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The House met at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I do not whom I should question on the other side. Who is leading the Government side of the House today? Is it the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young)? Mr. Speaker, we do not know who to ask questions to today. The three senior ministers are absent from the House.

MR. YOUNG: They are all signing an agreement.

MR. NEARY: Signing what agreement?

MR. YOUNG: Your buddy, Rompkey, is down here. They are all upstairs.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, could somebody tell us if the Premier is going to be here, the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) or the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer), if any of these gentlemen are going to be in their seats to answer questions this afternoon?

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

MR. BAIRD: Ask your question.

MR. NEARY: The member for Placentia (Mr. Patterson) is the Whip. Could the hon. gentleman tell us if any of these gentlemen are going to be here.

MR. PATTERSON: Ask your question.

MR. BAIRD: You have no questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: We have all kinds of questions, Mr. Speaker, but the ministers we want to ask the questions of are not in their seats.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!
Could the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) direct a question to a minister?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, while we are waiting for somebody to come to answer questions on behalf of the administration, perhaps I could ask the hon. minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), who is also responsible for Mines, if he could answer a few questions in connection with Buchans. Mr. Speaker, there has been nothing but complete silence from the administration since the Buchans mine closed down. They were going to do everything for Buchans in the beginning: They had a Task Force set up, they were going to do all sorts of things, but we have not seen any sign of any activity as far as the Buchans situation is concerned. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. the minister responsible for Mines - I presume Buchans comes under the hon. gentleman's jurisdiction - would the hon. gentleman care to tell us what steps the administration have taken to alleviate the very serious economic consequences in Buchans as a result of the closing of the mine?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) is correct in indicating that there have been a great number of discussions and dialogue with the people of the Buchans area, continuous representation from the member representing Windsor - Buchans (Mr. McLennon) -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DAWE: - several meetings with the Task Force committee members and the Buchans Action Committee with Resource Policy and other committees of Cabinet, and we are doing everything that is possible to be done in times when the mining industry and the general state of the mining economy right throughout North America is not at a very high level. There is every indication that should market conditions and prices of base metals improve, there is a distinct possibility that the present operation at Buchans may start up again. There is also significant exploration going ahead in the general Buchans area as it relates to base metal. Some significant exploration will be carried on this Summer and hopefully that will indicate some commercial opportunities in that particular area that will subsequently then employ a lot of the very skilled and trained people associated with the present Buchans operation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

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

MR. NEARY: I see the minister responsible for the Petroleum Directorate (Mr. Marshall) is here. I hope he stays in his seat long enough so we can ask him a few questions. But now that I am on Buchans, I want to ask two or three questions about that situation out there. The Task Force, if hon. members will recall, recommended the

MR. NEARY: establishment of a Buchans Development Corporation to co-ordinate, advise and execute social and economic activities necessary for the survival and future prosperity of Buchans and its residents.

Could the hon. gentleman tell us what has been done along these lines? Has the recommendation of the Task Force for the establishment of a Buchans Development Corporation been acted upon?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, there have been a number of ongoing discussions and dialogue with members of the Buchans Action Committee and with the Development Association in the area. There has been continuous dialogue. The people of the Buchans area are kept fully informed of actions that government has taken and that industry is taking in the immediate area and we are doing everything that is possible to try to encourage and look at opportunities of whether it is feasible to establish some other economic base in the area that will alleviate the present serious situation. That is an ongoing process, it is a

MR. DAWE:

process that this administration is committed to not only in Buchans but in other areas where, because of the downturn in general economic situations and specific ones in some communities, we are doing everything that is possible to be done in assisting these communities and the people and the workers in the area in finding if not alternate employment then assisting with the possibility of doing just that.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I am sure whether the hon. gentleman understood the question that I put to him or not. The question I put to the hon. gentleman had to do with the Development Corporation. One of the principle recommendations of the Task Force on Buchans was the establishment of a Buchans Development Corporation. Could the hon. gentleman in a simple yes or no answer tell the House whether the Buchans Development Corporation has been established?

