistants, the gentleman from St. John's South (Dr. Collins) and the gentleman from Harbour Grace (Mr. Young), has added considerably to the session, Sir, and has certainly made the House a much better place

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: We in the Opposition, Sir, are perhaps even more conscious of the role of the Speaker because it is to the Speaker that we must often look, not for protection against the government but, Sir, for the protection afforded us by the rules. The government have their majority we do not have the majority, that is the very nature of opposition. I think, Sir, your tenure, your willingness to entertain argument and, I must say, the scholarliness of your rulings, particularly the ones with which I agree, have added greatly to the stature of the House, Sir, and I think the fact that this session, while it has had some contentious and some important debates, has not seen any of the incidents of gentlemen on either side getting into more personal remarks. I think that is greatly, greatly to the credit of the Chair, Sir, you and the gentlemen who share with you, both in the

MR. ROBERTS: Chair and at the Table, in Committee. I know I speak for all members, Sir, when I say we are grateful that you continue to occupy the Chair and we hope that you shall long continue there to sit.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say only one other word and that is in connection with the minister's remarks about the legislative draftsmen. I certainly agree with what the minister says. I think the quality of our legislation is improving and I particularly like the change in the format. I think the index in the bills and the fuller explanatory notes are of great value to members, particularly to those who are not learned in the law.

I would hope, Sir, that in the years to come, now that we have this strengthened legislative drafting section under Mr. Ryan's very capable direction, that we can improve the flow of legislation through the House. I think it is demeaning and it certainly does not serve the purposes of the House or of the people very well to have a great rush of legislation in the last few days. I see no reason, and I have been through it on the other side as a minister and as a person associated with the development of legislative proposals, there is no reason why much of the legislation cannot be introduced earlier and at a regular flow. It is simply a matter, perhaps, of a further degree of organization within the departments and then consequently within the Justice Department. Now that we have the staff I hope we can do this. I think it would make the work of the House better.

Too much of the legislation that has gone through in the last few days has gone through without adequate examination or scrutiny by members of the House. I do not say that complainingly

MR. ROBERTS: but I say it in the hope  
that we can profit from it. Next year perhaps the  
House should meet in the Fall -

MR. DOODY: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: - to dispose of the  
Throne Speech. You know, have a reasonably long debate  
on the Throne Speech, then perhaps we could come back  
after Christmas, have the legislative work, then bring  
in the budget late in February or in March, whenever  
the Finance Minister

MR. ROBERTS: is ready to do it, have the financial debate with the hope that the House would wind up in perhaps April or May. I think that would be a much better organization of the schedule and it is one which I would commend to the government.

I know we on our side, Sir, are anxious to expedite the flow of work of the House subject to our responsibilities and our obligations and this might help.

All in all, Mr. Speaker, I think the session has been a good one from very many ways and I certainly want to associate myself with the words of the Minister of Justice in thanking all who have worked so hard, particularly - to close on this note - the gentlemen at the Table, the various attendants who work with us in the House, and the ladies who work in the Hansard Office, the Editor of Hansard and his staff. They labour night after night "unwept, unhonoured and unsung". They should be recognized, Sir, for a very real contribution to the work of this House and I know all hon. members would wish me to do so.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Before putting the motion I wish to thank hon. members to my right and to my left for their participation in and co-operation with the Chair, and I know the hon. members for St. John's South (Dr. Collins) and for Harbour Grace (Mr. Young) would wish to be associated with that remark. On behalf of the officers at the Table, the staff of the House of Assembly, Hansard, Library and other areas, I thank hon. members for their kind remarks.

On motion, the House at its rising adjourned until November 24, 1977 at 3:00 p.m., or earlier, at the call of the Chair.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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JUNE 17, 1977

June 17/17.

Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - From the Honourable

C. William Doody

Question Number 129

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

What is the amount of fire insurance carried on all buildings owned by the Government?

List all buildings indicating insurance carried, the cost of premiums, the company carrying the insurance and the names of the local agent.

Answer:

See Attached.

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Colloge of Trades & Technology	\$ 17,290,000.00			
Equipment of College of Trades & Technology	\$ 2,000,000.00			
Nurses Residence & Training School	\$ 7,215,000.00			
Equipment of Nurses Residence & Training School	\$ 500,000.00			
Vocational Training School Corner Brook	\$ 5,400,000.00			
Equipment of Vocational Training School in Corner Brook	\$ 600,000.00			
Vocational Training School Grand Falls	\$ 3,300,000.00			
Equipment of Vocational Training School in Grand Falls	\$ 400,000.00			
Hospital, Grand Falls	\$ 13,700,295.00			
Equipment of Hospital in Grand Falls	\$ 1,500,000.00			
Nurses Residence in Grand Falls	\$ 2,280,000.00			
Equipment of Nurses Residence in Grand Falls	\$ 200,000.00			
Hospital, Gander	\$ 11,454,345.00			
Equipment of Hospital in Gander	\$ 1,400,000.00			
Nurses Residence and Training School & Equipment pertinent thereto, Christopher Fisher Divn. of Western Mem. Hospital in Corner Brook	\$ 4,032,440.00			
Equipment of Christopher Fisher Division of Western Memorial Hospital in Corner Brook	\$ 500,000.00			
Rothmere Hall (Men's Residence), St. John's	\$ 1,249,000.00			
Dowater House (Men's Residence), St. John's	\$ 1,249,000.00			

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Dining Hall (Adjacent to University) St. John's	\$ 1,002,820.00			
	\$ 76,212,900.00	\$ 57,488.00	Unifund Limited	Johnsons Limited - Broker
		Tax \$ 4,024.16	New Hampshire Insurance Co.	" "
Policy No. 32188 Effective June 24, 1976 - June 24, 1977		\$ 61,512.16		
Newfoundland Government Building Corporation Limited:				
Confederation Building	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 9,895.00	Non-Marine Underwriters at Lloyd's as evidenced by Spec. Certificate No. 034145	Crosbie Insurance - Broker
		Tax \$ 691.95	Casualty Company of Canada	" "
Policy No. 77-4732 Effective April 15, 1977 - April 15, 1978		\$ 10,576.95	Canadian Indemnity	" "
Policy No. ST-007916 Effective April 15, 1977 - April 15, 1978			Canadian General Insurance Co.	Steer's Insurance
			Sun Alliance Insurance Company	" "
			Non-Marine Underwriters at Lloyd's under Certificate No. (to be advised) Binder No. 5554	" "
Memorial University of Newfoundland Building Corporation Limited:				
Arts & Administration Building 250 Elizabeth Avenue				
Library Building 250A Elizabeth Avenue				
Science & Engineering Building 252B Elizabeth Avenue				
Gymnasium & Swimming Pool Building 250C Elizabeth Avenue				
Boiler & Laboratory Building 250D Elizabeth Avenue				

