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The House met at 10:00 am.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR.SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR.SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR.MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce that as of Monday, May 16, the provincial Department of Fisheries will have fully operational its inshore fish distribution programme to deal with possible glut situations in the upcoming inshore fishing season. These distribution/information offices, at least two of them, opened two weeks ago in Port aux Basques and Port Saunders to coincide with the opening of the inshore fishing season in that part of the Province. And the other offices will be opening on Monday of next week at Gander, at Bonavista, Harbour Grace, Marystown and St. John's. These offices will remain in operation until mid-August or until the end of the inshore fishing season in each region.

The fish distribution/information offices will serve to help to alleviate, Mr. Speaker - the hon. gentleman can joke all he wishes - help to alleviate a fish glut situation which is usually a very serious problem in different parts of the Province every year and especially during the codtrap fishery by assisting in the movement and distribution of fish from places where there is an excess to places or locations of plants where there is a shortage of fish. This will prevent, Mr. Speaker, income losses to both fishermen and to processors.

MR.MORGAN: These offices will remain open from 9:00 in the morning until 5:00 every day, six days a week, Monday to Saturday and, will make daily contact with local processors and determine both the extent of the inshore codtrap fishery, glut situations -

SOME HON.MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR.MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, could I have the protection of the Chair while I am making my Ministerial Statement?

MR.SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR.MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Now, Mr. Speaker, these offices will also make contact each day with regional district offices and the various fishermen's committees and the various plants in each of the regions where these offices will operate.

MR. MORGAN: As an example of the importance of this kind of a programme, last year the same kind of a system was successful in the distribution of over two million pounds of fish, in fact, 2.2 million pounds of fish, during the codtrap season. They were successful in the distribution of that much fish in certain areas.

Mr. Speaker, the codtrap glut, as it occurs every year, we want to make sure that all of us are working together. So based on that, we formed a committee involving the federal government, the provincial government, the Fishermen's Union and the Fish Trades Association. That committee is presently in place. It is holding meetings and will be holding a meeting, in fact, again next week. And if we cannot find sufficient processors to accommodate the markets for fishermen, we will not see a situation where fishermen will have to dump their fish. We have to make every effort to prevent a situation where fishermen have to dump their fish during the codtrap season. So we may have to resort, Mr. Speaker, to over-the-side sales to foreign fishing vessels, but that is the last resort.

Hopefully we can, through this kind of a programme, be able to arrange to have fish processed as it is caught by the fishermen in different plants' onshore facilities. However, if the onshore facilities are not there and cannot accommodate the fishermen, the Newfoundland Government will support any licences to be issued by the federal Minister of Fisheries (Mr. De Bane) to the union or the Saltfish Corporation to put in place foreign fishing vessels to purchase fish directly, over-the-side sales, as they call it, from the fishermen.

MR. MORGAN: So, Mr. Speaker, this is a very important issue at the commencement of the inshore fishing season. We are hoping that the Newfoundland Government's initiative on these kinds of offices funded totally by the Newfoundland Government, will help to alleviate the situation. We are counting on the support of the Fishermen's Union and the federal Department of Fisheries and the Fish Trades, the companies themselves, and I will be pursuing this matter further, in fact, in discussions and meetings with Mr. De Bane and his officials in Ottawa on Monday coming.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. TULK:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, let me first of all thank the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) for having the courtesy to give me his statement. It does not always happen, from that side of the House.

Mr. Speaker, what the minister is really telling us this morning is that this year we can look forward to the same kind of situation that we had last year in the Province and we know what that was, Mr. Speaker. We can remember two or three days in this House when it was clear that the distribution desks that the minister had set up around the Province were just simply not working. We saw fishermen last year, Mr. Speaker, unable to sell their catch, their harvest, we saw fish dumped and that was at a time, Mr. Speaker, when incomes were declining. Now, Mr. Speaker, it is worthy of note that what the minister is saying in this statement is that it will only help alleviate the situation. Mr. Speaker, we have known in this Province for years about the cod glut, the fish glut, in this Province that occurs and what this indicates again this year is that the minister has progressed no further in planning in his department than he did year. He is living on hope. It is band-aid treatment. Now, Mr. Speaker, what will happen this year when the glut occurs? Let me make a prediction.

MR. MORGAN: We are not responsible for that.

MR. TULK: The distribution is supposed to be yours, the processing is your responsibility.

MR. MORGAN: It is a harvesting problem.

MR. TULK: It is not a harvesting problem. When the fish are brought in you cannot handle it, that is the real key.

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

MR. TULK: Let me make a prediction, Mr. Speaker. We will see the same situation if the fish is there this year, if the harvesting is done this year, we will see the same kind of situation in processing as we are seeing this year. One of the questions that the minister should -

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

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, under the rules of the House when a minister makes a statement the Opposition has the right to respond but not debate the content of the statement. Now, Mr. Speaker, the member is debating the content of the statement I made this morning.

MR. NEARY: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I submit that is not a point of order. My hon. colleague is not debating. The whole trouble with the minister is, Mr. Speaker, he treats everything as a joke.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, it is a fact that the hon. member in replying to a statement has to make comments on the statement.

The hon. member's time now has elapsed.

MR. TULK: I will get back to it.

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

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, at the present time there are hardly any ministers in the front benches. The Minister of Forest Resources and Lands (Mr. Power), Development (Mr. Windsor), Transportation (Mr. Dawe), Communications (Mr. Doyle), the House Leader (Mr. Marshall), the Justice Minister (Mr. Ottenheimer), the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Hickey) and the Premier are missing. Mr. Speaker, how are we expected to carry on a Question Period or anything else in this House? Besides that, Mr. Speaker, I know hon. members want to get out of the House and close it up as quickly as they can, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. HODDER: But at least they have the obligation to be in this House when it is open.

MR. NEARY: Right on! Hear, hear!
They cannot wait to get it closed down.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, all hon. members of the House know it is quite improper to comment on whether a member is in the House or not. It is quite improper. It is quite out of order itself. And in any case the ministers who are not here have very legitimate reasons for being elsewhere and they will be back just as soon as circumstances permit.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman should remember that practically this whole session remarks were made from the benches there opposite about the attendance of the members of the Opposition. Now, Mr. Speaker, it is not up to us to keep a quorum in this House. It is up to the government. And, Mr. Speaker, it is virtually impossible to get the people's business done properly with so many ministers absent on a daily basis. This is not the only day, Mr. Speaker, Everyday for the last several weeks we have had eight and nine and ten ministers missing at the beginning of the session, when they should be here prepared to answer questions during the Oral Question Period. How can

MR. NEARY: We plan our strategy as an Opposition, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: How can we come into this House prepared to ask questions of the Premier, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer), the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall), the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Hickey) and the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) if they are not in their seats, Mr. Speaker? So justice is not being done to the people's business, Mr. Speaker. It is shameful. The attendance of ministers in this House is shameful. Every day after the Question Period the Premier scoots down to his office, runs out of the House. The trouble is, Mr. Speaker, they cannot wait to get the House of Assembly closed.

It is too hot for them here, the contempt they have for the House and disregard they have for the people's House, Mr. Speaker, is shameful. We may as well tell hon.

gentlemen now that whatever parliamentary devices that we can use there is no way they are going to get this House closed without producing plans to deal with the real problems that are confronting the ordinary people in this Province -

MR. SIMMS: To the point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - the crisis in the fishery and so forth, Mr. Speaker, and in the hospitals and so forth.

MR. SPEAKER Order, please!

To that point of order, the hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) who purports to be a veteran of this House -

MR. TULK: And he is.

MR. SIMMS: and suggests that he has all the knowlegde of all the parliamentary rules and procedures -

MR. TULK: Which he does.

MR. SIMMS: - daily gets up and shows that he does not have those kinds of qualifications because he knows full well that the point that has been raised by his colleague, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder), is not a point of order. A point of order has to be raised with respect to a breach of privilege of the House or a breach of proceedings or a breach of the rules. And members attendance in the House is not considered to be a breach of the rules and the hon. member should know that. I submit, Mr. Speaker, that all the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) is attempting to do is score some cheap political points.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!
To that point of order, there is no point of order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. NEARY: A point of information then, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SIMMS: There is no such thing.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!
There is no such rule in our Standing Orders as a point of information.

MR. NEARY: A point of order then, Mr. Speaker -

MR. SPEAKER: Another point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: - if I cannot raise a point of information.

Would one of the spokesmen and we saw two that time - the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) and we saw the former Speaker (Mr. Simms), the expert on the rules, would one of

MR. NEARY: these gentlemen tell us if the Premier and the ministers will be taking their seats before we get to the Oral Question Period?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, once again that is not a legitimate point of order and it only points out that the Opposition opposite, and particularly the House Leader (Mr. Hodder), which is rather strange, and the Leader of the Opposition only want to waste the time of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! To that point of order, I rule there is no point of order again.

Before we continue it gives me great pleasure to welcome to the House of Assembly fifty-five students and three teachers, Morris Lewis, Leslie Furlong, and Tom Maddox, Grades IV, V and VI students from St. Peter's and St. Paul's Elementary in King's Cove, Bonavista Bay.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, today, I am very pleased to be able to provide hon. members with some additional information concerning different aspects of wildlife management and wildlife protection in this Province. Before doing so, I would like to, Mr. Speaker, point out that this government recognizes the importance that big game has when enhancing the quality of life for our people.

Newfoundland and Labrador can boast of big game herds which are comparable to any in North America; and the hunting opportunities offered to our residents are also second to none. Annually, over 20,000 hunters are given the opportunity to hunt moose or caribou, and as I have stated

MR. SIMMS: . . . on numerous occasions, over 50 per cent of them are successful. Few other places, Mr. Speaker, in North America offer big game hunters such a high rate of success.

During the past year, Mr. Speaker, the Wildlife Division of my department has been quite active in reviewing and implementing new policy which relates to wildlife management and wildlife protection. And as the minister responsible for wildlife in the Province I am certainly aware of the importance of keeping the public informed; and also of educating our young people about their wildlife heritage, and so I am proud of the fact that my department presently has an education programme that is progressing in these areas. Its primary goal is to have wildlife education integrated with the curriculum of our formal school systems, and I firmly believe that the long term future of our wildlife resources can only be assured by helping to shape the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of our young people.

To that end, our hunter education programme underwent an intensive revitalization, Mr. Speaker, during 1982 and we have recently produced

MR. SIMMS:

a Newfoundland and Labrador hunter education manual which will be used in our new course programme for hunters and potential hunters beginning 1983.

During the coming months, we will be recruiting and training new volunteer instructors, and, as well, retraining existing instructors by means of a series of workshops to be held throughout the Province. The long-term target for this programme is to train three thousand plus people by 1985.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMS: I should also note, that the course and supplementary material is offered at no charge to our participants, and while not playing down firearms use, the course has not been extended from twelve hours to eighteen hours, and now emphasizes wildlife management and hunter ethics. The entire programme has been renamed Hunter Education rather than Hunter Safety to reflect its broadened approach.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. SIMMS: As a graduate of that programme, along with my colleague and friend from Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren), the Opposition critic, we would certainly, I know, want to encourage people to undertake that programme.

Mr. Speaker, my department has also been making an all-out attack on poaching which is having a serious impact on both moose and caribou populations in some areas of the Province. On December 3rd, this government implemented a system for the imposition of minimum fines resulting from convictions of big game violations that are considerably more severe than ever before.

MR. SIMMS: There is also considerable evidence that there is growing public support for our campaign against poaching. This is shown by an increase in the number of calls and letters from people reporting such activities. I believe this to be a result of the heightened concern of people who realize that poaching will be greatly reduced if it becomes socially unacceptable and that if this change does not occur, then our rich wildlife heritage will obviously quickly disappear.

During the past, Mr. Speaker, it has never been very easy for a citizen to report violations, so this year a twenty-four hour telephone hotline will be established to test its effectiveness. The project has two goals, first of all, to convict poachers, and secondly, to prevent poachers from operating. The first goal is self-evident, Mr. Speaker, but the second is less so. Participants - all big game licencees and others who choose to opt in the programme - will be issued bumper stickers that will promote the programme.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMS: The hoped-for result of this programme, Mr. Speaker, is that the poachers' activities will be somewhat inhibited if they are aware that a neighbour might report them.

MR. SIMMS: This kind of project has been implemented successfully in other areas, and I have little doubt that it will be successful in Newfoundland and Labrador as well.

Mr. Speaker, a few short months ago, I announced several new initiatives which were designed to increase the efficiency and the effectiveness of our wildlife programmes. One initiative, of course, that was instituted was the \$5.00 non-refundable big game application fee. Because we were able to identify this area of new revenue, we will now be able to offset the cost of the educational programs such as the ones I just referred to, and, as well, will enable the wildlife division to engage 3 new protection officers during the current fiscal year.

SOME HON.MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR.SIMMS: This revenue has helped us to greatly improve the computer licence draw system, Mr. Speaker, and I am now in a position to announce today that this year's licence draw will be completed by Sunday, May 15,1983 and notices to applicants advising of their success or otherwise should be in the mail by next Friday, May 20,1983. Mr. Speaker, this is two months earlier than in previous years, and this earlier date will now allow hunters more lead time to schedule holidays and, in addition, will assist them generally in preparing for their trips.

As all big game licence applications have not yet been key-punched, Mr. Speaker, by computer services we do not have the exact number of valid applications received at this point. However, I have been advised by my officials that we have received in excess of 26,000 applications for big game licences. This is comparable to the number of applications received

MR.SIMMS: in past years. In fact, if we look at the numbers of applications received in each year since 1979, the number of applications received this year is well above average. In 1979, for example, there were 20,971, in 1980 22,090, in 1981 25,385 and in 1982 26,564. So given these figures, it is fair to say that big game hunters were not deterred in any way from applying for big game licences.