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker,

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, I think that in my previous answer I answered that question, that everything possible is being done to make sure that the present economic situation in the Buchans area is corrected as quickly as possible by whatever means is legitimately available to industry and to this administration and we will continue to do so.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the answer obviously is no, that nothing has been done. Would the hon. gentleman inform the House if an industrial development officer has been appointed for Buchans as was promised by the administration? Yes or no.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Minister or Mines and Energy.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) that that particular question as it relates more to the Department of Development may be better directed to the minister responsible.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the trouble is the minister responsible is not in the House.

Now, let us come back, Mr. Speaker, to another recommendation of the Task Force, the construction of a road to complete the link between Southwest Brook and Buchans. Now what action has been taken on that project? What is the position of the administration on that road link? Has it started? Will it start this year? There is a commitment, a promise on the part of the administration? What is the position of the administration on that particular project? When will it start?

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, all the recommendations contained in the report from the Task Force have been addressed by government.

MR. DAWE:

Some things have been acted upon, others are still under investigation, some more have been ruled, because of the type of project, perhaps not to be a wise approach at this present time.

As it relates to the road that was suggested in the Task Force report as possibly assisting to generate some economic activity that would benefit the residents of the Buchans area, in a recent meeting with the Buchans Action Committee attended by the member from Windsor-Buchans (Mr. McLennon) and by Resource Policy, that particular issue of the road, I guess most widely known as the Southwest Brook-Buchans connection, was discussed rather extensively. And the information that is available to government, the best statistical information and analysis that we have available to us would indicate that at the present time the building of that road for the economic benefit of the Buchans area may not in fact be a significant contribution to correct that problem. It was assessed on a cost effective basis. The formulas used and the method used to establish whether or not that particular road link had economic significance was the same kind of formula that is being used and has been used in the past to establish the criteria for submissions to the federal government under the former Department of DREE as it relates to resource development and opening up areas of the Province based on the economics in that area, whether in fact the road would significantly contribute to improving the economics and establish an opportunity to further develop a resource.

And using that analysis, at the present time there is not an indication that that particular road has the necessary economic benefit either for the Buchans area directly or for the Province as a whole.

MR. SIMMS:

A good answer.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, obviously the hon. gentleman does not have a clue what he is talking about as far as the Buchans situation is concerned. But let me ask the hon. gentleman, in simple terms, does his administration favour the construction of that road or do they not? Would the hon. gentleman tell us whether they are for or against the construction of that road link between Southwest Brook and Buchans?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, the problem is not whether I understand the question or indeed understand the issue. The question seems to be whether I can provide an answer that is simple enough for the hon. members opposite to understand.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. DAWE: What I would suggest to the hon. gentleman is that he pay more attention to the resource development policies of this administration and he would find that this particular administration and my department, both in Transportation and in Mines and Energy, will do whatever is necessary and will make the necessary analysis to make sure that our resources, whether they be through the development of road networks or whether they be through assistance to industry, will be done to the benefit of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

MR. SIMMS: A good answer.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: The hon. minister seated to the gentleman's right says, 'A good answer'. It is a good non-answer. It answers nothing. It just goes to prove how badly the administration neglected the Buchans situation, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let me ask the Minister responsible for Tourism (Mr. Windsor) then - no, he is not here either, not in his seat. I cannot ask him a question. Well, somebody on the government side surely can answer this question. Capital was supposed to be made available for financing enterprises in Buchans - perhaps the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) or

MR. NEARY: the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) can answer this - in the provision of incentive grants and loans and the establishment of a co-operative society as a means of pooling investment funds, and that provincial and federal funding agencies assist projects in Buchans which involve a higher risk than might be the case in other locations. Could one of the hon. gentlemen who wishes to speak on behalf of the administration -

MR. TULK: Who sits in the front row.