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INSURED	INSURED VALUE	ANNUAL PREMIUM	COMPANIES TO RISK	AGENCY
Memorial University of Newfoundland Building Corporation Limited (As per five (5) buildings listed of page 2)	\$ 25,000,000.00	\$ 20,079.00	Royal Insurance Company of Canada	Crosbie Insurance - Proler
		Tax: \$ 1,425.53	The Home Insurance Company	" "
Policy No. 76-3442 Effective June 6, 1976 - June 6, 1977		\$ 21,484.53	Casualty Company of Canada	" "
			Canadian Indemnity Company	" "
			Canadian General Insurance Co.	" "
Board of Liquor Control Building Corporation:				
Board of Liquor Control Building	\$ 6,000,000.00			
Contents of Building, excluding liquor and spirits	\$ 500,000.00			
	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ 5,720.00	Affiliated FM Insurance Co.	Carl Winsor Insurance - Brcker
		Tax: \$ 400.40		
Policy No. A-2408 Effective July 27, 1976 - July 27, 1979		\$ 6,120.40		
Pepperrell Hospital Reconstruction Corporation Limited	\$ 16,000,000.00	\$ 9,152.00	Royal Insurance Company of Canada	Crosbie Insurance - Proler
		Tax: \$ 640.64	Home Insurance Company	" "
Policy No. 76-3039 Effective July 20, 1976 - July 20, 1977		\$ 9,792.64	General Accident Insurance	" "
			Canadian Indemnity Insurance	" "
			Sun Alliance Insurance	" "
			United States Fire	" "
			The Casualty Company of Canada	" "

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GROUP	INSURANCE AMOUNT	ANNUAL PREMIUM	CONTRIBUTOR / FEE	LOCAL AGENT
<b>Northern Hospital Building Corporation:</b>				
St. John's Hospital	\$ 3,280,000.00	\$ 2,710.00	General Accident Assurance Company of Canada	Johnson's Limited - Broker
		Tax \$ 119.70	Royal Insurance Company of Canada	" "
Policy No. JH-10769 Effective January 25, 1977 - January 25, 1978		\$ 2,890.70	Canadian Universal Insurance Prudential Assurance Company	" "
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Happy Valley Hospital	\$ 2,285,000.00	\$ 1,713.75	Royal Insurance Company of Canada	Johnson's Limited - Broker
		Tax \$ 119.96	General Accident Assurance Company of Canada	" "
Policy No. JH-10676 Effective January 25, 1977 - January 25, 1978		\$ 1,833.71	Canadian Universal Insurance Company Prudential Assurance Company	" "
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Labrador City Hospital	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	Employers of Wisconsin Fireman's Fund Insurance	Carl Winsor Insurance - Broker
		Tax \$ 280.00	Commonwealth Insurance Company	" " "
Policy No. SSP-2363 Effective April 2, 1977 - April 2, 1978		\$ 4,280.00	Aetna Casualty & Surety Scottish & York	" " "
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St. John's Hospital Building Corporation	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	Insurance Corporation of Newfoundland	R. C. Anthony Insurance - Broker
		Tax \$ 117.00	Northumberland General Insurance	" " "
Policy No. 33204 Effective October 27, 1976 - October 27, 1977		\$ 1,717.00		
Owners', Landlords' & Tenants' Liability Rider	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 150.00	Insurance Corporation of Newfoundland	" " "
		Tax \$ 13.06		
Policy No. 14305 LG Effective October 27, 1976 - October 27, 1977		\$ 169.06		

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INSURED	LIABILITIES VALUE	ANNUAL PREMIUM	COMPANIES AT RISK	LOCAL AGENT
St. John's Infirmary Building Corporation (Hoyle's Home)	\$ 5,400,000.00	\$ 7,232.00	Atlantic Insurance Company	Hickman Insurance Co. - Broker
	Tax:	\$ 566.24	Western Assurance Company	" " "
Policy No. B-4095 Effective September 20, 1976 - September 20, 1977		\$ 7,738.24	Guardian Insurance Company	" " "
			Federation Insurance Company of Canada	" " "
			Prudential Assurance Company	" " "
			Metro General Insurance	Mid. Insurance Agency
			Northumberland General Insurance	Hickman Insurance Co.
Grace Hospital Extension Corporation:				
Boiler House & Laundry Corner 11 Barchant Road & Pleasant Street	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,540.00	General Accident Assurance Co.	Johnson's Limited - Broker
	Tax:	\$ 107.80	Guardian Insurance Company of Canada	" "
Policy No. JS-10719 Effective November 17, 1976 - November 17, 1977		\$ 1,647.80	Home Insurance Company	Crosbie & Company
			Casualty Company of Canada	" "
			Non-Marine Underwriters at Lloyd's under Cont. 34016; Cert. # 3386; Cert. # 13351	" "
			Prudential Assurance Company	Baine Johnson Co.
			New Zealand Insurance Company	" " "
			Phoenix Assurance Company	Baird & Company
		Sun Alliance Insurance Company	" "	

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GROUP	INSURANCE VALUE	ANNUAL PREMIUM	COMPANIES AND AGENTS	LOCAL AGENTS
Grace Hospital Extension Corporation: (Continued)				
Building & Contents - New Extension No. 237 LeMarchant Road	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 4,250.00	Canadian Indemnity Company	Johnson's Limited - Broker
		Tax \$ 297.50	Consolidated Fire & Casualty Ins.	" "
		\$ 4,547.50	General Accident Assurance Company	" "
Policy No. JL-10769 Effective November 17, 1976 - November 17, 1977			Guardian Insurance Company	" "
			Sun Alliance Insurance Company	Carl Victor Insurance
			Phoenix Assurance Company	Baird & Company
			Northern Assurance Company	" "
			Prudential Assurance Company	Baine Johnson & Co.
Building, 7-storey & a Penthouse comprising Nurses' bedrooms, etc.	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 4,844.00	Insurance Corporation of Newfoundland	E. C. Anthony Ins. - Broker
		Tax \$ 339.00	Ecclesiastical Insurance	" " "
Policy No. 33146 Effective September 1, 1976 - November 17, 1977		\$ 5,183.00		

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# 233

Answer to Questions from the Honourable Member for LaPoile - re NLCSL.

Question one:

What is the cost to date of the Computer Service Center located on Higgins Line?

Answer:

Invoices approved and paid to date amount to \$1,705,044.00.

Question Two:

What were the names of the firms involved in the construction of this computer center?

Consulting Engineers  
General Contractor  
Electrical Contractor  
Mechanical Contractor  
Roofing Contractor  
Structural Steel Contractor  
Ventilation Work  
Landscaping  
Paving

Answer:

The following firms were involved in this project:-

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <u>Consulting Engineers</u>        | - Frank Noseworthy, Architect   |
|                                    | - DeLeuw Cather Limited, Site Consultant  |
|                                    | - Newfoundland Design Associates, Structural, Mechanical & Electrical Consultants |
| <u>General Contractor</u>          | - Seaboard Construction   |
| <u>Electrical Contractor</u>       | - Noel's Electric   |
| <u>Mechanical Contractor</u>       | - W.W. Lester Limited   |
| <u>Mechanical System Controls</u>  | - Becker Mechanical Limited   |
| <u>Roofing Contractor</u>          | - Simon Lono Limited  |
| <u>Structural Steel Contractor</u> | - Easteel Industries Limited  |
| <u>Sprinkler System</u>            | - W.W. Lester Limited   |
| <u>Ventilation Work</u>            | - Becker Mechanical Limited   |
| <u>Landscaping</u>                 | - Seaboard Construction   |
| <u>Paving</u>                      | - Superior Paving Co. Limited   |

Question # 244

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The following information is provided by the Minister of Finance in reply to questions asked by the Honourable Member for LaPoile concerning the operations of Atlantic Loto.

Question 1 - Total payments from Atlantic Loto showing Newfoundland's share from each drawing that has taken place to date.

Answer - Newfoundland has received approximately \$705,000 as of March 31, 1977.

Question 2 - Indicate whether Newfoundland's share of the proceeds from sale of Atlantic Loto tickets is increasing or decreasing with each draw that takes place.