SOME HON.MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR.SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, for 1983, the moose licence quota has been set at 9,985 animals, and the caribou licence quota has been set at 1,360 animals. In total 11,345 big game licences will be issued in 1983. This figure also compares favourably with figures from past years. For example, last year in 1982 there were 11,305 big game licences issued. This year's quota obviously shows an net increase of 40 .

The programs that I have referred to, Mr. Speaker, and the figures that I have just presented , show clearly that this government is pursuing an effective wildlife policy. And I can assure this House, the members of this House, and the people of the Province that in the years ahead we will continue to make every effort to improve and enhance wildlife management in this Province. Because the quality of our wildlife heritage relies on the actions that we take today, and this government, Mr. Speaker, is committed to the principle of sound wildlife management and sound wildlife protection.

SOME HON.MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: In response to the Ministerial Statement let me say in the beginning that I think we have to thank the late Ray Simmons and my hon. colleague from Bellevue (Mr. Callan) who brought it to the attention of the department several years ago that there should be an education process instituted in the department. I think the late Ray Simmons is the person that is responsible for the minister bringing in this statement today.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I have to congratulate the minister in holding to his commitment.

At least now the successful hunters will have the opportunity to set up their vacation time around their hunting.

This is a commitment that the minister endeavoured to carry out since last year and I am quite pleased that the minister has done so.

The minister was a little bit contradictory in his statement. However, Mr. Speaker, he said that the education programme is at no cost to the hunters and a page later he says this new five dollar application fee will help pay for the education program. Now, Mr. Speaker, this year we have seen the department increase this fee to five dollar and it is offsetting -

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

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon. the Minister of Culture, Recreation and youth.

MR. SIMMS: Because I do not want the hon. member to be carried away.

What I said was the hunter education training programme and retraining programme will be of no cost to the participants who will be undertaking the

MR. SIMMS: the hunter education training programme. I am sure the hon. member would want to have that fact clarified.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, there is no point of order. it is a point of clarification.

The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, it still boils down to the fact that there is an extra five dollars added on to the successful and the unsuccessful applicants.

Another thing, Mr. Speaker, I should remind the hon. minister that we are the province Newfoundland and Labrador and I am surprised that the minister did not include in his Ministerial Statement the hunting season in Labrador. Is the minister saying 'Okay, I will come in some other time and make a statement about the hunting season in Labrador.' It is part of Newfoundland I will remind the minister and the people up there would like to set their holidays around the hunting season also. So the minister should realize that we are the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador not just the Province of Newfoundland.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, the minister is asking for volunteers throughout the Province and I am sure there are many people in this Province who would volunteer to assist the minister. However, I do not see the rationale why there are X number of wildlife officers laid off each year. I think that the minister should make sure that the forty-eight wildlife officers are employed on a year-round basis. Furthermore, if the minister wants to carry out a good programme for the protection of wildlife, I believe that there should be more than forty-eight or fifty wildlife officers. We have a vast area of unprotected land and poachers are encouraged because wildlife officers are just not available. Each wildlife officer has territory to cover and just cannot apprehend people everywhere. I suggest to the minister that in his next budget he should try to encourage the Finance Minister (Dr. Collins) to ensure that there will be more wildlife officers to protect the wildlife of this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Premier, the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall), the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer), I have to get down to the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins), and that is getting pretty low, Mr. Speaker, in this hon. House.

I want to ask a few questions about Summer employment in various government departments and in Crown corporations. Would the hon. gentleman tell the House if there will be an increase or a decrease in the number of people, students and what have you, who will be hired for Summer employment in government departments and in Crown corporations? Has the government done any kind of analysis to see if it will be up or down this year?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to give what information is readily available at this time. I am sorry that all members of the Opposition are not present to hear the information. I notice the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) is not present and several other members opposite. Nevertheless, at this time of the year the departments of government endeavour to make employment available, particularly to university students but also to some high school students. Obviously the departments have more positions available for university students than the others. At the present time those to be employed in each department number a total of about 500 and the amount expended for that will be somewhere over one million dollars.

MR. NEARY: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

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MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder would the hon. gentleman also indicate if he has the figures for Crown corporations? I presume the 500 are just for

MR. NEARY: various government departments,
Is that 500 an increase or a decrease over the number
hired last year?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the short answer
to the first part of the question is no, I do not have the
numbers for the Crown corporations. Crown corporations
by their very nature operate at arms length from government
itself. They have the discretion, which they exercise, as
to the number of student positions they make available. I
am sure that, within their budgetary limits, they do the best
they can because all departments of government, and all Crown
corporations are conscious of the need and the desirability
of giving Summer employment to the students, especially the
university students in this Province.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, so the total that
we can expect to see hired this year by various government
department is 500, is that what the hon. gentleman is saying?
500?

DR. COLLINS: That was the figure I gave.

MR. NEARY: As far as he knows now, with the
figures given to him just now by the Minister of Labour
and Manpower (Mr. Dinn), 500 will be hired in various government
departments this year, and the hon. gentleman does not have
the figures for Crown corporations.

Let me ask the hon. gentleman
this question: What procedure, what criteria, what process
will be used to hire these 500?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I am not exactly sure where the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) is moving with his questions, but just to make sure -

MR. NEARY: No, but you suspect.

DR. COLLINS: - just to make sure that it is understood how the procedure works, all permanent employment in government departments, with very rare exceptions, I cannot at the moment think of an exception, so I am going to say for all practical purposes, 100 per cent of permanent employment in government service is done through the Public Service Commission. In other words, the applicants do not approach departments themselves for permanent employment, they approach the Public Service Commission, the Public Service Commission vets their applications, often in vetting them does ask for a representation from the department concerned, but in actual fact the final

DR. COLLINS:

selection of a short list is made by the Public Service Commission, that is for permanent employment. And that was a reform that was brought in by a previous administration of the type that is presently in place -

MR. NEARY:

We are talking about

Summer employment.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

Order, please!

DR. COLLINS:

- in other words, a P.C. administrati

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

DR. COLLINS:

Previous to that great reform, I think there was a very haphazard manner in giving permanent employment in the Public Service.

Now in terms of temporary employment that procedure is not used, because it would be very cumbersome, it would delay the process, it would be to neither government's best interest and certainly not to the student's best interest to have to go through a rather cumbersome but nevertheless necessary procedure that is used for permanent employment.

So for temporary employment, and temporary employment very largely refers to Summer employment - not exclusively, but very largely refers to Summer employment - the applications are made to the departments themselves and the permanent head of the department, that is, the Deputy Minister, makes the final decision on whether he accepts or whether he rejects the applications for particular temporary employment.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if I understood the hon. gentleman correctly, but I just want to get him on the record again. Did the hon. gentleman say

MR. NEARY: it is the Deputy Minister who makes the selection of people for Summer employment, students and the like? Can the hon. gentleman confirm that it is the Deputy Minister without any consultation at all with the minister who makes these appointments?

AN HON. MEMBER: No, no way.

MR. WARREN: No way, eh?

MR. NEARY: Well, that is what the minister said.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Aylward): The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Ministers of the Government of Newfoundland are an extremely experienced, extremely responsible, extremely conscientious bunch of people. They do not carry out their duties without consultation. The vast majority of Deputy Ministers have very large staffs underneath them. They have colleagues of a similiar status to themselves and they

DR. COLLINS: have elected members, i.e., ministers in the departments. The Deputy Ministers, in carrying out their duties conscientiously and with responsibility, consult widely before coming to any but the most routine decisions. But I would emphasize that the Deputy Minister is the permanent administrative head of government departments and they make final decisions on such things as employment conditions and work and so on and so forth, that is within the collective bargaining arrangements that are reached with NAPE and within the general policies of government.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition, a supplementary.

MR. NEARY: If the hon. gentleman wants to know where my questioning is leading, he should ask the Minister of Forest Resources and Lands (Mr. Power) and the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young), who seem to be the big culprits on that side of the House when it comes to hiring.

MR. HODDER: Or the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms).

MR. NEARY: The Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth is also a culprit?

MR. HODDER: Oh, yes. The worst.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we argued that there is too much -

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

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon. the Minister of Public Works.

MR. YOUNG: I wish to inform the hon. member that the statement he made just now is untrue.

MR. HODDER: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, the ministers are almost open about it, they boast about the fact that they hire groups of students from their district. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I had a minister who boasted to me that he had thirty hired from his district.

MR. YOUNG: Further to that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon. the Minister of Public Works.

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, is the son of one of the hon. members on the other side from my district? It is done by our Payroll Account. Probably I do have some there and why should I not?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!
To that point of order, I rule that there is merely difference of opinion between two hon. members.

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the hon. minister.

Would it not be better for the government to lay down some new ground rules, new procedures for hiring Summer employment, Mr. Speaker?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

MR. NEARY: The existing system is wide open for abuse and it is not what you know, it is who you know if you get on for the Summer in one of the government departments. Now, Mr. Speaker, that is morally wrong and it should be changed, Mr. Speaker, because it discriminates against the majority of Newfoundlanders.

MR. NEARY: People should be hired either on a first come, first served basis or they should be hired on their qualifications. Before they get into filling the majority of these 500 Summer employment positions, would the hon. gentleman undertake to bring in for the approval of the House new ground rules so that ministers will never again be able to boast that they can do things that we cannot do? They can hire their constituents, they can look after their political friends and that sort of thing by hiring their sons and daughters for Summer employment, or some lawyer's son or some doctor's son, Mr. Speaker, and the Department of Education is one of the big culprits too by the way.

Mr. Speaker, in all fairness, and to see that justice is done or at least that justice appears to be done -

DR. COLLINS: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): A point of order, the hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) said, 'I am going to ask a supplementary question,' In asking supplementary questions a preamble is not necessary, as the Standing Orders say, and he has now been speaking for approximately two minutes before getting into and terminating and finishing and completing a supplementary question.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) should have leave of the House to continue on as long as he wants because he is bringing up a fact here which is a thorn in the side of every Newfoundland young person who is applying for a job. We have record unemployment in this Province, Mr. Speaker -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. HODDER: - yet the Minister of Education (Ms Verge), the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), the Minister of Forest Resources and Lands (Mr. Power) and all the other ministers are hiring young people into their departments, Mr. Speaker, the ones that they want.

MR. MORGAN: Sit down, boy!

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, further to that point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

Further to that point of order, the hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, now that is a disgraceful sort of exhibition we have just seen. The hon. the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder) rose, purportedly to speak on a point of order, and he abused the privileges of this House by then going into other subject matter and, in actual fact, getting into debate on a matter having nothing to do with the point of order that was raised. I think that that is again an example of what I said earlier in the morning, that is that the Opposition just wants to waste the time of the House.

MR. NEARY: That is terrible! That is terrible!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, I rule that there is a valid point. The hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) was asking a supplementary question and there was some preamble.

MR. NEARY: Well, I will get straight to the question then, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Does the hon. gentleman feel that it is time to get rid of these archaic procedures and rules and regulations with regard to Summer employment? And also, would it not be a protection for the ministers, who can now be accused of abusing their positions, for them to have these people either processed through the Public Service Commission or through some independent body so that no influence can be brought to bear by the ministers?

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

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. the Leader of the Opposition has examples of abuse, he should bring them forward and lay them out so that one can see if what he is talking about is valid or not. But just to scatter-gun, you know, broad statements without any factual back-up to it, you know, is useless. Again, it is just wasting the time of this House. Anyone can make broad statements and suggest things, allude to things without any basis for them. And not only does it not actually contribute to the business that this House is supposed to be dealing with, but also it certainly does not help the situation with regard to employment.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Leader of the Opposition, a supplementary question.

MR. NEARY: What is the hon. gentleman afraid of then? Is the hon. gentleman afraid to bring in some new

MR. NEARY: procedures? Let us assume the hon. gentleman is correct, and he is not, because that system of hiring for Summer employment is the most abused in this Province; as I said earlier, it is not what you know, it is who you know whether you get on with the government for the Summer. The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young) should know that. The Minister of Public Works is the biggest culprit of all, and the Minister of Education

MR. NEARY:

(Ms. Verge), the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young), and the Minister of Recreation, Culture and Youth (Mr. Simms), Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

Order, please!

MR. NEARY:

So, Mr. Speaker, if the hon.

gentleman is not afraid, if the administration are not afraid, why do they not bring in rules and regulations that will make it fair foreverybody? What is fair for one is fair for all. Make it fair for everybody.

MR. HODDER:

And let us have a list of who is hired.

MR. NEARY:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, and lay the list on the table of this House. And if the hon. gentleman does not do that, and the administration do not do it, then obviously, Mr. Speaker, they have something to hide. So why would the hon. gentleman not agree? I mean fair is fair. All we are asking for is justice.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, this must be the longest supplementary question on record.

MR. NEARY:

Why would the hon. gentleman not agree to bring in a set of rules and regulations for hiring Summer employment?

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please! The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I do not know if it is the longest supplementary question on record, it must be getting close to it and, of course, it has great length but very little substance.

As I mentioned already, Mr. Speaker, the hon. Leader of the Opposition is not bringing

DR. COLLINS: forward any specific point that one can respond to because he is not giving any precise information. What I will undertake, in the absence of the hon. Leader of the Opposition giving facts, what I will do, and I undertake to do this, every deputy minister I come across in the next day or so I will ask him if he is aware of any abuse and I will listen to what he says. I will try to get factual information.

Now the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), if he has factual information he should have brought it forward. But I will do his job for him. I will speak to every deputy minister, who are ultimately responsible for hiring of temporary employees, I will ask every deputy minister I come across is he aware of any abuse.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, it is really frightening, you know, when you think about the hon. gentleman being the Minister of Finance in this Province, it is really, really frightening. Mr. Speaker, obviously the government have no intentions of changing their procedure, they are going to carry on the same old way on favouritism. The whole system is based on favouritism and who you know in government, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The hon. member has a supplementary question.