MR. NEARY: - who sits in the front row, answer that question and tell us what has been done to provide this capital necessary to finance enterprises that wish to establish in Buchans? Do I hear any takers, and bidders?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, as with everything, we do everything we possibly can under the circumstances in this Province to enhance natural development of resource development. You know, that is a question; the Buchans situation is very much of concern to this government in all of its ramifications and in all of its aspects. I would suggest that that question, you know, if he has anything specific with respect to that particular question, it would be best directed to the hon. Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor), who, incidentally, Mr. Speaker, so that the hon. gentleman cannot cast any dispersions, and I know he would not wish to cast any dispersions anyway, is presently down with the hon. Edward Lumley and the hon. William Rompkey discussing development in this Province. And I know also, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. gentleman will be very happy to know, I know he will be in utter ecstasy to know this, that the reason why I was not in my seat - he made some comment about it when I came in and he was asking

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MR. MARSHALL: questions- is because I was up signing, with my colleagues on behalf of government, a new agreement for the Institute of Fisheries and Marine Technology.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. MARSHALL: A red letter day in this Province, Mr. Speaker, with 65 per cent from Ottawa and 35 per cent from the Province of Newfoundland, with both orders of government showing a great deal of co-operation. In this spirit of co-operation and negotiations, Newfoundland, as we have endeavoured over the past seven years to achieve, now with this signing it is well on its way to being recognized in the rest of Canada as the centre in the world for marine technology and research.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

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

MR. NEARY: If hon. members were following the answer, it had to have nothing to do with Buchans. I have asked a number of specific questions about Buchans and the answers are pitiful. I am beginning to feel sorry for hon. gentlemen, their answers are so vague and of a general nature and they will talk about anything except Buchans. The questions are specific, they have to do with Buchans.

MR. SIMMS: Good answers.

MR. NEARY: Good answers! Well, the hon. gentleman can applaud Ottawa for assisting in the College of Fisheries, and we are glad to see it. Mr. Speaker, it is really pitiful, it is unbelievable, incredible. I will come back to the Minister of Mines (Mr. Dawe) and ask the hon. gentleman about the barite operation that was established in Buchans with the help of DREE and with the help of the provincial government.

MR. NEARY: What has happened to the barite operation in Buchans? Is it still going? Are they still supplying the barite, the mud to be used offshore, in offshore drilling? What is happening to that operation? Could the hon. gentleman tell us about that? Or does he know anything about that either?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, although I have not discussed the situation as recently as this morning, the available information that I have at this present time indicates that there will be a limited barite operation at the Buchans site this year. Hopefully that situation will improve significantly as every indication is that offshore drilling is picking up, and the results of that hopefully will translate into jobs as it relates to the barite operation and the potential for further barite mining in different places around the Province. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to note, albeit a new revelation by members of the Opposition, that they are realizing that there is a certain amount of significance to be attached to the Province's position for being able to control the type of development, the local preference content of development and just how that will impact upon Newfoundlanders. And I am encouraged to see that the hon. member asked questions. It indicates that he is starting to realize that this administration has a position.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

A supplementary question.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, that is some answer.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, could the hon. gentleman tell the House why the barite operation in Buchans closed down in the first place? It was established in Buchans to cushion the blow of the closing of the mine out there, the number of people were going to be laid off, why was the barite operation shut down - he has to have consultation now - why was it closed down in the first place and barite or mud from Ireland used offshore? I mean, where does the local preference come in there?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman must realize that in certain cases, and this relates to a number of areas in which government and industry look for services, the implementation of local preference has to be a percentage to reflect the competitive nature of industry. The situation with the barite mining in Buchans was that at one point in time last year the competitive bids from that particular organization did not fit within the guidelines of local preference, they were much higher than the next competitive bid, which was the reason that the contract was awarded to an alternate firm.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I believe I am going to switch now to a different topic. I have to give gentlemen advance notice that I am going to come back to the Buchans situation again, so would they please brief themselves, do their homework on the Buchans situation so that when we start asking questions about it again they will be prepared and they will be able to give us specific information?

Mr. Speaker, I want to come now, because the hon. gentleman -

MR. TULK: Wait until Fall, 'Steve', give them six months.