Answer - Newfoundland's sale of tickets fluctuated widely during the first three or 4 months of the draw. However, our sales have increased for the last three draws.

Question 3 - Names of Newfoundland's representatives on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation.

Answer - Mr. Peter Kennedy, Assistant Secretary, Treasury Board Secretariat; Mr. David Roberts, Director of Organization & Management, Treasury Board Secretariat.

Question 4 - Names of individuals, firms and companies appointed as agents to distribute or sell Atlantic Loto tickets in Newfoundland & Labrador.

Answer - Outlined in attachment.

Question 5 - Table copy of agreement with other Atlantic Provinces indicating Newfoundland's involvement in this lottery.

Answer - Newfoundland has signed an agreement with the other 3 Atlantic Provinces which confirmed all Provinces' agreement to jointly establish and participate in an Atlantic Lottery. Because Newfoundland is only one of four parties to this agreement, we do not think that it would be fair to the other Provinces to table this agreement without receiving their prior concurrence. We are now in the process of requesting their concurrence.

Question Three:

Were tenders called for the above contracts?

Answer:

Public Tenders were called in all of the above contracts.

Question Four:

If tenders were called, were contracts awarded in all cases to the lowest bidder? If contracts were not awarded to the lowest bidder, explain reason.

Answer:

With the exception of one, all contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder. In the case of the exception, the contract was awarded to the second lowest bidder because of the fact that the lowest bidder's working staff were not unionized and it was the opinion of the General Contractor that because all of the other workers were unionized this could create a delay in the overall project.

It should be noted that all decisions relating to the engaging of sub-contractors on this project are the responsibility of the prime contractor, Seaboard Construction Limited., who quoted the lowest overall price to Government on this whole project.

Question Five:

What is the estimated cost of completing the building and the completion date?

Answer:

The estimated cost of completion, including interest on drawdown during construction, is \$2,690,000.00. Included in this figure is an approximate cost of \$120,000.00 for the installation of a 12" sewer line along Higgins Line, in order to link the building into the city sewer system. It is hoped that most of this cost will be recovered as the pipe size is more than twice that required by the computer service building. This additional size has been requested by Public Works & Services and the Pippy Park Commission for future use. The building is expected to be completed in July, 1977.

DISTRIBUTORS

PATRICK J. KELLY	Regional Sales Manager
JAMES M. RING	Assistant Regional Sales Manager
JAMES FLYNN	St. John's area
BURSELL COULTAS	St. John's Metro area in- cluding Bell Island
ROBERT ROGERS	Southern Shore, St. Marys Bay and greater Placentia area
GERALD BATTEN	Conception Bay and Trinity Bay area.
GERALD SMITH	Burin Peninsula, including Come-by-Chance area
ROBERT BAGGS	Clarenville, Bonavista Peninsula and Bonavista North area
EUGENE RUMBOLT	Gander, Lewisport, New World Island and Bay D'Espoir area
SCOTT YOUNG	Botwood, Grand Falls, Buchans Green Bay and Baie Verte Peninsula area
DAVID LEDREW	Corner Brook, Deer Lake and Northern Peninsula area
EDWARD HUTCHINGS	Stephenville, Bay St. George, Port aux Basques and South West Coast area.
LLOYD JANES	Labrador area.