MR. NEARY: It looks to me like they have no intention of changing. Every other province of Canada that I know of has brought in a job creation programme for young people for the Summer, Now we are talking about 500 jobs here, but that is not the kind of a job creation programme that we would expect in this Province for students for this Summer when

MR. NEARY: the situation in the economy is so bad. Could the hon. gentleman tell us if there is anything in this Province similar to what they have in the other nine provinces of Canada in the way of job creation for students for this coming Summer?

MR. SPEAKER (AYLWARD): The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the figure I mentioned, over 500, is an indication that the government is aware of the need to give employment during the Summer to students and we are doing the best we can. Other measures to improve on what I think is quite a creditable move at the present time within areas directly controlled by government, other moves to expand on that wherever possible are under active consideration.

MR. CALLAN: A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Bellevue.

A supplementary question.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) in answering earlier said that there was approximately 500 temporary jobs being created at a value of \$1 million, I think, to the government, which works out to about \$2000 per student, money that they will badly need come the Fall semester at the university especially after what the Minister of Education has done to the loans and grants and student aid system. But let me ask the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), of those 500 jobs that are being created, how many of those would be in his department? For example, in the provincial parks, how many Summer jobs would there be?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR.SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, to my recollection in the Division of Parks , in the Division of Historic Resources and all other divisions in my department , I think there is somewhere in the area of 120 to 150 student Summer jobs.

MR.CALLAN: A supplementary, Mr.Speaker.

MR.SPEAKER (Aylward): A supplementary. The hon. member for Bellevue.

MR.CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, let me ask would the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr.Simms) concur with the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) that in his department it is the Deputy Minister who has the final say on the placement of these students in various provincial parks? Is it the Deputy or is it he himself who has the final say?

MR.SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR.SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, I think what the Minister of Finance was saying is that the administrative head of the department, the permanent head of the department, who is the Deputy Minister, approves these Summer positions. I did not say he selects them, he approves these Summer selections. But in our case, for example, in our department we consider and accept applications , letters, telephone calls, representations from MHAs, from community leaders, teachers and all sorts of people. We consider everybody's application as seriously as we can, realizing , of course, that obviously

MR. SIMMS:

there are not nearly the number of jobs available to fill all the applicants' desires. In fact, in my department this year I think we have something like 1,000 applications for approximately 120 to 150 jobs. We also consider qualifications of the students on their application forms. In areas where swimming is required, for example, we look for water safety courses, first aid courses and whatever. Generally speaking, students' qualifications are pretty well similar, obviously, because they have not had time enough to garner a great deal of experience. So most of their applications and qualifications are generally fairly similar.

Also, I might point out in cases of parks in particular, students who were employed the previous year are generally called for re-employment because of the experience they have gained and that experience, of course, is critical to proper management and operation of the park's system throughout the Province. So that is basically the way it is dealt with in our Parks Division.

MR. CALLAN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Supplementary, the hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, let me ask the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) would he be prepared to table in this House of Assembly a list of the successful applicants in the various parks when they have been finalized? I assume if it is not finished now it should be finished in a day or so. Would the minister be prepared to table in this House a list of the successful applicants for the various parks? There are not that many around the Province. If the

MR. CALLAN: minister thinks that is too much trouble, perhaps he will provide me with a list of the successful applicants in at least Jack's Pond and Bellevue Beach Parks in the district of Bellvue? Is the minister prepared to do that?

MR. SPEAKER (AYLWARD): The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, I will take that request under advisement. I am not aware of what might preclude me from doing it. But since he has raised the question, he is obviously aware that he has made representation, I think maybe he is the one member on that side who has made a representation to me for a Summer student job, whereas members on this side are consistently harrassing me on behalf of their constituents.

MR. CALLAN: And they are the successful ones, too.

MR. SIMMS: But let me just tell him, because he did raise it with me a day or two ago, I did take the opportunity to check.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Now you have just let the cat out of the bag.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. SIMMS: What was the big surprise?
What was the cat?

MR. CALLAN: Why should they be talking to you? They should talk to your deputy.

MR. SIMMS: Well, you tell me now what I have done? Hon. members do not know what they are talking about as usual.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) raised the matter with me a couple of days ago , and I undertook -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!
The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, with respect to the member for Bellevue's question about undertaking to provide him with the names of people who are working in the parks in his area, because he mentioned it to me a day or so ago or a couple of days ago, I did undertake to check yesterday to see in Bellevue Beach Park in particular, which I am aware is in his district, the one that he mentioned to me specifically-

MR. CALLAN: Jack's Pond.

MR. SIMMS: - that there are two students employed there at the present time, have been hired for this Summer season, one is from Norman's Cove in his district of Bellevue, the other is from Bellevue in his district of Bellevue. So he will be happy to know that both of the people who are working in Bellevue Beach Park are both constituents of his. And I am sure that he is most happy to hear that two constituents from his own district are working in his district in Bellevue Beach Park.

MR. CALLAN: What about Jack's Pond?

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

MR. HISCOCK: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins).

MR. SPEAKER: A further supplementary.

MR. HISCOCK: In view of the fact there are about 8,000 students at Memorial and about 30,000 high school students, which brings it up to

MR. HISCOCK: approximately 40,000, and unemployed youth between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five number at least another 15,000, so we are talking about 50,000 students and here we are employing 500, which is 1 per cent of the student population, of the young people of this Province.

Considering this astounding youth employment, and that other provinces have Summer job creation programmes, will the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) inform the youth of this Province that he will not enact the student loan increases from \$450 to \$950 this coming September, and that he will put a freeze on this for one year until the economic climate in this Province picks up? Can the Minister of Finance give our younger people some hope that this administration is going to give them a break?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I seem to recall that this question, or a question very similarly phrased, has come up a number of times over the last few days, really since the Budget was brought down, I suppose. The questions were answered fully, in detail, explained and expounded upon by the hon. Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) and all information that needs to be given on the matter has been set before the hon. members of this House and before the public, because it was reported in the media, and I am sure the students themselves are well aware of it. As a matter of fact, my understanding is that the hon. Minister of Education has met with groups of students and she has gone over this matter in great detail. I believe the students with whom she discussed the matter have said that they had a very satisfactory meeting.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan). In view of the fact, Mr. Speaker, that it has now been confirmed in public statements made by various people who were at the Fishery Council of Canada meeting that the hon. gentleman did tell a racist, off-colour joke, does the hon. gentleman feel now that he owes an apology to the representatives who attended that conference? There is no point in remaining silent or refusing interviews, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman does owe these people an apology. Could the hon. gentleman inform the House if he has taken any steps to get a list of all the delegates who attended that conference, issue an apology individually to the delegates, and also issue a public apology to the people of this Province for the insulting and rude remarks made by the hon. gentleman at that conference?

MR. SPEAKER: Any further questions?

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, does the hon. gentleman think that he is going to be forgiven by remaining silent and not answering questions in this House? Mr. Speaker, I cannot force the hon. gentleman to answer my questions, but the hon. gentleman obviously, Mr. Speaker, thinks it is going to blow over. Is that what the hon. gentleman feels? Does the hon. gentleman feel that if he just sits in his seat there like a dummy that the matter will blow over. Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman has done an awful lot of damage to Newfoundland's reputation in the international business world. And the hon. gentleman should, man-fashion, Mr. Speaker, if he has any courage at all, the hon. gentleman should apologize to these people and make a public apology.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

Order, please!

DR. COLLINS:

A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A point of order, the hon.

Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, again the Leader

of the Opposition very clearly stated a supplementary question and then he went into a long harangue which did not enlighten the House in any way, did not bear on any supplementary question he may have had in mind, indeed it hardly bore on the original question. This matter has been beaten to death. It is has been dealt with in this House before in Question Period, I believe. The hon. Premier of the Province actually commented on the matter in this House and I believe elsewhere, and there does not seem to be any point in going on with it further. But anyway, Mr. Speaker, the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) is clearly not abiding by the rules by going into a long harangue in terms of supplementary questions.

MR. HODDER: To that point of order,
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon.
the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: The Leader of the Opposition
(Mr. Neary) has every right in this world to ask the Minister
of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) questions as long as he wants to
in a Question Period, but the minister has the right to
refuse. But the refusal of the minister, Mr. Speaker, in
this case, says much more than if he had answered.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, the hon.
the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman
who just sat down is right. The minister of any portfolio
has the right to say no or refuse to answer any question,
and that is the right of members of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, any points I have
to make on fisheries I will be making today on all aspects
when I speak in the Budget Debate.

MR. NEARY: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, the hon.
the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman
must remember, when the hon. gentleman spoke down at
that conference, he was speaking for the government, he was
speaking as a Queen's minister, he was addressing that group
as a representative of the administration and of the people
of this Province. The hon. gentleman was there as the
Queen's representative. Now, Mr. Speaker, does the hon.
gentleman think in fair play, in British justice, that the
hon. gentleman should remain silent and hope that this matter
will blow over rather than issue a public apology to these
people?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

To that point of order, I rule that in the supplementary question, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) took some time, but he did ask several questions rather than making a preamble. I rule there is no point of order.

I have to inform the House now that the time for Question Period has expired.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

MR. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. GOUDIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

In the absence of the Premier, I want to table some information relating to a question asked by the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren), I think, a week ago today, perhaps a week ago yesterday, relating to the Voisey Bay fish camp. The information as I understand, that he requested, since it is rather brief, I will read into the record. This is a copy of a letter. He suggested, by the way, that our department had not contacted the Native groups to offer the fish camp to these particular groups. And on the 4th of November, 1980, I have a copy of the letter here addressed to Ms Fran MacIntosh from Fred Anderson, who is a Regional Development specialist with my department, we wrote

MR. GOUDIE: indicating to them that, 'We are now formally requesting advice from your association as to the future of this camp, but we are interested in any suggestions you may have regarding the disposal of the lodge.' Mr. Speaker, since 1980 there has been no response to that letter from Ms. MacIntosh or anyone else. And in relation to the operating budget for the fish camp for 1982 the total expenditure was \$17,498.27, broken down into wages - and there are three people who are employed there; one, a watchman; and if groups go in such as they did last year on two occasions then a cook is hired for that particular period, for an hour, a day or a week whatever it is; and on some occasions we have to have some bookkeeping work done so when that is necessary that person is hired on a part time basis as well - repairs and maintenance, supplies, fuel, boat rental, transportation, purchase battery charger, sundry expenses and there was a bank balance at the end of that year of \$702.92. However, since that time there has been a further expenditure of \$780 and that amount has been paid.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker,

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, just to show when reasonable sensible questions are asked of this portfolio the answers are always forthcoming.

Mr. Speaker, with regards to a Question No. 35 on Order Paper of March 17, 1983 asked by the member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) with reference to any cost of renovations to the minister's offices in the fiscal years 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 the answer to that question; there were no renovations made to the offices of the Minister of Fisheries during any of these years.

MR. NEARY: What a joke.

MR. MORGAN: Why ask the question if it is a joke?

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MR. MORGAN:

do not want them.

I will not answer them if you

MR. NEARY:

new setup?

You finally paid for your

MR. MORGAN:

(inaudible)?

What is your eighteen year old

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

Order, please! Order, please!
Before we continue with Petitions
it gives me great pleasure to welcome to our galleries
Mr. Frank Murphy, Mayor of Rushoon, and Mr. Frank Kennedy,
Principal of Marystown Central High School.

Order, please! Order, please!

Before we continue with Petitions

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS

MR. TOBIN:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Placentia West.

The hon. the member for Burin -

MR. TOBIN:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to
present a petition signed by 1,612 people from my district.
This petition was circulated by the Sacred Heart Parish
at Marystown and it is in opposition to the

MR. TOBIN:

Morgantaler Abortion Clinics. The prayer of the petition is in the form of a covering letter to me which I shall read, Mr. Speaker. It is from the Sacred Heart Parish of Marystown, which says: "Attached please find a petition signed by 1,611 members of this area in opposition to the establishment of the Morgantaler style Abortion Clinics in this Province. The petition was signed at weekend masses in this parish, at the Marystown Fish Plant and at our two area malls over the past week. In addition to this the petition, on Mother's Day, May 8, about 250 people took part in a Walk for Life in Marystown in order to make a public statement on the abortion situation. We would ask that if possible, you would present this petition in the House of Assembly and then convey it to the Minister of Health, the hon. Wallace House."

Mr. Speaker, let me say that both myself and the Minister of Health, Mr. House, were in Marystown on Monday night when the petition was presented to me, in the presence of the minister, by the Parish Priest there.

As I stated earlier the petition was signed by 1, 612 and the letter states 1,611, The reason for this, Mr. Speaker, is that since the letter was circulated my good wife signed the petition; she was not present to sign it on Mother's Day as she happened to be in hospital giving birth to our child which, I think, clearly indicates where we stand on the abortion issue.

Mr. Speaker, in presenting this petition, may I reflect back to my many years as a social worker in this Province when, at times, I dealt

MR. TOBIN: with some people who found themselves in the situation of pregnancy, who, I might add, felt at times in a state of desperation, a state of despair and I shudder to think what might have happened if such clinics had been established in this Province.

Mr. Speaker, I know that there are many children in this Province who were probably not planned but I can certainly say that I know that all of these children are certainly wanted.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that I believe that life begins at conception and I believe that everyone has a right to life. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I personally, strongly oppose Dr. Morgentaler in even considering our Province for such a clinic. I believe that our Province

MR. TOBIN:

does not need Dr. Morgantaler. This Island has been and I am sure will continue to be perfectly peaceful without his presence.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible)

MR. TOBIN: Mr. Speaker, in presenting this petition, I would appreciate it if the Leader of the Opposition would remain silent and let me present the petition, as I believe this is a very important petition and it warrants the support of the House, Mr. Speaker.