MR. NEARY: No, it will not be next Fall, it will be before the House rises, before hon. gentlemen go on their vacation. But the minister did mention the offshore, He said that the future of the barite mine in Buchans depends on the activity offshore, Perhaps the minister responsible for the Petroleum Directorate, and responsible for the offshore, can tell us when the administration last had dialogue or discussion or communications with Mobil, for instance- Mobil being the big developer offshore- when was the last time that the hon. gentleman or the Premier or the administration had direct consultation, face to face meetings with Moibil of New York in connection with the offshore activities? Could the hon. gentleman tell us if there have been any recent discussions, any recent negotiations?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker,

MR. MARSHALL: I cannot let the irony go by. I just have to note that a couple of questions ago, the hon. gentleman, when he got up to comment, was actually complaining about the type of answer because I think his words will show - and I think we should get these enshrined if they are in Hansard as I heard them - he was complaining about us throwing compliments to Ottawa over the signing of the agreement. My only comment on that, Mr. Speaker is, if it were not unparliamentary, I would say, How the worm doth turn. Because, Mr. Speaker, it is rather ironic, I think, for the hon. gentleman to be complaining about us throwing compliments at Ottawa.

With respect to what the hon. gentleman indicated, we have communications on a daily basis with Mobil through the Petroleum Directorate, as one would expect when one considers the type of work that Mobil is doing offshore with respect to our resources offshore, and the Petroleum Directorate is in daily contact with Mobil. With respect to the specific question, it has been some weeks ago since we have had direct contact, that is, on a ministerial basis with Mobil. I would have to check my notes to see the exact date. All I can say is it was not last week.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: I must say for the benefit of the hon. gentleman that I was not criticizing Ottawa, I was merely taking note of the fact that the seals were pounding their flippers on the desk, praising Ottawa for the part it played, which is most unusual. That is what I took note of.

MR. TULK: It was an unusual occurrence.

MR. NEARY: It was not a condemnation, it was in praise of Ottawa.

MR. NEARY: Now, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman, in replying to my question, sort of brushed it off by saying the Petroleum Directorate are in daily contact with Mobil. I am not talking about statistical information, providing the number of feet that are drilled, etc., etc., the things they encounter, I am talking about policy. When was the last time that this administration sat down with Mobil of New York to discuss policy matters as to whether or not Mobil was going to be around here for very much longer, or whether we are going to have another Dome Petroleum situation on our hands, that Mobil is being frozen out, that Husky Oil may come in and pick up permits that Mobil cannot get or will not renew? Mr. Speaker, we hear all kinds of reports that Mobil are gradually being frozen out of the offshore except, of course, for Hibernia. And hon. gentlemen should know if they do not that you cannot get Mobil off Hibernia; if they keep one rig there, that will justify their staying on Hibernia.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am asking the hon. gentleman to tell us what the future holds in Newfoundland, and this is a very grave and serious matter, Mr. Speaker?

MR. NEARY: What does the future hold in Newfoundland for Mobile with regard to renewing some of its permits on the acreage that it has or picking up new permits on new acreage?

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: The Question Period is good as anything for the purpose of trying to generate gossip, if one were interested in generating gossip or generating unfounded statements, so the hon. gentleman can use this in his behest with other people in this Province, very minor in number, who would sell Newfoundland down the drain for short-term gain.

But, Mr. Speaker, we have received no indication with respect to the statements that the hon. gentleman has made. I can tell the hon. gentleman, without fanning the rumours that he is obviously attempting to generate, that is not unusual, for instance, for a permittee to have a farm-out with respect to drilling. I do not know if that has occurred, when it has occurred or if in fact it is being contemplated because, Mr. Speaker, we are not all that concerned as to whether it is Mobil or who it is that develops that resource. What we are concerned about is the fact that that resource out there is preserved for the long time benefit of the people who brought this into Confederation with them, which is the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, and we have it confirmed that that resource is out there and that it is a bountiful resource and we know it is going to be developed. Mr. Speaker, we are not necessarily friends of the corporations, be they international corporations or others. It is not really of great concern to us who develops the offshore. What is of

MR. MARSHALL: concern to us is how it is developed and whether it is developed for the benefit of the people of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. So I want to make that quite plain to the hon. gentleman, but I also want to make it quite plain that we have had no indication of the type of airy-fairy rumours that the hon. gentleman is trying to generate by the questions that he is asking.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, again we really did not get very much information from the hon. gentleman. I can only assume, because I asked the hon. gentleman when was the last time had direct meetings, face to face meetings with Mobil and the hon. gentleman did not answer the question, so I presume, Mr. Speaker, that there had been none.