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RETAILERS

Janes Golden Eagle Ltd.  
St. John's

Pepperell Supermarket  
Pleasantville

Hennebury's Store  
Quidi Vidi

Oliver's Store  
St. John's

O'Mara Martin Drugs  
Rawlins Cross

Family Grocery  
St. John's

William Noseworthy Conf.  
St. John's

Choice Foods Limited  
Topsail Road

Parsons Drugs Store  
St. John's

Lars Fruit Mart  
St. John's

McGrath's Store  
St. John's

Theatre Pharmacy  
St. John's

Cornwall Drugs  
St. John's

Monty's Ltd.  
St. John's

Peter O'Mara Druggist  
St. John's

Stowe's Pharmacy  
St. John's

Edward's Drug Store  
St. John's

Capitol Drugs Ltd.  
St. John's

Pennywell Drugs Ltd.  
St. John's

Elizabeth Drugs Ltd.  
St. John's

Elizabeth Mart  
St. John's

Parkdale Pharmacy  
St. John's

George Biddiscombe's Store  
St. John's

Bailey's Newstand  
St. John's

J.P. Murphy Newstand  
St. John's

Brewer's Confectionary  
St. John's

Duckworth Street Pharmacy  
St. John's

Vey's Store  
St. John's

Mount Cashel Grocery  
St. John's

Murray's Fruit Conf.  
St. John's

Sunrise Confectionery  
St. John's

Quidi Vidi Conf.  
St. John's

Healy's Pharmacy  
St. John's

Elizabeth Drugs Ltd.  
St. John's

Patton's Grocery  
St. John's

Downers Confectionery  
St. John's

Peddle's Home Bakery & Deli  
St. John's

Murphy's Store  
St. John's

Caul's Grocery  
St. John's

Corner Gift Shop  
St. John's

Clarence Coish  
St. John's

Canadian Forces Exchange  
St. John's

Walsh's Store  
St. John's

Noseworthy's Store  
St. John's

Maypole Grocery  
St. John's

Crainford's Store  
St. John's

McMurdo's Pharmacy  
St. John's

Bob's Grocery  
St. John's

People's Choice Discount Drugs  
St. John's

Queens Road Store  
St. John's

East End Mini Mart  
St. John's

Nfld. & Lab. Amateur Sports  
St. John's

Crotty's Grocery & Conf.  
St. John's

Hanlons Store  
St. John's

Family Groceteria  
St. John's

Alexander J. Furlong  
St. John's

Healey's Store  
St. John's

Central & Eastern Trust  
St. John's

Mels Mini Mart  
St. John's

James B. Gibbons  
St. John's

Merrymeeting Laundromat Ltd.  
St. John's

Sydney R. Kelsey  
St. John's

Bradbury's Bakery & Deli  
St. John's

Boutique Artistique  
St. John's

Fountain Spray Store  
St. John's

Irene Hunt  
St. John's

G. & S. Corner Cash  
St. John's

Royal Trust Co.  
St. John's

Desmond Fitzgerald  
St. John's

Halliday's Meats Ltd.  
St. John's

Baxter Morgan  
St. John's

Steers Ltd.  
St. John's

Aubrey Senior  
St. John's

M.C.P. Social Club  
St. John's

Melendy's Sales  
St. John's

Curries Store  
St. John's

Maurice Lahey  
St. John's

Dorman J. Gillingham  
St. John's

Johnie & Mary's Coffee Shoppe  
St. John's

J.J. Savage  
St. John's

Stamps Store  
St. John's

Harveys Travel Agency Ltd.  
St. John's

Maurice Wilansky Mens Wear Ltd.  
St. John's

City Consumers Coop  
Mt. Pearl

Convenience Stores Ltd.  
St. John's

Dominion Stores Ltd.  
St. John's

Flower Hill Grocery  
St. John's

Dominion Stores Ltd.  
St. John's

Pennywell Groceteria  
St. John's

Dominion Stores Ltd.  
St. John's

Squires Grocery & Conf.  
St. John's

Dominion Stores  
St. John's

Austin Mercer  
St. John's

Dominion Stores Ltd.  
St. John's

The London  
St. John's

Dominion Stores Ltd.  
St. John's

Roses Store  
St. John's

Stop & Shop  
St. John's

First Lady Coiffures  
St. John's

Bridgett's Ltd.  
St. John's

Karen's Korner  
St. John's

P & S Enterprises  
St. John's

Hudsons Store  
Logy Bay Road

Logy Bay Mini Mart  
Marine Drive

Brown's Store  
St. John's

Bolands Confectionery  
Outer Cove

District Drugs  
Torbay

Roadside Groceteria  
Torbay North

George Penny Ltd.  
St. John's

Roberts Store  
St. John's

Mannings Superette  
Torbay

Bayview Grocery  
Torbay

Matthews Retail  
Pouch Cove

Shea's Snack Bar Ltd.  
Pouch Cove

Keith Kean (Bauline Store)  
St. John's

Parsleys Mini Mart  
St. John's

Valley View Grocery & Gas Bar  
St. John's

Murphy's Grocery & Conf.  
Portugal Cove

Drovers Superette  
St. Phillips

Clarkes Grocery & Gas Bar  
St. Phillips

Valleyview Lounge  
Donovans

Janes Store  
Paradies

Topsail Road Texaco  
St. John's

Hamlyns Ltd.  
St. John's

Brookfield Drugs  
St. John's

Ashfords Pharmacy Ltd.  
Mt. Pearl

Mt. Pearl Gulf  
Mount Pearl

W. Hallidays Variety  
St. John's

Perry's Store  
Topsail

McDonalds Fruit Store  
Topsail Road

M. A. Stockwoods Ltd.  
Mt. Pearl

Kourtis Ltd.  
St. John's

Imperial Esso Centre  
St. John's

Dowden's Store  
St. John's

Trans Canada Drugs  
St. John's

Green's Superette  
Mt. Pearl

Kings Grocery  
Bell Island

Kents Supermarket  
Bell Island

Upshalls Garage  
Bell Island

Whelan's Store  
St. John's

Macy's Ltd.  
St. John's

Dukes Conf.  
St. John's

Aylwards Grocery & Conf.  
Kilbride

Stones Grocery  
Bay Bulls Road

Elizabeth Drugs  
Goulds

Esso Self Service  
Topsail Road

Grants Store  
Mount Pearl

Curries Store  
Mount Pearl

Dinn's Confectionery  
St. John's

Pink Poodle Restaurant  
Topsail Road

Topsail Road Pharmacy  
Topsail Road

Sopers Grocery & Gas Bar  
Topsail Road

Crossroads Gulf Service  
Paradise

Arns Store  
Goulds

Paddy's Pond Irving  
Paddy's Pond, TCH

Pioneer Drive-In Rest.  
St. John's

J. & A. Gruchy Store  
Pouch Cove

Hilltop Deli & Conf.  
St. John's

Barnes Store  
Paradise

Adams Mount Pearl Esso  
Mount Pearl

McMurdo Drug Store  
Mt. Pearl

Kean's Grocery  
Mount Pearl

Irving Oil Car Wash  
St. John's

Schooner Lounge  
St. John's

Chage's Store  
Goulds

Parmiter Superette  
Goulds

Sues Gift Shop  
St. John's

N.T.A. Coop Credit Soc.  
St. John's

Bursey's Store  
Portugal Cove Rd.

Cleary's Store  
Kilbride

Sinnott's Snack Bar  
Kilbride

Midtown Groceteria  
Goulds

Fowlow's Store  
Mount Pearl

Slades Corner Mart  
Bell Island

Glendale Superette  
Mount Pearl

City consumers Coop  
Topsail Road

Travellers Inn  
St. John's

St. Phillips Rec. Centre  
St. Phillips

Coopers Supermarket  
St. John's

Sullivans Superette  
Pouch Cove

Augustus P. Tulk  
Torbay

Bidgoods Food Centre  
Goulds

Finn's Wholesale  
Goulds

Kenmount Club  
St. John's

Coopers Supermarket  
St. John's

Sunrise Grocery  
Mt. Pearl

Bourn's Esso Service  
St. John's

Shop Fast Mini Mart  
Goulds

Kay's Lunch  
Kilbride

Ayres Limited  
Mount Pearl

Victoria Park Esso  
St. John's

CNT Recreational Assoc  
St. John's

Carl Baldwin  
Pouch Cove

Mels Mini Mart  
St. John's

Customer Services  
St. John's

Cornwall Superette  
St. John's

Jack Turner  
St. John's

Jack St. George  
St. John's

Stop & Shop Supermarket  
St. John's

Leo's Variety  
Fermeuse

Lanes Variety  
St. John's

Harbour View Restaurant  
Fermeuse

Nfld. Light & Power Empl. Assoc.  
Kenmount Road

Southern Strand Lounge  
Fermeuse

Dominion Stores  
Mount Pearl

Harçy Andy Assoc.  
Ferryland

Southern Trading  
Ferryland

Mr. V. Piccott  
Foxtrap

Gerald Rossiter  
Calvert

Bayview Pharmacy  
Kelligrews

Cyril Hayden  
Cape Broyle

Suburban Quality Foods  
Kelligrews

John O'Reilly  
Tors Cove

Bayview Pharmacy  
Holyrood

Celement Mallowney  
Bay Bulls

Arch Morgan  
Seal Cove

Southern Discount Ltd.  
Bay Bulls

Shoreline Sports  
Long Pond

Ben's Economy Store  
Whitbourne

Fong's Store  
Manuels

Whitbourne Pharmacy  
Whitbourne

G. & E. Superette  
Placentia

Moorland Ltd.  
Whitbourne

Mr. R. Collins  
Placentia

Palfrey's General Store  
Placentia

Gales Supermarket  
Placentia

G.S. Murphy Ltd.  
Freshwater

Western Tire  
Placentia

Davi's Central Store  
Dunville

Aylward's Ltd.  
Placentia

Topsail Barber Shop  
Topsail

Noseworthy's Photo Shop  
Placentia

Barnes Superette  
Topsail

Foote's Texaco  
Dunville

Kennedy's Building & Home Impv.  
Manuels

Dunville Sport Shop  
Dunville

Jefford's Supermarket  
Long Pond

Traveller's Corner  
Whitbourne

Charles Batten, Jr.  
Foxtrap

Ryan's Esso Service  
Whitbourne

Holyrood Irving Holyrood	Mrs. E. Murphy Long Harbour
Squid Jigger Lounge Calvert	Mrs. L. Legrow Holyrood
Dalton's Store Cape Broyle	Rowe's Store Long Pond
O'Brien's Store Cape Broyle	Oceanview Take out Manuels
Maher's Store Witless Bay	Parsons Lounge Seal Cove
Kelligrew's Confectionery Kelligrews	Walts Lounge Kelligrews
Dawe's Store Manuels	Coopers Discount Kelligrews
Mr. E. Williams St. Mary's Bay	Mr. L. Williams Goulds
Mr. A. Yetman St. Mary's Bay	Mr. Leo English St. Mary's Bay
Mr. J. Gibbons St. Mary's Bay	Mr. J. Dohey St. Brides
Pond View Lounge St. Vincents	Mrs. E. Coffey Angles Cove
Mrs. F. Normore St. Vincents	Traverse Variety Fox Harbour
Mr. M. St. Croix St. Stephens	Critchies Store Riverhead
Beats Variety Store St. Mary's Bay	Mr. P.L. Murphy Chapel's Cove
Harbour View Lounge Trepassey	Tohin's Store Holyrood
John Devereaux Ltd. Trepassey	Island View Grocery Topsail
Trepassey Coop Trepassey	Corrigans Snack Bar Trepassey