And as I stated earlier, just last week I had an opportunity to visit the hospital as my new son was delivered there. And to walk into the nursery, Mr. Speaker, at St. Clare's Hospital and I am sure all the rest of the hospitals and to see all these little babies, Mr. Speaker, the happy parents who were present and to share the joy and happiness with these people, people whom you do not even know, is to me, Mr. Speaker, what this life is all about.

I present this petition, Mr. Speaker, with 1,612 names, I certainly add my own signature to the petition and say that I strongly support and strongly endorse this petition and I ask that all hon. members of the House support the petition as well.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House support the prayer of the petition. We want to state categorically that we on this side of the House are totally against abortion on demand. We are amazed that the Morgantaler representatives in this Province are making statements, challenging the law, challenging the Minister of Health (Mr. House), challenging the

MR. NEARY: administration. And, Mr. Speaker, I was rather taken back the other night to see a lady on television being interviewed saying that they had raised enough money to take on the government, take on the minister if their application for a permit is challenged.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am also rather disappointed with the hon. gentleman who presented the petition and supported the prayer of the petition that he would continue to support an administration and a department that would allow the Health Sciences Complex down there to be treated like a slaughter house. The number of abortions that go on over there, Mr. Speaker, I am told are frightening. The hon. gentleman made no reference to that at all. The hon. gentleman must remember that he is supporting an administration that has come so close to abortion on demand at the Health Sciences Complex, Mr. Speaker -

DR. COLLINS: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): A point of order, the hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the Standing Orders state that in supporting or commenting on a petition presented in this hon. House the subject matter may not be the subject of debate. Now the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) is wandering away from the subject, he is getting into what he perceives as government policy - what he perceives is quite incorrect, of course - but nevertheless he is getting into an area of what he perceives as government policy and is debating that policy and that is quite outside the rules of this House in terms of commenting on or supporting petitions.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please! To that point of order the hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: The member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) presented a petition which dealt with abortion and the Leader of the Opposition pointed out that at the Health Sciences Complex, abortions are almost on demand. His comments were along the lines of the hon. member's petition because the petition was against abortion, Mr. Speaker.

DR. COLLINS: To that point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order the hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the activities in this area at the Health Sciences Complex are carried out, to my knowledge and to the knowledge of this government, according to the Criminal Law of Canada, i.e., there are committees set up as are required by the Criminal Code of Canada and those committees are functioning, the deliberations of those committees are perfectly according to the code. Therefore, the activities at the Health Sciences Complex in no way bears any resemblance whatever to a Morgantaler type of abortion clinic and that is the subject of this petition. For the hon. House Leader opposite to say and to try to tie in what is going on at the Health Sciences Complex with the subject matter of this petition is quite erroneous and quite fallacious.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order. The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman just touched the very point that I was attempting to make when the hon. gentleman interrupted with a point of order and that is that these committees although they

MR. NEARY: are appointed do not meet, they do not function, they do not approve the abortions. They do not meet, Mr. Speaker, and that is exactly the point I was making.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, is this on a point of order?

MR. NEARY: Although they may conform with the Criminal Code as far as the setting up of the committee is concerned, the committees do not meet, Mr. Speaker, and the Health Sciences Complex as far as abortion is concerned is a slaughter house.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, he is debating another issue.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: And I would suspect that we are going to hear more about the Morgantaler matter in the future. We are opposed to that sort of thing, Mr. Speaker, we are opposed to abortion on demand and we would hope that the Minister of Health (Mr. House) would take a strong position on this matter and not allow these clinics to open in this Province.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! To that point of order I refer hon. members to Standing Order 92. "Every member offering a petition shall confine himself to the statement of the parties from whom it comes, the number of signatures attached to it and the material allegations it contains. In no case shall a member occupy more than five minutes."

The hon. member's time has elapsed with the point of order.

MR. NEARY: Well that, of course, was the purpose of the point of order, to use up the time.

MR.SPEAKER (Aylward): To the petition. The
hon. the Minister of Health.

DR.COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I want to
respond and support this petition also. I want to respond
to the petition as was presented by my colleague, very
ably presented. I had the pleasure, a couple of nights
ago when I was down in Marystown, of attending the presentation
to him, to the member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin),
and there was some discussion on it. Now, I think we got a little
bit away from the prayer of the petition which is to, of
course, prevent the Morgantaler people from setting up
a clinic to perform abortions. That is simply the
basis of what it is. I want to clarify a little, Mr.
Speaker - it is a differentiation how I can support
this. I want to

MR. HOUSE: say that right now it is erroneous to say that the Therapeutic Abortion Committee at the Health Sciences Complex does not meet, it does meet regularly. Every process is gone through. The number of abortions that are performed in this Province is pretty well down by half of what it was, say, about three or four years ago. And there are a lot of people who are rejected because the Committee does not deem them to be therapeutic.

So though we are allowing this and permitting this, we are not adding or subtracting, Mr. Speaker, from the Criminal Code tenet. The fact of the matter is, there is a Committee, and that is allowed in an accredited hospital. It does give the Minister of Health in each province the capability of approving a non-accredited institution, and the spirit of that is to approve a hospital that may not be accredited. That is what that is. There are a number of our hospitals in the Province that are not accredited, and that gives the minister the capability of allowing that particular institution to do them.

It was never intended, as far as I can read the spirit of the Law, to allow something of that nature to happen at a doctor's office. And in spirit of that that is what the Morgantaler Clinic is doing.

Now, there may be some conception some idea that we are a little wavery on this. Morgantaler has written me, as the Minister of Health, he has asked permission. We have said, no. I do not know how many ways you can say, no. And that is the way it is continuing to be, Mr. Speaker. So I am very happy to say that I support this and it is the policy of government not to approve any kind of an abortion clinic outside of an accredited hospital.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

ORDERS OF THE DAY

DR. COLLINS:

first readings, first.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps a few

Motion, the hon. Minister of Justice to introduce a bill, "An Act TO Amend The Law Society Act, 1977", carried. (Bill No. 34).

On motion, Bill No. 34, read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister of Finance to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act", carried (Bill No. 55).

On motion, Bill No. 55, read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister of Finance to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Service (Pensions) Act", carried. (Bill No. 50)

On motion, Bill No. 50 read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Municipal Grants Act", carried. (Bill No. 52)

On motion, Bill No. 52 read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister Responsible For The Petroleum Directorate to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum And Natural Gas Act", carried. (Bill No. 54)

On motion, Bill No. 54 read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Labour Standards Act", carried. (Bill No. 56)

On motion, Bill No. 56 read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister of Mines and Energy to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Government - British Newfoundland Corporation Limited - N.M. Rothschild & Sons (Supplemental Agreement) Act, 1978", carried. (Bill No. 51)

On motion, Bill No. 51 read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

Motion, the hon. Minister of Mines and Energy to introduce a bill, "An Act To Amend The Mineral Act, 1976", carried. (Bill No. 53)

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On motion, Bill No. 53 read a
first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order 1, Budget Debate.

MR. SPEAKER (AYLWARD): I understand that last day, the hon. the member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) adjourned the debate. He has approximately twenty-five minutes.

The hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, yesterday evening in the few minutes that I had, I started off my few remarks on the budget by saying that in the Budget Debate I suppose you could talk about many issues: You could talk about the condition of roads in this Province, you could talk about taxes, the fishery, offshore, forestry, public service issues and an endless number of issues. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, perhaps one of the things that we should talk about in this Budget Debate are some of the broken election promises of this government that have not been fulfilled and are not being fulfilled in this budget this year.

I went on to say, Mr. Speaker, that generally speaking though, the budget lays out the government's plan of action for the coming fiscal year. The Throne Speech is a very general statement and the Budget Speech gives the detailed, the concrete economic plans, that the government plans to carry out in the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, if I could elaborate on that, basically what I am saying is that it should set the direction that the government intends to take. It should tell us whether the government intends to stand still in its economic measures, whether it intends to put in some cutbacks, intends to cut back on this, that and the other thing. And perhaps, Mr. Speaker, there are times when a budget -- as the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) was saying yesterday evening when he was speaking of Mr. Lalonde's budget in Ottawa -- there are times when a budget has to take some bold, new initiatives.

MR. TULK:

Mr. Speaker, if you were looking at this budget in an overall light, if you were being kind to the budget, if you were in a mood to be kind to this budget and to the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins), you could perhaps say that the budget stands still, that it maintains the status quo. That is the best that members on the other side can do. And if you were scolding the Minister of Finance and I think with the budget he brought in he needs more than that, he needs to be condemned roundly by the people of this Province and I have no doubt that he will be, because it cuts back on some of the services that we have become accustomed to in this Province. In other words, Mr. Speaker, I think you can say that progress has been injured by this budget, it has been stopped, and I think you could go on to say that indeed, the minister is perhaps remaining true to himself, true to his philosophy, true to the kind of government that he is trying to run, namely, a Tory Conservative Government.

Mr. Speaker, I think if you look at it, the really harsh thing about this budget is

MR. TULK: that it does not take, it does not take any new initiatives at all. There is absolutely no new direction in this budget. There is nothing new, nothing good, nothing, Mr. Speaker, that says that in the next year Newfoundland is going to progress either socially, culturally or economically, nothing, absolutely nothing.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. TULK: It is the same only old refrain that this government has been carrying on with for the past - I have been here, I think, four years in this House and I can remember, the day that the Budget Speech was read saying to the member for the Strait of Belle Isle who sits next to me in this House, I can remember saying to him, 'Has it been like this for the past twenty years, you have been here, practically twenty years?', and the answer came back, 'No, but it has been like it for the past ten, the same old stuff'. You could have written this budget, changed a few figures - the direction in this budget is the same now as it was five years ago, Mr. Speaker.

The cover of this budget changes somewhat, changes a little bit, we get a new picture on the cover of the budget every year. It remains about the same thickness, it hardly changes. I do not even bother to bring a copy any more because I can read last years.

MR. HODDER: Always at odds with the federal government.

MR. TULK: Oh, always. They always find somebody to blame something on, whether it be the federal government, Nova Scotia, Quebec or somebody. But it has the same tone, the same direction. It had the same direction in 1978, it has the same direction -

MR. DINN: (Inaudible).

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, if the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) wants to go after me he should do it in this House and not from the gallery.

It is basically the same budget as was written in 1978, the same budget as was written in 1979, the same budget as was written in 1980 and the same budget as was written in 1981. It sets no, absolutely no new direction at all, no new direction, nothing. There is no direction for the creation of wealth in this Province, that is something that this government has forgotten. They should realize that in order to have jobs, in order for the 50,000 students in this Province to get jobs you have, first of all, to create some wealth in this Province before you can get jobs. That is one thing they did not realize, that there is a connection between wealth creation and job creation. And the basic failure of this government in the last ten years is that they have not created any wealth. The wealth in Newfoundland today remains practically the same as it did in 1972, and certainly this group has not created any wealth in this Province since 1979. It is a tired Tory document. It is mindless, it is dull and it is uncreative. There is absolutely nothing in it.

MR. TULK:

Mr. Speaker, I think it is fair to say that if you look at the Canadian economy, if you look at how Canadians feel about the economy today that there is a feeling of cautious optimism in this country that we are going to come out of the recession that we are in. There is a feeling that the Canadian economy is recovering slowly. Everybody in this country seems to accept that fact. There is a renewed faith, I believe, in Canada that I think is starting to develop. Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that it is any secret, I think it is fair to say, that that feeling of cautious optimism, that feeling of renewed faith in this country has been helped tremendously by the federal budget just recently brought in by the hon. Marc Lalonde, the federal Liberal Government, by the way, Mr. Speaker. We saw Mr. Lalonde bring in a special recovery programme, a programme that attempts to create jobs - attempts to create wealth and then create jobs, and he attempts to do it through assisting private enterprise and creating jobs through private investment. Now, Mr. Speaker, if we look at this budget that was brought in by this government you would expect that this budget would be somewhat in line with the same kind of initiative that is being taken by the federal government; for example, we have just seen from the federal government the announcement of millions of dollars. For example, the member for Humber West (Mr. Baird) who at the present time is not in the House, is going to benefit, his people are going to benefit to the sum of \$10 million, for the Corner Brook harbour development. His constituents and the constituents of the member for Humber East (Ms. Verge) and no doubt the constituents of all of the members from the West Coast, are going to benefit from that \$10 million that was just recently announced for

MR. TULK: Corner Brook and it is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that there is not one cent of provincial money going into that. Is that right? I understand that it is totally federally funded.

MR. HODDER: They should all crawl under their seats and hide away, the whole works of them.

MR. TULK: Now, there is no doubt about it, as the hon. the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) has just said, that when those projects get underway we will hear the member for Humber West (Mr. Baird), the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) and the Minister of Health (Mr. House) try to stand up in this House and in Corner Brook and take some credit for what is happening. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, that cannot be done. In the same way the provincial Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) cannot take credit for the \$24 million that was announced last week for fisheries infrastructure in this Province. But it is an example of what the

MR. TULK:

Federal Government is trying to do, trying to create jobs through the creation of infrastructure for development in this Province. This government has not done that.

Yesterday, we had an announcement of millions of other dollars, for example, the \$16 million that was announced for the start of the Trans-Labrador highway, something that will open up the last natural wealth Frontier in this Province and perhaps in this Country, Labrador.