Agnes Halleran  
St. Vincents

Howard Richards  
Clarkes Beach

McMurdo's Pharmacy  
Placentia

Garfield Ralph  
Clarkes Beach

Daley's Convenience Store  
Dunville

Gerald C. Mercer  
Bay Roberts

Mrs. B. Mulrooney  
Colinet

South River Bldg. Supplies  
Clarkes Beach

Mr. J. Molloy  
Portugal Cove, South

Russell's Mini Mart  
Roaches Line

Mr. G. Penney  
Mt. Carmel

Jovell Ltd.  
Bay Roberts

Mr. H. Lawlor, Sr.  
Cappahayden

Bright Spot Lounge  
Bay Roberts

Mr. S. Brazil  
Renews

Andy Andy Assoc.  
Bay Roberts

Mr. M. Myrick  
St. Shotts

Bay-view Service Centre  
Shearstown

Mrs. D. Butler  
Markland

Alice Dunn  
Bay Roberts

Devereaux's Coffee Shop  
Trepassey

Moore's Supermarket  
Clarkes Beach

Mrs. Josephine Walsh  
North Harbour

Powells Supermarket  
Bay Roberts

Mrs. M. Doyle  
Tors Cove

Bay Roberts Drugs Ltd.  
Bay Roberts

Mr. G. Tobin  
Daniels Point

Kozy-Glo-Lounge  
Spaniards Bay

Pennys Gulf  
South River

Barretts General Store  
Spaniards Bay, East

Isaac Wilson Sons  
South River

Henry J. Mercer  
Upper Island Cove

Lloyd N. Hussey  
Clarkes Beach

Upper Island Cove Pharmacy  
Upper Island Cove

Synards Health & Beauty Aids  
Harbour Grace

Cameo Lounge  
Harbour Grace

Ruby's Drive In Ltd.  
Harbour Grace

Mr. Max Powell Sr.  
Carbonear

Babbs Drygoods  
Harbour Grace

Hr. Grace Muffler Shop  
Harbour Grace

McCanns Store  
South River

Mac's Food Mart  
Harbour Grace

McMurdo's Pharmacy  
Carbonear

Robert L. Moore  
Carbonear

Fong's Restaurant  
Carbonear

Walter C. Milley  
Carbonear

Alvin Clarke  
Carbonear

Eric Martin  
Hearts Content

E. J. Green Ltd.  
Winterton

Efford General Store  
New Perlican

Daniel Cummings  
North River

Bram Burry  
Cupids

Silver Stream  
Brigus

Baccalieu Club  
Old Perlican

Harbour View Supermarket  
Old Perlican

Hogans Grocery  
Northern Bay

Parsons Grocery  
Salmon Cove

Community MarketPlace Ltd.  
Victoria

Fitzgeralds Grocery  
Spaniards Bay

Blue Mountain Lounge  
Colliers

Laracy's Store  
Conception Harbour

Norm's Place  
Avondale

Avondale Lounge  
Avondale

C. Russell & Son  
Blaketown

Blue Whale Club  
South Dildo

Edgar Higdon Grocery  
New Harbour

P.J. Kennedy Ltd.  
Harbour Main

Quinlan Bros Ltd.  
Baie De Verde

Lloyd Rossiter  
Carbonear

N.J. Halliday Sons  
Job's Cove

T. Terry Ltd.  
Woodford's

Flynns Ltd.  
Avondale

Len Reid Ltd.  
Greens Harbour

Hilltop Superette  
Cavendish

Frank Squires  
Sibleys Cove

Govers General Store  
Small Pt.

Mary De Sousa  
Brigus

Bartletts Store  
Marysvale

A. Spencer Co. Ltd.  
Bay Roberts

Carbonear Pharmacy  
Carbonear

Weeks Esso Service  
Carbonear

Lundrigans Lumber Store  
Upper Island Cove

Hillside Variety Store  
New Perlican

Hi-way Drugs Ltd.  
Clarkes Beach

Griffins Grocery & Conf.  
Golliers

Kennedy's Store  
Avondale

Elizabeth Foods  
Harbour Grace

Coopers Discount Ltd.  
Bay Roberts

Community Pharmacy  
Western Bay

Shop & Save Supermarket  
Spaniards Bay

Russell Efford  
Makinsons

Arthur Barrett  
Upper Island Cove

Herbert Bowring  
Bay Roberts

Mark Gosse & Sons Ltd.  
Spaniards Bay

John Roberts Murphy  
Brigus

Dawe Brothers  
Port De Grave

Holmes Grocery  
Shearstown

David G. Hiscock  
Brigus

Hubert Badcock  
Spaniards Bay

Titfords Grocer & Conf.  
Spaniards Bay

Merlers Cycles Shop  
Bay Roberts

Winston Churchill  
Bay Roberts

Crockers Gen. Store  
Georges Town

Cecil W. Gosse  
Spaniards Bay

Fred Drover  
Bay Roberts

Shirley Smith  
Spaniards Bay

Earl's Gen. Store  
Shearstown

Kinsmen Club  
Spaniards Bay

Canadian Legion Club  
Harbour Grace

Ernest Green  
Brigus

Stephen Garland  
Lower Island Cove

Welsh's Gen. Store  
Islington

Howard Philip Pike  
Harbour Grace

Clinic Pharmacy  
Carbonear

Sandra's Superette  
Spaniards Bay

Russell's Grocery  
Bay Roberts

Dominion Stores  
Carbonear

Coopers Supermarket  
South Dildo

G. Oates & Son Ltd.  
Carbonear

Ray Hindy Ltd.  
Winterton

Newhood & Son  
Blaketown

Seymours Store  
Shearstown

Stanley's Garage Ltd.  
Clarenville

Don's Food Mart  
Carbonear

Butlers Grocery Ltd.  
Clarenville

Newhooks Meat Market  
Harbour Groce

Handy Associates  
Clarenville

Butt's Supermarket  
Carbonear

Hub Electric, Maurice Randell  
Clarenville

Harold Parmiter  
Harbour Grace

Slipway Lounge  
Clarenville

Lillian's Confectionery  
Harbour Grace

A. Duffitt 1967 ltd.  
Clarenville

Bayview Pharmacy  
Bay Roberts

Cholock's Ltd.  
Clarenville

Colon's Take Home  
Harbour Grace

Rose's Plumbing & Heating  
Clarenville

H. E. Crocker  
Green's Harbour

Best's Self Service  
Clarenville

Marquis Bay Roberts Ltd.  
Bay Roberts

Cabot Dispensary Ltd.  
Clarenville

Smith's Grocery  
Bishops Cove

Hyne's Jewellery Ltd.  
Clarenville

John Pike  
Trinity Bay South

Ayres Ltd.  
Clarenville

Finn's Ltd.  
Carbonear

Chain Store  
Clarenville

Noonan Store  
Gull Island

Norm's  
Clarenville

P. Janes & Sons  
Hants Harbour

Ivan's Furniture & Appl.  
Clarenville

Bryants Country Club  
Islington

Mercers Variety Store  
Clarenville

Harbour Mini Mart Clareville	Samson's Supermarket Eastport
C.B. Swyers Bonavista	Brown's Supermarket Salvage
A. & T. Grocery Bonavista	Matchim's Wholesale Eastport
Randell's Ltd. Catalina	Roy's Electrical & Variety Glovertown
Donald L. Waye Bonavista	Kean's Enterprises Glovertown
Marie Harris Bonavista	Home Supply Ltd. Glovertown
Fifield's Drygoods Bonavista	Sparkes Supermarket Glovertown
Duffett's Enterprises Catalina	E. & J. Restaurant Glovertown
Dunrovin Hotel Lethbridge	Davis Ltd. Gambo
Greenings Restaurant Lethbridge	Sam Barrow & Son Ltd. Gambo
Village Inn Trinity Bay	Brad's Sport & Gift Shop Gambo
E. Union Trading Co. Bonavista Bay	P. & D. Auto Service Center Gambo
Horseshoe Lounge Summerville	Winnie Lush Grocery Gambo
S.C. Barbour Bloomfield	L. & D. Spracklin Ltd. Charlottetown
W.W. Young & Sons Ltd. Musgravetown	Well's General Store Trinity
King's Grocery Bunyans Cove	Picketts Lounge Centerville
Green's Grocery Sandringham	HiWay Market Wesleyville