Mr. Speaker, it is something that the people have been looking forward to for years. There are millions of dollars for other roads in this Province, and besides that the Federal Government has put in millions of dollars for make-work projects. Mr. Speaker, they have also showed us some new initiatives in research and development. What initiatives do we have in this Province for research and development? What change of direction is there in this Province?

What change of direction has there been for the past five or six years? We have seen the Federal Government take new initiatives in the area of small business through FBDB.

Mr. Speaker, there have been many, many, many initiatives that have recently been taken by the Federal Government to create jobs, to create wealth in this Province, To help the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) to sell his savory, to create a market for research and development. I hope he avails of it. What did we get yesterday, Mr. Speaker? It was pathetic to see the Premier of this Province, the first Minister of this Province, say he was pleased

MR. TULK: that he was able to negotiate a deal with Ottawa on the roads agreement. Mr. Speaker, I suspect that he did not know one thing that was happening until the Federal Minister from Newfoundland, Mr. Rompkey, walked in and told him.

MR. DINN: How silly.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, I bring up the points that I bring up because I think it is fair to say that if you look at what a budget should do for this country that the Federal Government is perhaps heading in the right direction. I think it is doing some of the right things.

MR. TULK: That has been shown, Mr. Speaker, by the fact that the Lalonde budget has been widely accepted all across Canada. It has created a feeling, Mr. Speaker, that there is light at the end of the tunnel. It has created that feeling.

Mr. Speaker, what about Newfoundland? What about this Province and what about the Newfoundland budget, the government's budget in this Province? The day before yesterday, on Wednesday, in speaking to a private members' resolution, we were trying to impress upon the government the importance of an amendment moved by the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) and we on this side of the House said, We live in a Province with the highest rate of unemployment in Canada. And I think we quoted some figures from the APEC report that showed that indeed we are living in a place where it is practically impossible to get a job, where there is nothing happening, absolutely nothing happening. We quoted, for example, that the unemployment rate at the end of January, 1983 was 17.3 per cent, consistently the highest in Canada, and that we had this year an increase of 22.6 per cent in unemployment over last year. So things are not getting better in this Province, they are getting worse.

We also pointed out in that resolution that we are looking at Newfoundland as the Province in Canada with the highest cost of living; not only that, Mr. Speaker, but if you look at the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council report, it shows a very startling fact about the actions of this government. It shows, for example, that the new provincial tax that was put on last Fall by the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins), the 12 per cent S.S.A. and the recent increases in electricity rates have kept Newfoundland's inflation rate quite high.

MR. TULK: In other words, Mr. Speaker, the government of this Province through something that it controls, namely the taxes, the 12 per cent S.S.A. put on last Fall by the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) and the ever increasing electricity rates in this Province are helping to keep Newfoundland's inflation rate up.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if you look at this Province, you look at a Province where the Minister of Education (Ms Verge) in her true blue Tory way, is sitting over there and saying, 'Yes, we have the best student aid programme in Canada.' True. That is true. Mr. Speaker, if you live as a student in this Province today, you live in a place where you have the highest cost of living of any person in Canada,

MR. TULK: you live in a place where you have the highest rate of unemployment in Canada, so, therefore, Mr. Speaker, what we are saying is that you have the highest cost of education anywhere in this country. In other words, Mr. Speaker, if you want to live, work, go into business, it will cost you more to do that in this Province than anywhere else in Canada.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the other strange, the other bad thing about what seems to be happening in this Province today is that if you look again at the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council's report and they are a pretty reliable indicator of what is happening in Atlantic Canada, if you look at their report they point out to you that while there is recovery in the other Atlantic Provinces, and while there is recovery in Canada taking place, the uncertainty of recovery in Newfoundland - the prospects, they say, for recovery are uncertain. On page 12 of their report they say that the prospects for recovery in this Province are uncertain.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the unemployment insurance figures reflect that uncertainty. Our unemployment rate is not dropping. The Consumer Price Index reflects that uncertainty. As I said before, the inflation rate in Newfoundland remains still the highest in Canada. And not only that, the government of this Province is, in itself, contributing to that high rate of inflation.

That is the reason, Mr. Speaker, as I was saying before, that in the private member's resolution that was brought in the other day the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) amended that resolution to say, "Look, instead of having all this fighting, instead of having to fight everything that you see, instead of having

MR. TULK: to fight windmills, as the Premier is fond of doing, as the government is fond of doing - what is the latest group he is going to fight now? Petrel, the group that owns Petrel - Canterra. He has fought about everything else he can find now he has got to fight another oil company. With the amendment what we were trying to do, knowing full well that this budget has not done anything for this Province, that there were no new initiatives in this Province,

MR. TULK: that there was nothing happening as a result of the government action in this Province, the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) said, Let us have a resolution in this House that says, We are united, as one'. We are saying it to both governments, because the people who sit on the backbenches over there, they may not realize it, but they are not part of the government. The people who sit on the backbenches over there are not part of government.

So we are saying to them let us tell the Government of Newfoundland and the Government of Canada that if the economy of this Province is going to recover they have to sit down -

MR. YOUNG: You will never make it over here, so you have not got anything to worry about.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, if I were in this House and had progressed no further than that man has progressed since he has been here I would not open my face. He is in the lowest portfolio that you can find, the Department of Public Works. They would not put him anywhere else, but they had to put him somewhere because look at the age of the man. You cannot disgrace the man.

MR. YOUNG: Age is honourable , boy!

MR. TULK: Age is honourable and that is the reason why he is in the Department of Public Works because you have to honour him for his age, and that is all. Mr. Speaker, I hear he has the ear of the Premier. That would not surprise me, because they are probably at about the same level when it comes to government.

MR. YOUNG: God help the children who went to school to you.

MR. TULK: God help the people he has to bury. Mr. Speaker, if he is as good at burying people as he is at the job he does in this House, then God help

MR. TULK: them. God help them.

MR. NEARY: I hope they never put me
in his hands.

MR. TULK: I would not want to be in his
hands, no. There would be all kinds of fluid over you.
But the tragedy of the recovery in Canada versus the non-
recovery in Newfoundland is that we are seeing in this Province
an increasing gap in the unemployment figures. The Minister
of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) stands over there and
defends his figures, but he does not bring in his little
reports now like he was bringing in a couple of years ago.

MR. DINN: Oh, yes, I have them here.

MR. TULK: He does not bring them in,
Mr. Speaker.

MR. DINN: I have them here.

MR. TULK: If he does then he is obviously
going to try to cover them up to make them say something that
they do not really say. He is very good at covering up the
statistics of the unemployed in this Province, but it is not
very good, Mr. Speaker, if you cover up the figures and then
go out and talk to the people in the street who cannot find
a job, and he is supposed to be the Minister of Labour and Manpower
(Mr. Dinn). The yappiest member in this House. His mouth is
going all of the time. No substance. Nothing to say.
No jobs being created by that minister in this Province,
absolutely nothing being done. His salary, in terms of what
he does for the people of this Province is a waste of money, it
could create a job for somebody else, and yet he keeps
yapping away over there.

MR. DINN: We created ten new ones last
year.

MR. TULK: That is all you ever did, create.

MR. NEARY: The official greeter, that is
the only job that the administration created.

MR. TULK: That is right. Created an
official greeter.

MR. TULK: Now, Mr. Speaker, as I was saying at the beginning, this budget has done nothing, absolutely nothing to make certain things happen, that unemployment figures are lowered, that there are more jobs in this Province and that people have a better chance of getting an education in this Province. It has done absolutely nothing. There are no tax breaks, absolutely no tax breaks for anybody to stimulate construction, to try to increase consumer spending, nothing. There is no encouragement in this budget for young Newfoundlanders to develop their skills and education. I mean, it is the stupidest - the Minister of Labour (Mr. Dinn) stands in this House and defends the local preference policy. He does not realize that basically what he is saying to Newfoundlanders is that I have to protect you from everybody else because you cannot compete. That is basically what he is saying. He does not realize that if you increase the educational opportunity in this Province for Newfoundlanders, if you give them an education, teach them the skills, they can compete with any other person in the world. He does not realize that. He wants to go out in his paternalistic way and protect them. That is the kind of thing that he tries to do. Mr. Speaker, if you go on and look at the budget you can see that there is less for students. Mr. Speaker, I would say that this budget is like a longliner with no plank and, if you understand what I mean, no oakum. This budget sunk as soon as it hit the water. The day that it was announced this budget sunk.

MR. CARTER: Overflowing.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, what is he smoking? Has he got some of that savory over there again this morning?

MR. NEARY: If you inhale enough of that it will get you, boy. It will affect your brain, if you inhale enough of it.

MR. TULK: Go to sleep, Mr. Speaker,

MR. TULK: he is usually asleep in this House and that is when he makes the most sense.

MR. NEARY: Did you ever get high on savory?

MR. LUSH: He has a big shirt collar on this morning.

MR. TULK: Has he? He has a size 19 shirt on this morning.

MR. HODDER: The same as his I.Q.

MR. TULK: Well, that has been said before. Everybody knows what that means here in this House.

MR. DINN: How can you stay awake?

MR. TULK: It is very difficult when I look at the hon. member. He is able to put you asleep.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the truth is that this budget, this sinking boat, may cost the poor and the middle-class in this Province more than is presently predicted.

MR. TULK: What is the predicted deficit this year?

MR. LUSH: Twenty-eight point four million.

MR. TULK: Twenty-eight point our million.
Last year this government predicted that there would be a \$5 million surplus.

MR. LUSH: There will only be \$8.4 million now because they saved \$20 million.

MR. TULK: There would be a \$5 million surplus, not deficit, surplus. In the middle of the year, in September, we ended up with a \$60 million deficit, we ended up with a 12 per cent sales tax, And we told the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) in this House then that he had perhaps reached the point of diminishing returns with sales tax, by sticking on another percentage point he may indeed be driving down what he was going to collect, and that is, in fact, what happened and we ended up with a deficit. After he had taken all the measures, cut off everybody on welfare, closed down hospital beds, what did we end up with then? We ended up still with a \$47 million deficit. This budget is predicting a \$28.5 million deficit. They have saved \$17 million on the backs of - not the teachers - the students in this Province and I will make a prediction now - we cannot believe their predictions - that even with that \$17 million that was saved on the backs of the students in this Province, we will end up with a deficit as high or higher than we had last year. I would predict, Mr. Speaker, that in September or October of this year we are likely to see a new mini-budget and if they can find something else in this Province to tax - I suspect that the only thing that they have not found is the number of hours that you sleep - they will probably tax that.

MR. NEARY: And how many times you go to the bathroom.

MR. TULK: And going to the bathroom.

MR. CARTER: Put a tax on all Liberals. The Liberal tax.

MR. TULK: A Liberal Tax. A Tory Tax is what is downing this Province.

MR. SPEAKER (MCNICHOLAS): Order, please!
The hon. member's time has elapsed.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, we will be back at it.

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in this debate because, obviously, I have heard the hon. member for the past half hour say virtually nothing but what he did say disturbed me somewhat in that -

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw to the attention of the House that there is no quorum, Mr. Speaker. A member from the government side is speaking and they obviously want to hear what he has to say since they are not here to listen to him. I think it is disgraceful, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DINN: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HODDER: It was not a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DINN: The hon. member does not have the floor and the only way he can get the floor is through a point of order.

MR. NEARY: It was not a point of order, it was a quorum call. Sit down, boy, it was a quorum call.

MR. HODDER: It was not a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!
There is not a quorum in the House. Call in the members.

QUORUM CALL

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Three minutes have elapsed and a quorum is present.

The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That is just an indication obviously of the attitude that the hon. members opposite have for this House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the reason I got up to speak in this debate -

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

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the House that we were merely carrying out our duties and responsibilities as responsible members of this House. The hon. gentleman questioned our motives. Mr. Speaker, that is not in keeping with the rules of this House. It is up to the government to keep a quorum in the House and not the Opposition, Mr. Speaker, and the hon. gentleman should be aware of that.

MR. DINN: To the point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the point of order, the hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, obviously again the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) is raising a point of order that is not a point of order. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, it is not even a good point.

MR. SIMMS: Hear, hear! A good argument.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, I rule there is no point of order, it is a matter of explanation by the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I was going to point out to the hon. House - I will, first of all, speak about what the hon. member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) was talking about but then I will talk about something else, this being a very wide-ranging debate.

The hon. member for Fogo, in talking about the local preference policy, said that if the government would educate Newfoundlanders we would not have to have a local preference policy. That, to me, says that Newfoundlanders are not educated, which is an insult to the population of this Province. The fact of the matter is, for sixteen years off our coast rigs operated and there were no Newfoundlanders, in many cases no Canadians, working on those rigs. I have said that in the House many times, I say it again today because, obviously, hon. members opposite do not know the importance of what is going on off our coast. For sixteen years, with educated Newfoundlanders capable of doing jobs in the offshore, no Newfoundlanders worked on those rigs. The only jobs, to my knowledge, that Newfoundlanders or Canadians ever got on the rigs offshore were jobs on the SEDCO rigs that were built in Halifax. If any member opposite has a problem with that kind of information, then he has the obligation to prove differently, Mr. Speaker, to disprove my facts. To my knowledge these are the facts.

MR. DINN: And for the hon. member to say that we have 11,000 Newfoundlanders registered for work in the offshore who do not have the education to work on those rigs, I tell him the companies do not agree with that, the Newfoundland Government does not agree with that, nobody agrees with the hon. member. The hon. member said, and the hon. member can go and look at Hansard, he said if the government would educate Newfoundlanders they would not have to worry about local preference. I tell the hon. member Newfoundlanders are educated. They can do these jobs. They are well educated and well equipped to do these jobs. For sixteen years nobody did anything about those jobs and as a result no jobs went to Newfoundlanders, in many cases no jobs went to Canadians, because if a French rig came in, French people stayed on it. No company complied with any regulation because there were no regulations in place. In 1979, when regulations did come into place in Newfoundland, we got Newfoundlanders, for the first time, on rigs. The first rig, the Discoverer Seven Seas, 122 Newfoundlanders on for the first time.