Thomas Windsor & Sons  
Wesleyville

Mrs. A. Sweetland  
Bonavista

Holloway's General Store  
Clareville

Wm. Short & Sons  
Deep Bight

Goldsworthy Supermarket  
Port Rexton

Wm. Norcott  
Clareville

Fisherman Union Trading Co.  
Port Union

Clareville Area Coop  
Clareville

Mrs. George Blundell  
Random Island

Garlew Company  
Glovertown

A.M. Johnson  
Little Catalina

Burt's Store  
Britannia

S.W. Mifflin  
Catalina

Kozy Corner  
Clareville

Mrs. Don Handcock  
Eastport

Gambo Enterprises  
Gambo

Eugene Dyke  
Terra Nova

Restland Ltd.  
Clareville

G. & K. Auto Service  
Port Blandford

Baileys Grocery  
Little Hearts Ease

W. W. Winters Supermarket  
Badgers Quay

B & F Way  
Newtown

Indian Bay Stores  
Indian Bay

Riverview Drive-in  
Shoal Harbour

Fred Parsons  
Dover

Mesh's General Store  
Traytown

Sterling Ballett  
Port Rexton

Grand Bank Pharmacy  
Grand Bank

Wayne Parsons Esso  
Hare Bay

Nurse's Grocery  
Grand Bank

Sam Drover  
Hodges Cove

G. A. Buffett Ltd.  
Grand Bank

Corner Store  
Clareville

Warren's Grocery  
Grand Bank

Gregory's Groceteria  
Clareville

Marvin's Variety Fortune	Cribb's Golden Eagle Marystown
Central Restaurant Fortune	The Pop Shoppe Marystown
Crockers Irving Station Fortune	McMurdo's Marystown
Lake & Lake Ltd. Fortune	Supreme Drug Mart Marystown
Bayview Supermarket Fortune	Motel Mortier Marystown
Fortune Pharmacy Fortune	Atlantic Bldg Materials Marystown
E.R. Moulton & Sons Ltd. Lewin's Cove	William J. Dober Ltd. Marystown
Gerard Clarke St. Lawrence	Brennan's Store Marystown
Shamrock Lounge Placentia Bay	Miller's Store Marystown
Strangs Superette Lawn	Central Shoe & Clothing Burin Bay Arm
Lloyd Penney Variety St. Lawrence	Richard Marshall Ltd. Burin
Beck's Store Confectionery St. Lawrence	Bay Largent Hwyser Bay Largent
Fowler's Store St. Lawrence	E.H. Beck & Sons Swift Current
St. Lawrence Pharmacy St. Lawrence	Come-byChance Pharmacy Come-by-Chance
Aylwards Ltd. St. Lawrence	Gilberts General Store Come-by-Chance
Alice's Drive-In Burin	Berkley Best Come-by-Chance
Burin Pharmacy Burin	F.M. Adams & Sons Sunnyside