Now, there were some Newfoundlanders, in case hon. members do not know, who did work on the SEDCO rigs that were built in Halifax, but for the hon. member to say what the minister should do is educate Newfoundlanders and then they will get jobs on the rigs, they will not need local preference, I say to the hon. member that we have Newfoundlanders educated, well equipped, to work on those rigs and it is an insult to the 11,000 people who are registered for work in the offshore.

MR. TULK: How come you could not find anybody out of 11,000 to work on the Petrel?

MR. DINN: I can replace, Mr. Speaker, the whole rig of the Petrel. There are Newfoundlanders qualified enough to replace every member of that crew, captain, tool pusher, all the way down. We have Newfoundlanders, Mr. Speaker, who are quite capable of working on the rigs, and I will give the hon. member a little run-down now of how we are doing employment-wise on the rigs offshore.

On the SEDCO 706, of 110 people on the SEDCO 706, 93 people are from Newfoundland. On the West Venture, 115 people, 69 are Newfoundlanders. The Zapata Uglund, 116 people, 85 are Newfoundlanders. Mr. Speaker, the Pellerin, Pacnorse, and Nedrill 2, of one hundred and fifty-odd per rig, we got 70 Newfoundlanders working on those rigs, 30 of them on each of those 3 rigs have permanent jobs and move with the rigs wherever they go, qualified Newfoundlanders, Mr. Speaker. As a matter of fact, in the companies that I have talked to—the Discoverer Seven Seas, when we replaced the first crew out there and put on 122 Newfoundlanders, when they came back in to talk to me -

MR. NEARY: Go away, boy!

MR. DINN: I will give the hon. members some facts now so they can use them and sound a little bit reasonable and know a little bit about the Province.

MR. DINN: The people who operated the Discoverer Seven Seas, the first rig that we replaced the crew on offshore, the rig that drilled the deepest drill hole in the world at the time - I do not know if that has been surpassed - but the people who operated that rig came in and said, 'We have working on the Discoverer Seven Seas a driller from Newfoundland who worked in the Beaufort Sea' the likes of whom they had not seen in their lives, the best driller that they had seen in their lives, on the rig. He could handle by himself the drill platform which takes about three to four people. Now, he did not do it by himself, but when I was out there to visit the rig, he put on a demonstration whereby he showed myself and several of the officers of the operating company how he could operate the drill platform by himself. And, Mr. Speaker, as witnessed by anybody who has ever been out there and been on that drill platform, that is quite a feat for any one person. That driller was, by the way, offered a \$25,000 job to go Spain for a three month drill, he was so good. And he was a Newfoundlander, educated, qualified, well-equipped to do any of the jobs offshore.

I will go through a couple more of the rigs.

MR. WARREN: By the way, would there be any chance -

MR. DINN: The hon. member has a question?

I will permit the hon. member a question.

MR. WARREN: I was just wondering, Mr. Speaker, could members of the Opposition or members from the other side have a chance to go out and visit one of those rigs sometime?

MR. DINN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have never had a problem with going out to visit one of the rigs.

I think all the hon. member has to do - I do not control the helicopter system back and forth, but I guarantee him that

MR. DINN: if he were to call the drilling companies, Mobil or Petro-Can or one of those drilling companies, I think they would be delighted to take the hon. member out. I know when I went out there were seven or eight on the helicopter which went out that day to visit the rig, some of the officials from my department, myself and several other people. So I think they would be only too happy, especially during the crew change, because I understand there are times that the helicopter goes back and forth not filled, to the rig.

Just to give hon. members, a rundown, continuing on, we have gone now through six of the rigs. The John Shaw will be here when it completes its drill off Nova Scotia; the SEDCO 710 is on its way here now, as a matter of fact, from the Indian Ocean; and I have to inform hon. members that the Bow Drill is now with Pan-Canadian and they are currently with my officials in the department determining how many people they can get from our registry to fill their crew. So that is ten rigs, even though BP was cancelled out this year - and they had to cancel out, in my opinion, because the federal government did not sign the permits until late.

MR. TULK: Both of you.

MR. DINN:

No, no, we had them signed.

Now, I will tell the hon. member, because that is fact, we had them signed months before BP were gearing up to operate out of Botwood, but because the federal government signed it late they had to cancel their drill. It was not because they could not get a ship, because there are hundreds of drill rigs in this world that the people at BP could have gotten, it was just a little bit too late. So what they are going to do this year is they are going to some seismic work.

Now with respect to unemployment, going through that, what we anticipate this year, there will be about 3,470 people working offshore and onshore, directly related, the biggest drilling programme that we have had in this Province to date. We will have about 3,473 confirmed, to this point in time, of that about 2,107 or thereabout. plus or minus one or two, about 2,100- Newfoundlanders will be working offshore this year. That is one thing that we would not have had if we did not have the regulations. And another reason we are going to have it is because our regulations are now confirmed in the new Canadian Constitution under Section 6, if the hon. member would care to look that up.

Also, I would like to tell the hon. member that the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) identified today that we will have 500 Summer youth employment people working in different departments of government. The Social Services Department this year, through their community development programme, will employ about 2,800 people. The new Confederation Building when it gets underway, at peak, will have about 400 people working on it. The NEED programme this year will employ about 6,000 people.

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

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): A point of order, the hon.
member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: There is no quorum in the
House, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DINN: Oh, this is a complete waste
of time. Why do you not smarten up? I mean, you are
supposed to be a well-educated, intelligent human being.
Why do you not smarten up?

QUORUM CALL

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Three minutes have passed
and we do have a quorum.

The hon. Minister of Labour
and Manpower.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. DINN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Obviously, hon. members opposite
do not want to hear some facts. The hon. member for Fogo
(Mr. Tulk) spoke in this House just before I got up to
speak and took about half an hour to say that if we
educated Newfoundlanders we would not have to have a
local preference policy in place. That, to me, says that
Newfoundlanders are not educated. The fact of the matter
is, that for sixteen years, with people who were qualified
to work offshore, nobody, no Newfoundlanders, got jobs
offshore.

MR. DINN: I qualify that by saying that we did have some Newfoundlanders who worked on the SEDCO rigs out of Halifax but that was it. No other Newfoundlanders got jobs on the rigs offshore. When the regulations came, in, no different from '78 to '79, in 1979 all of a sudden, on the first rig, by the way, 122 Newfoundlanders and that year seven hundred - odd people worked on the rigs offshore. This year, as I indicated to hon. members, just about confirmed now, we will have approximately 3,473 people working in offshore, or onshore directly related to that, and about 2100 of those will be qualified Newfoundlanders. We also have, Mr. Speaker, as I was going down through them - so offshore 2100, Summer employment - the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) announced this morning - 500, the Social Services department this year through their community development programme will have 2800 people employed, the Confederation Building will peak out at about 400 people, the NEED programme will have about 6,000 people employed, the Fisheries and Marine Centre, when that gets going will have several hundred people, I am sure, employed, the Municipal Affairs and Housing programme, when that is announced that will have quite a number of people employed putting in water and sewer and road reconstruction and paving in municipalities. Mr. Speaker, the Transportation budget approved for roads in the Province, that does not include what the hon. the Premier was successful in concluding, the agreement with the Federal Government yesterday, it just includes the local transportation programme that we have every year and that will employ people, Mr. Speaker. So things are going to start turning around to the

MR. DINN:-

chagrin of the hon. members opposite, So I have first of all dealt with the point that the hon. member made in his half hour, that we do not have educated Newfoundlanders, which is a slight against the 11,000 to work offshore, a slight against the 11,000 people who have registered for work offshore. Mr. Speaker, it is a fact that of that we will have at least 2,100 Newfoundlanders working offshore and onshore, directly related to that, because of our regulations and because the hon. the Premier last year held out and fought for the fact that we should have this local preference or affirmative action policy in Newfoundlandland. That law is now confirmed in the Canadian Constitution under Section 6. I have dealt with that part of it, Mr. Speaker, and that just about covers - even though I was interrupted several times by the hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) - that shoots down in flames what the hon. member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) was trying to say.

Now I would like to deal with a few things locally, because in the Budget Debate, obviously, you can get into the local areas. Of course, I have not been very vocal about St. John's or my district or any of that, but you have to sometimes bite your tongue when you hear local politicians, say, the Mayor of the City of St. John's say this, or the Deputy-Mayor say that, you have to sometimes bite your tongue because what you want to do is make sure you get whatever you can for your city or for your district and that is what we go about doing. If we wasted our time answering to what some of the local politicians in the City of St. John's say we would be just doing that, wasting our time.

MR. DINN: We do not do a lot of that but just for hon. members information, I came into the House of Assembly in 1975, so 1976-77 was the first year that I really got involved in what was happening provincial government wise with the City of St. John's. I became Minister of Municipal Affairs later on that year and I found out some very interesting things. I found out, for example, that in 1975, as hon. members will remember, we ran short of water in the capital City of St. John's, in this Province. We ran short of water. There was not enough water in Windsor Lake to supply the City of St. John's and area. So we could not water lawns, there were people who lived in high places like Signal Hill who did not get water because there was not enough pressure and so on. But here we had the City of St. John's run out of water. So I investigated that in an attempt to find out what happened and found out -

MR. SIMMS: Were you minister then?

MR. DINN: No, I became minister a little later on that year.

- but I found out with my investigations that the reason we did not have water was because there was no planning in the City of St. John's. Their planning department had been thrown out. So, we did not have any planning down in the City of St. John's, they were not aware, I guess, of the amount of water that was needed for the city. I think Windsor Lake can supply something around 15 million gallons of water per day. Of course, we went over that, we needed about 2 or 3 million gallons more, and Windsor Lake was not capable of supplying it. So we concluded very quickly an agreement with the federal government to start the Bay Bulls - Big Pond water system.

MR. SIMMS: From where does Kilbride get its water?

MR. DINN: Kilbride? As a matter of fact, the hon. the Speaker would know that Kilbride gets its water now from Bay Bulls - Big Pond, and there is an ongoing programme in there to make sure that Kilbride is supplied with water from that great system. As a matter of fact, it is extended now to Mount Pearl, it is on its way to Paradise. And that system, by the way, I do not know if hon. members know it, cost federally and provincially about \$40 million, of which about \$10 million was provincial funds.

MR. SIMMS: And Kilbride gets its water from there?

MR. DINN: Yes, of course, Kilbride, the hon. the Speaker's district, gets it from Bay Bulls-Big Pond, plus the fact that it supplies about double the amount of water now.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to go through what happened in the next few years in the City of St. John's, and it is the reason why the mayor this year could stand up in Council and say, 'We have balanced our budget.' Well, it is pretty simple at times to balance your budget if you are getting \$7 million or \$8 million

MR. DINN: in the form of grants, or in the form of debt charges being paid for by the provincial government. So the mayor gets up and he says I am going to balance my budget this year. The unfortunate part about it is that the whole capital programme for road reconstruction and paving requested by the city this year - I think - I heard the Deputy Mayor say what the request was in the past few weeks - is about \$1 million and that will not do a thing. This city needs \$3 million, \$4 million or \$5 million worth of road construction and paving done. And the hon. the member for St. John's Centre (Dr. McNicholas), of course, concerned about the roads in his district, has gone around and met with committees and found out that, I suppose, he could spend \$2 million, \$3 million or \$4 million in St. John's Center alone. But we cannot do anymore than what the city requests. If they request \$1 million we say, as we do with any other municipality, we will pay 60 per cent and you will pay 40 per cent. So, Mr. Speaker, we can only provide the City of St. John's with the dollars that they request. If they request \$2 million, of course, we would see that they would get \$1.2 million from the provincial government and the remainder through the city. But they have only requested \$1 million and I am sure hon. members, even hon. members Opposite, who travel around this city will be able to see that obviously \$1 million is going to go nowhere with respect to road reconstruction and paving in this city. And because we got involved in the Bay Bulls-Big Pond system, by the way, that was paid for federally and provincially -

MR. CALLAN: Mostly federally.

MR. DINN: Yes, mostly federally. As a matter of fact, it was a DREE agreement, plus there were

MR. DINN: some dollars that came through CMHC for the Bay Bulls-Big Pond water system. It cost approximately \$40 million, \$10 million of which was from the Province. So, Mr. Speaker, besides that, over and above that, just about every year the Province in one way or another by the new capital grant system that we worked out for all municipalities, the City of St. John's under that system - they never did get a municipal grant. They got their fire department paid for and that kind of thing, but they never did get a municipal grant. And now they do get a municipal grant brought in several years ago by - I guess I brought in the new municipal grant system, the former Minister of Municipal Affairs changed the Municipalities Act so that now the city -

MR. DOYLE: Rewrote the thing.

MR. DINN: Yes, rewrote it, rewrote the book on municipal government in this Province. And, Mr. Speaker, as a result the city of St. John's now gets about \$3 million in a straight municipal grant.

MR. SIMMS: How much?

MR. DINN: About \$3 million.

MR. SIMMS: How about Kilbride?

MR. DINN: I mean, that is not the total that the city of St. John's gets. I mean, just for this year I can go down through - in lieu of motor vehicle taxes \$10,000, Bowring Park \$10,000, Mundy Pond urban renewal debt charges \$128,915, Mundy Pond NIP debt charges \$99,428. They are all provincial funds, if the hon. member wants to interrupt. Rennies River trunk sewer debt charges \$89,615, Avalon Area debt charges \$24,724, through the hon. the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms)

MR. DINN: paving debt charges, principal and interest, \$336,000; Fort Amherst water and sewer system, for the member for St. John's West (Mr. Barrett), who wore his feet out, back and forth between the City and Municipal Affairs to get that project completed. That system, being paid for by the provincial government, \$39,398 this year; municipal grants this year, \$2,725,588; water supply, Northeast expansion zone \$3 million paid for by the provincial government; Southside Road interim sewer out-fall, \$300,000. Mr. Speaker, make no wonder the Mayor can stand up in this city - it is pretty easy to stand up in this city on a \$30 million budget and say, 'I am going to balance my budget this year.' For heaven's sake, he is getting about \$7 million or \$8 million a year from the provincial government. So, Mr. Speaker, that covers a little bit of - and hon. members opposite yesterday showed some concern for the district of Pleasantville. I saw the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) - what the member for Port au Port really should be doing is trying to assist people to get registered for the offshore, to designate what they are.

MR. SIMMS: How many letters have you had from the member for Port au Port?

MR. DINN: Not one letter from the member for Port au Port about how you get application forms for the offshore or anything like that, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): On a point of order, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I just want to point out to the minister that I know how to get applications for the offshore, that I have been constantly getting applications for the offshore for constituents of mine, however, the minister was stupid and naive enough to leave off -

MR. SIMMS:

Oh! Unparliamentary!

MR. HODDER:

- a designation of whether they were French or English, that now he has a French drill rig out there and does not know who is on his list, whether they are French or English.

MR. DINN:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

To that point of order, the hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN:

Mr. Speaker, that is not a point of order. That is not even a good point. The hon. member is embarrassed because he is doing nothing for his constituents.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. DINN: We need not wait for the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) to do anything like that. And if we did we would never get it done.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. DINN: I need not worry about the hon. member leaving Port au Port and coming in to run against me in Pleasantville, all he has to do is look at the stats from the last election and he will know what happened there.

MR. NEARY: A lot of things can happen.

MR. DINN: I know a lot of things can happen, I invited the hon. member down before. He lived in my district once. He found it so uncomfortable he had to move. He found it so uncomfortable living in Pleasantville, because he was so lonely, he was the only Liberal in the area, he found it so uncomfortable that he had to move out of the district.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. DINN: And that is what happens to the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), Mr. Speaker. What happens to the Leader of the Opposition is he goes into an area like Bell Island and Harbour Main, he goes into an area and he runs until he starts to get cold feet, until he feels the wind change and then all of a sudden -

MR. ANDREWS: Until they get to know him.

MR. DINN: Yes, until they get to know him a little bit and then all of a sudden his feet start to get a little bit cold and off he shoots to LaPoile. I will tell the hon. Leader of the Opposition now, he is getting a little bit shaky in Lapoile. I would not be very cocky if I won an election by forty-five votes. We are not going to hear much from the hon. Leader of the Opposition, I mean, he is going to have to change his ways soon or he is going to have to run from LaPoile, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, I rule it is merely a difference of opinion.

The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

So the hon. member should spend his time working for the constituents in his district and not worry about Pleasantville. He got up yesterday and wondered about the rents in the district of Pleasantville and how they were going up to something like \$320, very concerned and exercised about it, and inquired about the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg), about the apartments, the economic rental units on the base out in Stephenville, very exercised over that. He need not worry about the rents and the apartments in Pleasantville, Mr. Speaker, he need not worry in the slightest.

MR. HODDER: You are not going to raise them, I take it.

MR. DINN: I have the financial statements of the St. John's Housing Corporation, and when they merged with the Newfoundland Housing Corporation, and I am going through them night and day with a sharp pencil -

MR. HODDER: Are you going to have them rolled back?

MR. DINN: - to make sure -

MR. SIMMS: You have yourself beat out, my son.

MR. DINN: - that these rents are justified.

And when I finish my compilation and tabulations I will be seeing the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) to make sure that my people are treated fairly down in Pleasantville.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

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SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

Order, please!

MR. YOUNG:

He is going to have to run away from being
Leader of the Opposition pretty soon.

MR. DINN:

Well, I mean, as
Leader of the Opposition his days are numbered.

The hon. member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) is
starting to move in on him. Anyday at all now there
is going to be a coup in the Opposition, the hon. member
for Torngat Mountains is going to move in as the new
interim Leader of the Opposition.

MR. HODDER:

A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A point of order, the hon.
member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Could Mr. Speaker supply members on this side of the House with ear plugs so that we do not - you know, it may be an occupational hazard, that we suffer loss of hearing here in this House.

MR. HOUSE: Occupational health and safety.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): There is no point of order. The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is no point of order. As a matter of fact, the hon. member may know that I am the minister responsible for occupational health and safety in this Province, a great reform by this PC Administration. We brought it in I believe in 1979, the Occupational Health and Safety Act. It is the best piece of legislation in the country, bar none. We have something like 800 - the hon. members' little bit of knowledge now this morning - 800 health and safety committees set up throughout the Province. The hon. member knows who is running that operation and doing an excellent job. The hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) knows who is running that, setting up these committees, and there are 800 health and safety committees. And I will give hon. members another little tidbit of information, The three rigs that are out there now all have health and safety committees on them, a first in the world, never had them before. And every rig that goes out there from now on will have a health and safety committee set up before it starts drilling off our shores.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DINN: So, Mr. Speaker, occupational health and safety is one of the things that this government is very concerned about and, Mr. Speaker, we have the best in the world.

I could go on for another half an hour and just talk about the Workers' Compensation system. The Workers' Compensation system in Newfoundland is the best Workers' Compensation system in the world today.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): A point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman needs another half hour or so to continue his remarks we would be glad to grant leave to let the hon. gentleman carry on, so he can never accuse us of not being able to get his point across. He can take all the time he wants.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, I rule there is no point of order and I have to inform the hon. minister that his time has elapsed.

MR. DINN: By leave, Obviously by leave.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave. By leave.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member has leave to continue.

MR. DINN: I want to thank hon. members for giving me leave to go on but I do not need hon. members' permission to speak in this House and I like to give other members an opportunity to have a few intelligent words to say.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. member for Eagle River.

MR. HISCOCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In speaking in the Budget Debate and from listening to the announcements that the various departments have made, the various ministers and the government, one of the things that is appalling and a crime really, committed on the youth of our Province, is the lack of attention that is given to the youth of this Province with regard to job creation, with regard to

MR. HISCOCK: opportunities that are being opened to them.

I would say that last year anybody over the age of eighteen, the majority of these people put their faith and confidence in this administration and looked to this administration to fulfill a dream, and that dream was to go and build a better Province, go and provide a firm economic base. Work that had been done by the previous Liberal administration which has not been in power for eleven years, has not been carried on resulting in nothing happening under the P.C. administration of Mr. Moores, and very little happening under the Peckford administration. In 1981 when the Premier called the election, he gave the impression that if he had a mandate the offshore would be settled, the boom would come to this Province and we would be all living high on the hog, to use that expression.

And what has happened since then, Mr. Speaker? We find out now that the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Hickey) is telling the young able-bodied men to go West. We see the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) and the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) telling students that they have to borrow larger amounts of money before they even qualify for grants. They are told by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), and the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) and the Minister of Education that there is no co-ordinated effort between the three of them, there is no planning, there are no priorities. The three ministers should sit down with the Premier and say, How do we tackle this chronic, this severe, this major social problem that is confronting the youth of this Province? But what have they done? They just continue to say, Okay, the jobs in the parks are okay, there are a few jobs in Exon House for the Summer, there are a few jobs available in

MR. HISCOCK: various departments. These jobs have been brought about, I might add, not to boost Summer employment but as a result of people going on vacation. That is why we hire part-time people in the Summer. It is not job creation, it is to maintain the bureaucracy, to keep the civil service going, thereby allowing the permanent staff to go on holiday resulting in Summer jobs for our youth.

So neither of the three ministers are making a co-ordinated effort, which I find in itself a crime. Because I am sure if these three minister did they would be able to come up with some industry, they would be able to come up with other innovative ideas instead of having to depend on Q-radio trying to organize a programme to entice the private sector. We

MR. HISCOCK: have to depend on The Evening Telegram and The Daily News to create jobs. And we have to depend on the federal government which opened fifteen Young Canada Manpower offices, employment offices, across the Province, one in St. John's, one in Goose Bay and other regions, of course, have had a component in there. We have seen that. But what have we seen this administration do? We have heard them say, 'Okay, we have 500 jobs, \$2,000 per student, and that is our contribution to the chronic unemployment problem among our youth. The Youth Advisory Council has said that there is 90 per cent unemployment among the youth of this Province.

I have three friends, Mr. Speaker, who flew out to Alberta last year expecting to work at their old jobs again. One of them had worked there previously in a lumberyard with eleven other people and when he went back this time there were two people working there. My friends had to fly back home, Mr. Speaker, on funds out of their own pockets with no help from the government.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad, sad day for the youth of our Province, because they had put their hope and faith in a young Premier, a Premier who was going to lead them into the Promised Land and, of course, this is not happening. And because of this, Mr. Speaker, I feel very strongly that the youth of this Province, like the teachers, are not going to forget, because many of their dreams are gone, many of them now have to move out of their apartments and move back in with their parents, many of them have to sell their cars, many of them also cannot afford to pursue their education because of the financial burden that this government has placed on them. Many of them have gone back to university and have gone in greater debt this term so they could save some money by not having to wait until

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MR. HISCOCK:

September when the new regulations

come in.

I know, Mr. Speaker, of at least thirty or forty of my own family and friends, young unemployed people, who want jobs and there is nothing here for them.

MR.HISCOCK: And I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, that is cruel and that is why they are becoming very cynical of politics and of this government, this administration. If there are 500 jobs then they should all be able to compete legally, legitimately and morally and have a fair chance at those jobs. The government could say okay, there are 50,000 people here in the Province who want jobs among our youth but there are only 500 jobs. Well, maybe with the severe economic situation the Province cannot do any more.

MR.SIMMS: Go way 'boy.'

MR.HISCOCK: Well, let them take that attitude and some would, you know. So let them say the Province cannot afford it, but there are jobs. At least let it be aboveboard, at least let it be fair. The youth of our Province believe in trust and liberty and fairness and democracy and wanting to build a greater Province and a greater country, but what are they finding?

MR.NEARY: It is not what you know, it is whom you know.

MR.HISCOCK: Well, I am sorry, you are not from the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth's district (Mr.Simms). I am sorry you are not from the Minister of Labour and Manpower's (Mr.Dinn) district. I am sorry you are not from the Minister of Forest Resources and Land's (Mr.Power) district. I am sorry you are not from the Premier's district. So, therefore, Mr.Speaker, our youth go through the process of applying for jobs only to find out that they are short circuited just like the offshore oil rig jobs are, Mr.Speaker, and any other job in the Province. And the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth gets up and says to the member for Bellevue (Mr.Callan) that there are now two people from

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MR. HISCOCK: his district working in Bellevue Beach Park. Where does he expect those students to come from , Labrador City and fly in daily? Does he expect them to drive in daily from St. John's? I would assume, Mr. Speaker, with regard to the parks in particular - I have a park in my district, in Pinware, and the people who work there are from the area. And Port au Port has them and other areas. So what one would assume, if you have local job opportunities, employment produced by a federal or municipal government, or a

MR. HISCOCK: Crown corporation or private industry in a particular village or town, is that automatically the local people would qualify in that area. So the people who would get those jobs would be from those areas. The question I would ask - to get back to the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan), we should try to find out what political stripe they are instead of where they come from. But with regard to that, Mr. Speaker -

MR. SIMMS: They have jobs, do they not?

MR. HISCOCK: The minister said it is not important what political stripe they are, what is important is that they are working. Well, I would go so far as to say, Mr. Speaker, using that logic, the 50,000 people would ask for fair play.

DR. COLLINS: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has got such a confused argument there that it is very difficult to follow it, but it is almost impossible to follow it with all the noise coming from the other members opposite. So, Mr. Speaker, I think the other members opposite should be asked to be quiet so that we can try to follow this very confused argument that the hon. member is putting up.

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

MR. NEARY: If Your Honour, who is observing the House very closely, will recollect, the noise is between the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), and the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), because there seems to be a number of meetings going over there. And I would say that that is why the hon. gentleman cannot hear my colleague. I am glad he raised the point of order, Mr. Speaker, because my colleague is making some very interesting and valid points in connection with the way the Summer hiring is abused by the administration.

MR. NEARY: So I would hope that every member on the other side will sit back and listen, pay attention to what my colleague is saying.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Order, please! To that point of order, there is no point of order, but the hon. member has the right to be heard in silence.

MR. HISCOCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would hope that the meeting that is going on between the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) and the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) is brought about by the suggestion I just made, that I made earlier in the Fall, and I made earlier in the Spring, that

MR. HISCOCK: those three ministers - the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn), the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) and the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) - should be getting together and trying to come up with a plan to entice the private sector, to entice the Crown corporations and the government into looking at ways of trying to do something about this chronic unemployment. But obviously it is not happening. But I hope, Mr. Speaker, that it will happen. I, for one, will not take any credit because, as I said, what is important is that they create jobs.

But with respect to the youth unemployment again, Mr. Speaker, it is chronic, it is severe, it is causing undue hardship. I said before and a lot of people have said, 'Well, you know, keep to Newfoundland politics'. Well, one of the greatest dangers in the Western world is not the cruise missile or the nuclear war, it is the problem with youth unemployment in the Western world. We are seeing protests in Paris, we are going to see more of them in Holland, we are going to see more of them in Germany, we are going to see more of them in England and I would even go as far as to say that it is quite possible that we may even see them in Canada and the United States. The youth are realizing that they can no longer rely on the adults, the senior people of society, because they have failed them and they have failed them miserably, Mr. Speaker.