Mrs. Shirley Snook  
Sunnyside

Kellantz Enterprises Ltd.  
Swift Current

W. & S. Mercer Ltd.  
Sunnyside

Thomas Hickey  
Terrenceville

Tanker Inn  
Arnolds Cove

Mable Hardiman  
Grand LePierre

A. Best Texaco  
Southern Harbour

Shoppers Mart  
Fortune

Brace's Store  
Chance Cove

Caines Variety  
Garnish

Victor Smith Gen. Store  
Chance Cove

Maxi Mart  
Garnish

Mrs. Evelyn Whitten  
Bellevue Beach

Appleby's Supermarket  
Burin

Save-More Supermarket  
Chapel Arm

K. Karen  
St. Lawrence

Walsh's Store  
Bellevue

Bennetts Enterprises  
Port au Bras

J.B. Patten Sons Ltd.  
Grand Bank

Martin F. Farrell  
Little Bay

Brakes Motel  
Marystown

Hilliers Store  
Lamaline

Shirley Beck  
Burin

Wadman Enterprises Ltd.  
Arnolds Cove

G. & S. Enterprises  
Marystown

Melendy's Irving  
Grand Bank

Swift Current Irving  
Swift Current

Mrs. Florence Banfield  
Bay Largent

Matthews Grocery  
Grand Bank

Cheeseman's Store  
Rushoon

Gold Star Jewellery  
Marystown

Yetman Mountainview Service  
Goobies

Coopers Discount Foods  
Marystown

L. Parsons & Sons Ltd.  
Southern Harbour

A. Whiffens Store  
Southern Harbour

Callan Brothers Store  
Long Cove

Norman W. Smith Ltd.  
Normans Cove

Walter F. Eddy & Son  
North Harbour

The Cove Grocery  
Grand Bank

Green Bride  
Burin

Allen's Variety Store  
Little Harbour East

Jewers Store  
Botwood

S. & S. Clipper Lounge  
Botwood

Botwood Pharmacy  
Botwood

A.N. Antle Ltd.  
Botwood

Woodman Credit Jewellers Ltd.  
Bishops Falls

Mels Mini Mart  
Grand Falls

Central Pharmacy  
Grand Falls

Windsor Pharmacy  
Windsor

Tony Shang  
Windsor

George Brent  
Botwood

Botwood Golden Service  
Botwood

Riff's Ltd.  
Botwood

Bert Elliott  
Grand Falls

O'Keefe Pharmacy  
Grand Falls

Grand Falls Coop Society  
Grand Falls

Sweeneys Trans Canada Gulf  
Grand Falls

Donald J. Cooke  
Bishops Falls

Baie Verte Pharmacy  
Baie Verte

Walbourne's Store  
Baie Verte

Burtons Harward & Furniture  
LaScie

Eugene's Irving  
Springdale

Centennial Groceteria  
Grand Falls

Roberts Restaurant  
Badger

R.J. Maloney  
Buchans Junction

Fowlow & Sons  
Buchans

Colemans Lounge  
Badger

Brides Snack Bar  
Grand Falls

Handy Andy  
Botwood

S. Cohen & Sons Ltd.  
Windsor

Centre Mart  
Badger

The Bay  
Grand Falls

Maud White & Son  
Badger

Sweeneys Photo Studio  
Grand Falls

Saunders Stop & Shop  
Bishops Falls

Joe E. Stagg Groceries  
Windsor

Maxs Golden Eagle  
Springdale

Freda's Gift Shop  
Windsor

Sheppards Motel  
Baie Verte

Fred Poole  
Grand Falls

A. & B. Variety Stores  
Baie Verte

Club 63  
Grand Falls

Springdale Coop  
Springdale

Bishops Falls Stores  
Bishops Falls

Springdale Pharmacy  
Springdale

Bishops Falls Pharmacy  
Bishops Falls

Green Bay Drugs  
Springdale

Eltero Store  
Bishops Falls

Clarkes Hotel  
Springdale

C.T. Yates  
Millertown

George Warr Ltd.  
Springdale

S.F. Robinson  
Seal Cove

Keith Dalley  
Springdale

Spot Cash Co.  
Botwood

Guy Bartlett & Son  
Kings Point

Dougals Walsh Trans Canada  
Bishops Falls

John T. Heath  
South Brook

O'Reilly's Barber Shop  
Grand Falls

Hodders Food Mart  
Bishops Falls

Guys Grocery  
Leading Tickles

Pierceys Snack Bar & Groc.  
Windsor

Stockley & Burry Ltd.  
Botwood

The Met  
Grand Falls

Rendells Ltd.  
Bishops Falls

Burnt Berry Motel  
Springdale

Rowsell's Motel  
Roberts Arm

Gladys Hayley  
Grand Falls

Food Centre  
Buchans

Community Mart  
Buchans

Baie Verte Coop Soc. Ltd.  
Baie Verte

Burtons Grocery  
Roberts Arm

M & M Stores  
Roberts Arm

Oasis Club  
Grand Falls

Wongs Conf.  
Botwood

Loretta Warford  
Pt. Leamington

Main St. Confectionery  
Springdale

Owen Peyton  
Botwood

W.D. Jewer  
Botwood

Connollys Shoe Store  
Windsor

Dominion Stores  
Grand Falls

R.G. Baird Ltd.  
Grand Falls

Marquis Grand Falls Ltd.  
Grand Falls

Frank G. Fudge  
Pilleys Island

Vera Forsey Esso Self Service  
Windsor

Terry's Hair Styling  
Windsor

Michael Hearn  
Little Bay, NDB

Reg Budgell  
Cards Harbour

Grand Falls Drugs  
Grand Falls

Hiscocks Drive In  
Windsor

Greens Variety Store  
Springdale

Harold Batstone  
Jacksons Cove

George Keefe  
Little Harbour

A. J. Stuckless  
Twillingate

Melaneys  
Twillingate

E. J. Linfield  
Twillingate

Rideouts Mini Mart  
Summerford

Modern Discount Drugs  
Lewisporte

Lewisporte Drug Store  
Lewisporte

Raymond Farr & Sons  
Virgin Arm

L & G. Enterprises  
Summerford

The Photo Shop  
Gander

McMurdo's Pharmacy  
Gander

Lush's Mini Mart  
Gander

Gander Drug Store  
Gander

Mike Kelley  
Gander

Powell's Corner Groceteria  
Gander

Kolsou Ltd.  
Gander

The Goose Restaurant & Gas Bar  
Gander

Tripec Supplies Ltd.  
Gander

S & P Sports Center  
Gander

H. Hatcher & Son  
Lumsden

G. & M. Abbott  
Musgrave Harbour

G. & T. Enterprises  
Carmanville

Gander Valley Store  
Glenwood

Bus's Irving Restaurant  
Lewisporte Junction

Jensens Ltd.  
Harbour Breton

Harbour Breton Supermarkets  
Harbour Breton

Freeman Crewe Ltd.  
Hermitage

Drakes General Store  
Belleoram

Candlelight Restaurant  
Head Bay d'Espoir

M. Wilcott & Sons  
St. Albans

Gerald J. Wilcott  
St. Albans

Stricklands Store  
Milltown

Woolfrey's Supermarket  
Lewisporte

A. T. Woolfrey Bros. Ltd.  
Lewisporte

Crossroads Taxi  
Gander

Ray French  
Main Point

Hodders HiWay Market  
Rogers Cove

Mikes Cash Store  
Benton

Budgells Mini Mart  
Norris Arm South

Gander Cooperative Soc.  
Gander

Claude Brown  
Gander

Corner Gift Shop  
Lewisporte

Gander Drugs Clinic  
Gander

Royal Purple Canteen  
Gander

Pennocks Health & Beauty Aids  
Gander

A. J. Stucklies  
Upper Jenkins Cove

Sagona Drugs  
Harbour Breton

Selrite Store  
Harbour Breton

Freeman Crewe Ltd.  
Seal Cove

Edmund Elliott  
Harbour Breton

Lewisporte Coop Soc.  
Lewisporte

G & D Home Centre  
Lewisporte

Vincent's Grocery  
Glenwood

Top Value Sales  
St. Albans

J. Robbins & sons  
Lumsden

Boyd's Discount Store  
Embree

Millers Groceteria  
Fogo

Harbour View Store  
Joe Batts Arm

Fogo Island Motel  
Fogo

J.J. Sutton  
Head Bay D 'Espoir

Dorothy M. Roebottom  
Seldom

O. A. Jennings  
Bridgeport, NDB

John W. Jeddore Gen. Store  
Conne River

Gordon Leroux Ltd.  
St. Albans

Donald Snook  
St. Albans

M.J.B. General Store  
Loon Bay

McGraths Drugs  
Port aux Basques

Cabot Drugs  
Port Aux Basques

East End Store  
Port Aux Basques

Skeards Conf.  
Port Aux Basques

J.G. Motors  
Codroy Valley

Eric Brows Store  
Rose Blanch

Horwoods Groceteria  
Rose Blanche

Crouchers General Store  
Burnt Islands

Nfld. Outfitting Co.  
Stephenville

Freeman Green Sr.  
Isle Morts

Arlim Company  
Stephenville

Seashore Lounge & Rest.  
Margaree

Bens Pharmacy  
Stephenville

Clayton Croucher Store  
Burnt Island

A.V. Gallant Ltd.  
Stephenville

Hinks Variety  
Barehoise Brook

Medical Hall Pharmacy  
Stephenville

D. McIsaac & Son  
South Branch

T.J. Kearney Ltd.  
Stephenville

Marshalls Grocery Centre  
Flat Bay

Gillis T.V. & Radio  
Stephenville

Cutlers Store  
St. Georges

Shoppers Drug Mart  
Stephenville

Mrs. Marie LaSaga  
St. Georges

Irvings Ltd.  
Stephenville

Baileys Groceteria  
St. Georges

Gary R. Pike Ltd.  
Stephenville

HiWay Store  
Stephenville

Food Centre Ltd.  
Stephenville

Seaside Store  
Port au Port, East

Food Centre Store  
Stephenville Crossing

Abbott & Haliburton  
Port Au Port

Riffs Ltd.  
Port aux Basques

R.G. Pike  
Port Au Port

Irvings Ltd.  
Port aux Basques

Indian Head Consumers Coop  
Stephenville

Food Centre Ltd.  
Port aux Basques

Atlantic Building Supplies  
Stephenville

Mrs. Regis Battist  
Port aux Basques

Irvings Ltd.  
Stephenville

IDA Lawerance Store  
Mouse Island, P.A.B.

Osmonds Store  
Newtown, P.A.B.