Past administrations in the Western world, in Canada and the United States, and in Newfoundland knew the baby boom was coming; they built hospitals, built schools and universities and trades schools but they still failed, Mr. Speaker, to lay down the economic infrastructure to provide a permanent base. And even if we did not have this recession we would still have chronic unemployment, as we had chronic unemployment pre-1980 in this Province, among our youth.

MR. HISCOCK: And I would appeal, and I would even go so far as to plead and beg to the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) of behalf of the youth of this Province to not implement the changes in Canada Student loans in this Province for at least another year with the hope that the economic outlook will be better. At least the students will be able to say, okay, the Province did give us a break, they could not provide jobs for us but at least they did not make it any harder for us. Not only is the Province not providing jobs, but they are actually making it harder for the students. I think, Mr. Speaker, a lot of our talent in being washed down the drain. A lot of it, like marbles and diamonds, need a little bit of shining to see its true beauty. And a lot of our youth in this Province only need a break and they will shine, they will show that they can meet the challenge and become internationally respected. Because I do not like this parochial attitude that this government caters to in this Province. I do not like it one bit. Because I think it is demeaning intellectually, it is demeaning to our concept of a people, of a race. And what it is doing is telling our people to go to the top and be the best in Newfoundland and Labrador. That is it. That is the only goal that the Premier has in this Province. That is the only zenith that he holds out to the young people in this Province.

When the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) asked questions about youth unemployment in the Province the other day in this House, the Premier finished up saying, 'Leave the Province', told an hon. member of this House to 'Leave the Province', because he dared to question the Premier's view of where he wants to take this Province. Well I can tell you, if the Premier is going to be the Moses of this Province and is going to lead us into the promised land, and he is going to lead us into the promised land according to the youth, I would go so far as to say he was more like the Pied Piper, he had them behind him.

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Speaker, the youth of our Province are not going to be like lemmings, are not going to end up going over the cliff with the Premier.

MR. TOBIN: No the Pied Piper is going to go over the cliff.

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Speaker, I hope that this administration has change of heart, takes a leaf from the philosophy of liberism and tries to be compassionate and tries to be a caring government, helping those who need help most, and, of course, in this Province at this particular time that is our youth. A lot of parents do not like to see their twenty-one year old daughter or son having to live with them. Many of them do not like the idea that they still have to support them and give them pocket money. It is causing, Mr. Speaker, untold family conflicts, it is causing untold frustrations among families. It is turning father against son, the father saying his son is useless because he cannot find work and that when he was his age he could do this. It is causing mothers to have a lack of help for their children. Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind this House that a lot of the parents in this Province have made great sacrifices educationally and financially so that the youth of our Province could have an education. It was believed that if you got an education, and particularly a post-secondary education, then you would be okay. Mr. Speaker, the students want a break. The other thing is the freeze on hiring. These 500 jobs, as I said, are only to replace people who are working and are going on holiday. There is a freeze on hiring extra forestry students. I have a student from my district who is graduating in a couple of weeks with her diploma from the trades school here and wants a job with forestry. The federal government through its forestry job creation, building woods access roads

MR. HISCOCK: is building a road from the Straits Road into Pinware River - \$250,000. They will need, Mr. Speaker, a forestry person in that area but they put a freeze on hiring. And do you know what the government is doing? They are flying the forestry officials out from Goose Bay now by helicopter. Would it not be better, Mr. Speaker, to employ a student during the Summer there instead of having people coming out via helicopter from Goose Bay? This is the logic of this administration. So, I say to the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) and the Premier, if you cannot help our youth do not burden them or do not hurt them any more than they are hurting, because our younger people, Mr. Speaker, are hurting terribly in this Province. And I would even go as far as to ask the Minister of Health (Mr. House) to see if there is an increase of suicide in this Province. And I would go as far as to say, Mr. Speaker, there is. I would not necessarily say it is alarming but I would say that there is. The Minister of Environment (Mr. Andrews) because he is the Minister of Environment, I would assume he has some courses in sociology and he should know

MR. HISCOCK: that in severe economic times there are more breakdowns in marriages, there are more family conflicts as a result of this. The Minister of Social Services (Mr. Hickey) has said himself it is the first time in his eleven years that he has had to go over his budget and find an extra \$3 million. So that only points out, Mr. Speaker, the needs. And when the minister said the reason why they closed out two offices here in St. John's was for efficiency, I would question that, Mr. Speaker. The reason why the headquarters is no longer on Harvey Road is for one simple reason and that is they do not want us to be able to see the lineups that are in this Province.

Mr. Speaker, with regards to another thing - I see the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) is leaving.

MR. WINDSOR: I am not leaving, I am going to my office.

MR. HISCOCK: Well, he is going to his office, because as the Minister of Development he has many, many important things to do. I would hope he is working with the Ministers of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn), and Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), and Education (Ms. Verge) to do something for the youth of this Province. But no, Mr. Speaker, that is not happening.

What do we see in this Budget? We see where it increased our sales tax, which accounts for 18 per cent of our revenue, we also see the continuing of the extension to Confederation Building. Yesterday we heard the announcement on the beginning of the Trans-Labrador Highway, and the provincial government putting in so much money. Would it not have been better, Mr. Speaker, instead of building a new Confederation Building, that the Province would take that \$21 million and say to the federal government

MR. HISCOCK: Okay, now, here is our \$21 million now on a 75/25 per cent agreement - I do not believe we have gone below 75/25 per cent; on a few programmes it has been 50/50 but with \$21 million and a 75/25 deal, we would have almost \$100 million that we would be able to do something with. But by the time the new Confederation Building is built, and by the time it is paid off and the debt charges are paid, it is going to cost - and I am saying this and I am going to be proved right in the long term, and the ministers can get up and mock me if they like, but I would say it is going to cost closer to \$100 million by the time it is paid for.

With regards to saving, sure we are going to save some money, but with the vacancies downtown this will quite possibly hurt downtown business.

MR. HISCOCK: The thing that I am concerned with is we, as a Province, want to see the plant in Burin open. We as a party over here, want to see Grand Bank remain firm. We as a party want to see Fermeuse, and Harbour Breton, and St. Anthony, and Lewisporte, and St. Lawrence, and Buchans, and Bell Island, and Goose Bay, we want to see thos places on a firm economic base and we are not going to put these places on a firm economic base as long as we continue to follow the philosophy that is portrayed in this budget, and the philosophy is build service buildings. The Confederation Building is not going to provide one job of a long term nature, it is going, Mr. Speaker, to provide jobs for bricklayers, and construction workers, and plumbers, and electricians, and with regard to that, Mr. Speaker, I maintain that those jobs would have been provided if the Province had invested that money in a job creating programme with the federal government -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Speaker, could I have silence from the other side, please!

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

MR. HISCOCK: If the government, Mr. Speaker, had taken this money, gone to the federal government like the Government of Nova Scotia did, and the City of Halifax did and say, "Okay, we are going to build a convention centre jointly," if they had done that, yes, Mr. Speaker, I would say we would have jobs for our electricians and plumbers.

With regard to the Arts and Culture Centre down in Labrador West, it would have been better, and I would go so far as to say the people in Labrador West would say, "Now that the Trans-Labrador Highway is finally on the move, we will wait a few more years for the Arts and Culture Centre, put that extra \$3 million towards it too." Because isolation is one of the

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MR. HISCOCK: reasons why they want the Arts and Culture Centre, to provide something for their leisure time.

Mr. Speaker, my time is getting short and I want to go on to a few other things.

MR. HISCOCK: With regard to the Trans-Labrador Highway; Mr. Speaker, I applaud the federal minister and the MP responsible for that.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Rompkey will go down in the annals of Labrador history and the history of the Province with regard to that, as being another Don Jamieson.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, we will soon see a national park in Labrador.

According to the Premier's philosophy with respect to preferential hiring - there are a lot of ministers representing St. John's and Gander and Buchans and Clarenville and Grand Falls, and I can say to all those people, in accordance with the provision in the new constitution that the Premier stood for and fought for, the local preference policy, does not let one person from St. John's or one person from Marystown, unless he is super-qualified, apply for any job in Labrador, because we have such chronic unemployment in Labrador. It is our day in the sun and we are not going to have people coming from the Island to rape Labrador as it has been raped in the past then come back to Newfoundland and build big houses and buy big cars and say, 'Well, Labrador is part of the Province.'

The separatist feeling, Mr. Speaker, in Labrador, I would say, is growing dimmer all the time, thanks to the federal minister, not as a result of anything that this government is doing. I will give you an example of what this government is doing: They applied to the federal government to build a road from Mary's Harbour to Lodge Bay, a distance of six miles. Now, I could understand if it were the Trans-Labrador Highway or the Trans-Canada Highway or roads on the Burin Peninsula or the Northern Peninsula or the Bonavista Peninsula, because it would involve hundreds of

MR. HISCOCK: miles, but to apply to the federal government to build six miles of road in Labrador is a little bit much.

 The federal government gave them \$2 million. What did they do? They had no plans made, they had no survey done and afterwards, Mr. Speaker, they found out that 95 per cent of the community of Lodge Bay is on one side of the river and the road is going to be on the opposite side. There will be no bridge across the river in Lodge Bay. The school, the community hall, the clinic and everything else is over there. This is what this government has done for Labrador. And are they going to put the bridge across? No, let the federal MP do it. And when the people of this Province say that Rompkey is putting too much money into his district, then I say, let them ask the question, Why is it that he has been forced to put so much money into it?

 The member for Pleasantville (Mr. Dinn) got up with great pride and rambled off all the things that this administration is doing for St. John's. I wish I and the member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) and the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) could also get up and say, This is what the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) is doing for Black Tickle

MR. HISCOCK: or the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) is doing for the bridge in Lodge Bay. I wish I could get up and do that. Because when they can get up and do that, Mr. Speaker, they can get up and say, 'Okay, we are doing water and sewerage in Forteau, L'Anse-a-Loup and L'Anse-au-Clair and Mary's Harbour and Red Bay and Cartwright but it is all from the federal government, Mr. Speaker. So, this government has the wrong priorities and I, for one, want to see a little bit more attention given by this administration to Labrador. I would also have to take, Mr. Speaker, the provincial outlook and that is that I believe very strongly in our potential as a people and I find it is very disturbing and it is with great regret that I find that this administration is not helping the youth. I would ask the Pages of this House how many out of the five of them have jobs for the Summer and I would go as far as to say, Mr. Speaker, none of them. And I would go as far as to say they probably would have to crawl on their hands and knees to a minister here and ask them for a job. Instead, jobs should be provided to them automatically.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!
The hon. the member's time has elapsed.

MR. HISCOCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker,
And in closing I hope that this administration will not implement the student loan changes that they are thinking about.

MR. HEARN: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for St. Mary's - The Capes.

MR. HEARN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
First of all, I want to say categorically that I will be voting against the non-confidence

MR. HEARN: motion. Even if I would consider it, after the person who moved it showed that he did not even know what he was proposing a non-confidence motion on, I find it very, very hard to have confidence in such a mover. So, consequently, I will speak on the budget.

Seeing that it 12:50 A.M. if the House so wishes I will move that it be 1:00 P.M. and move the adjournment.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for St. Mary's - The Capes has adjourned the debate.

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House at its rising adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, May 16, 1983, at 3:00 P.M..

On motion, the House at its rising adjourned until tomorrow, Monday, May 16, 1983, at 3:00 P.M..

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Mr. Tulk (Fogo) to ask the Honourable the Minister of Fisheries to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

The cost of renovations to Minister's Offices in the fiscal years 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982.

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Reply to Question No. 35 Order Paper of March 17, 1983

There were no renovations made to the Offices of the Honourable Minister of Fisheries during fiscal years 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982.



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GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
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Ms. Fran McIntosh
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Nain, Labrador

Dear Ms. McIntosh:

RE: VOISEY'S BAY FISH CAMP

As you are probably aware, this Department's predecessor, the Provincial Department of Rehabilitation and Recreation, in 1974 decided that in order to stimulate tourism, seven fish camp lodges would be built in Nain Bay, Sango Bay, Anaktalik Bay, Kaipokok Bay, Ugjoktok Bay, Kanairiktok Bay and Voisey's Bay for the benefit of local residents, with Voisey's Bay being the first. What was to happen, however, was unexpected.

While the Voisey's Bay Fish Camp was in its construction phase the residents of Northern Labrador protested very strongly against what they perceived to be developments by "outsiders", of a resource they view as traditionally belonging to them.

Government officials immediately cancelled the plans to construct the seven camps but so much money had been spent on the Voisey's Bay Camp it was decided to complete that camp and use it as an experiment. Since 1974 it has been demonstrated that the costs of maintaining this facility are over and above any benefits derived.

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So there you have the situation. We are now formally requesting advice from your Association as to the future of this camp, but we are interested in any suggestions you may have regarding the disposal of the lodge.

We look forward to your prompt reply, and will make no moves towards disposition until it is received.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Andersen

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Regional Development Specialist

DEPARTMENT RURAL, AGRICULTURAL
AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

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cc J. McGrath
C. Hiscock
A. Flynn

STATEMENT OF VOISEY'S BAY FISHING CAMP FOR SEASEOM OF

1982

Bank Balance at beginning of season	1201.19
Received for deposit to bank account during season	17000.00

EXPENDITURE

Wages	11473.40
Repairs & Maintenance	677.47
Supplies	659.16
Fuel	2011.97
Boat Rental	1550.00
Transportayion	666.00
Purchase Battery Charger	166.50
Sundry Expenses	293.77

Total Expenditure 17,498.27

Bank Balance at this date 702.92

There is one more invoice to be paid to Nain Depot of \$780.00. A request for \$100.00 has been made to be deposited to the bank account to have this amount paid of