Corner Store  
Stephenville

Mr. Gillian  
Lakes Brook

Model Coop Society  
Doyles

Family Clothing  
Port aux Basques

Arnold Hulan  
Jefferys

Gerald Janes  
Port aux Basques

Irvings Ltd.  
Port aux Basques

Ronald Strickland  
Grand Bay

Chaffey Bros Ltd.  
St. Fintans

McCanns Esso Ltd.  
Stephenville

D & M Variety  
Port au Port

Red Rose Club  
Whitehorn

P. Ridgley  
Lourdes

John Green  
Burgeo

Lourdes Coop Society  
Lourdes

Shoprite Groc.  
Port aux Basques

McLennons Superette  
Stephenville

Junes Boutique  
Port aux Basques

Edward Hulan  
Cartyville

James O'Quinn  
Doyles

Bishops Grocery  
Stephenville

Joe Sparrow  
Port aux Basques

Conrad White  
Stephenville

Mr. Simeon Spencer  
Burgeo

Mrs. Edward Billard  
Grand Bay

BeauChamp Hardware  
Port aux Basques

B & R Irving  
St. George's

Marquis Ltd.  
Stephenville

Frederick Carter  
Cape Ray

Hillview Lounge  
Burnt Island

Vince Linehan  
Port aux Basques

William McCann  
Port au Port East

Snooks Irving Station  
Stephenville

Edward Hosking  
St. Davids

Minica's  
Port au Port East

Clarence Jackman  
Corner Brook

Harmon Convenience Store  
Stephenville

Mrs. A. Stone  
Curling

Sweet Shop D&E Ltd.  
Stephenville

Curling Drug Store  
Corner Brook

McCanns Irving  
Port au Port, West

Broadway Discount Drugs  
Corner Brook

Mary Hinks  
Piccadilly

City Pharmacy Ltd.  
Corner Brook

S S Clarke  
Flat Bay

Corner Brook Co-op Store  
Corner Brook

John Penney & Sons  
Ramea

Westview Variety  
Corner Brook

Bob's Barbour Shop  
Corner Brook

Humber Pharmacy  
Corner Brook

Thrift Mart Ltd.  
Corner Brook

Mac Gilluirays  
Corner Brook

F.M. Musseau  
Corner Brook

Bellows Store  
Corner Brook

Mrs. Marie Oxford  
Corner Brook

Ronda Catering Ltd.  
Corner Brook

Peter J. Byrne  
Corner Brook

Hilltop Store  
Corner Brook

Mr. Ronald Bashn  
Corner Brook

Neville Store  
Corner Brook

Brenners Superette  
Pasadena

L. Gosse  
Corner Brook

M. Trask Confectionery  
Corner Brook

Corner Brook Drug Mart  
Corner Brook

Doris Hicks  
Corner Brook

West Coast Dispensary Ltd.  
Corner Brook

Steve Kelly  
Corner Brook

Brookside Grocery  
Deer Lake

Answer to Question raised in  
the House - From the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 213

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - to ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

Amount of taxes and/or royalties paid by Labrador Mining and Exploration Company to the Provincial Treasury from royalties collected on ore mined at Labrador for the years 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976.

Answer

As has been Government policy in the past, information submitted for Mining Tax/Mining Royalty is confidential.

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Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - from the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 234

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - to ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance, to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

- (1) Name of firm or individual providing security services to the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation.
- (2) Cost per month for providing services to the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation.
- (3) Were public tenders called for providing security services to Newfoundland Liquor Corporation? If tenders were not called, state reason.

Answer

- (1) The name of the firm providing security services to the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation is Central Investigating and Security.
- (2) Central Investigating and Security Limited tendered \$3.60 per hour for the job.
- (3) Public tenders were not called in the usual manner, instead the hiring of security guards was done by the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation writing the four companies who appeared in the yellow pages as security companies. Central Investigating and Security Limited was the lowest tender.

*June 87*

Answer to Question Raised in the  
House - From the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 100

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance, lay upon the Table of the House the Following information:

How much did the Government collect in the fiscal year 1975-76 for entertainment tax?

Answer

In the fiscal year 1975-76, the government collected nil entertainment tax. The entertainment tax was repealed in September, 1968.

*June 27*

Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - From the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 147

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

- (1) During the period from January 1, 1976 to current date, how many writs have the Government caused to be issued out of the Courts against vendors under the provisions of the Social Security Assessment Act tax due to the Government in these actions?
- (2) As of January 1, 1977, what is the total amount of Social Security Tax in arrears outstanding and due and owing to the Government?

Answer

- (1) During the period January 1, 1976, to March 9, 1977, there have been 82 writs issued against vendors under the provisions of The Retail Sales Tax. The total amount claimed by the Government in these actions is \$595,251.85.
- (2) As of January 1, 1977, the total amount of Retail Sales Tax outstanding and owing the Government is \$4,317,668.64. In the fiscal year 1975-76 the total Retail Sales Tax collected was \$120,886,000.

*June 8/77*

Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - From the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 153

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

What were the amount of losses, if any incurred by:

- (a) Marystown Shipyard fiscal year 1975-76 and 1976-77 fiscal year to date?
- (b) Stephenville Linerboard Mill fiscal year 1975-76 and 1976-77 fiscal year to date?
- (c) Burgeo Fish Plant Fiscal year 1975-76 and 1976-77 fiscal year to date?

Have the Government paid the amounts of these losses?

Answer

- (a) Marystown Shipyard Limited - The loss for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1976 was \$2,933,416.
- (b) Stephenville Linerboard Mill - The loss for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1976 was \$34,030,000.
- (c) Burgeo Fish Plant - The loss for the fiscal year ended May 31st, 1976 was \$373,018.

The Government has not made specific payments covering the amounts of these losses. However, by virtue of the companies being Crown Corporations, the Province is indirectly responsible for the losses and assistance is provided periodically in the form of direct loans, and equity financing.

The remaining information now requested is not available at this time but it will be available in Volume 2 of the Public Accounts in due course.

*June 8/77*

Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - from the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 157

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

List titles of all Crown Corporations, Boards, advisory councils and commissions appointed by the Government either orally or in writing and presently functioning in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Answer

The attached listing was prepared by Executive Council in January 1977.

*June 8/77*

Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - From the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 162

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

- (a) List individuals and firms who are in arrears on tobacco tax as reported in the Auditor General's Report, Page 28, for the financial year ended 31 March, 1976.
- (b) What attempt, if any, has been made by the Minister to collect these outstanding amounts including penalties totaling \$404,059.

Answer

- (a) List of individuals and firms who are in arrears on tobacco tax cannot be provided. Section 11 (eleven) of the Tobacco Tax Act refers.
- (b) Tobacco Tax arrears of \$404,059 have been collected.

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Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - From the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 180

Mr. Neary (LaPoile) - To ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

What are the monthly totals paid to EPA on reimbursed to workers to and from Labrador since January 1, 1976 under the scheme to reduce fares for residents of Labrador?

Answer

Under this plan, the Province does not make any payments to Eastern Provincial Airways. It is the practice for the worker travelling to and from Labrador to submit a claim to the extent of 25% of his cost and the Province subsequently pays this amount directly to the person involved.

In this regard, the following amounts have been paid to these workers since January 1st, 1976:

January	1976	\$22,641.61	September	1976	\$42,996.09
February	1976	\$26,207.27	October	1976	25,656.87
March	1976	31,756.68	November	1976	27,517.63
April	1976	13,369.13	December	1976	9,566.63
May	1976	24,577.99	January	1977	32,139.41
June	1976	21,138.83	February	1977	7,874.03
July	1976	17,634.19	March	1977	34,458.35
August	1976	27,228.31	April	1977	33,230.54

TOTAL \$397,993.56

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Answer to Question Raised in  
the House - from the Honourable  
C. William Doody

Question Number 200

Mr. Neary (Lapointe) - To ask the Honourable, the Minister of Finance to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

Would the Minister give a detailed accounting of all write-offs over \$1,000.00 of debts owing Government or Crown Corporations since January 1, 1972?

Answer

See attached.

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