Now, let me ask the hon. gentleman this because Mobil is at a very crucial point in their development on offshore Newfoundland and Labrador, Mr. Speaker; their helicopter contracts are coming up for renewal, the Zapata Uglund contracts are coming up for renewal and we also hear reports that Mobil, New York, has refused under the Canadian law to list the

MR. NEARY:

sale of Mobil stock over the counter in Canada under the Canadian stock exchange. Could the hon. gentleman tell us if there is any foundation to that if indeed Mobil have refused to list their stock on the Canadian stock exchange and, if so, what are the consequences of refusing to do that?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: I have no knowledge of that, Mr. Speaker. The requirements of Mobil to list its stock under the stock exchange is not under my jurisdiction. To my knowledge, it is not under the jurisdiction of any member in this House. Any matters of that nature with respect to international trade would presumably come under the aegis of the federal government. If the hon. member wants to ask a question like that, I do not know to what end the question is leading, but I suggest he should ask it to the people who can most appropriately answer it.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Speaker, all these questions have a very real bearing on whether or not, apart from Hibernia, Mobil has a future in this Province, and I think this is a matter of concern to everybody inside and outside of this House. Now, Mr. Speaker, is the hon. gentleman aware that the Zapata Uglund contract, for instance - hon. members know that Mobil had some of their own rigs, but they also lease rigs from other people, the Uglund people are one - is coming up for renewal? Can the hon. gentleman tell the House whether he has had discussions with Mobil on whether that contract will be renewed, and that these rigs will be indeed

MR. NEARY: drilling off our shore between now and, say, the end of the current year, or will the contract be allowed to go by the board?

MR. SIMMS: The Ugland contract has nothing to do with anything.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is showing his arrogance more and more every day.

But, Mr. Speaker, this is a very, very significant matter because, Mr. Speaker, if there were dialogue, if there were communications, if there were negotiations between the provincial government and Mobil they would have the answers to all these questions. I am very concerned because I have been hearing reports that the contracts will not be renewed. That means that there will be a less number of rigs drilling off our shore this year. Could the hon. gentleman tell us if there is any foundation to that?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mobil is a very significant corporation and of course we hope that Mobil continues its involvement as well as other healthy companies continue their involvement in this Province and we will do everything we possibly can to encourage them. My main concern is not really whether Mobil has a future, nor is it the main concern of this government. What our main concern is that the young people of this Province have a future and that they gain a future through the offshore.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: The instruments that are to bring that about, Mr. Speaker, whether it is through Mobil Corporation or British Petroleum or whether it is through Petro-Canada, are not of abiding concern to us, although, as I say, we would like many viable companies operating on and off our shores. Our concern is with the future of the young people of this Province and specifically with respect to that resource and, once again, even more directly, that that resource be able to be dedicated in large measure to the welfare of the young people particularly of this Province, whether it is achieved through the instrumentality of Mobil, British Petroleum, Petro-Canada or any concern.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have no indications of what the hon. gentleman is alluding to. As a matter of fact, the indications are all the other way, I can only repeat what we have been told and what the situation is at the present time, that the Zapata Uglund is out there and the Zapata Uglund is out there to remain out there, as well as the other rigs and as well as the John Shaw, which is eventually going to come over. The fact of the matter is they will be drilling - I am not quite sure whether they are engaged today, but some of these rigs, as the hon. gentleman knows, are still, in the middle of May, not able to engaged in drilling because of the ice conditions which prompted the stop-drilling order which we gave in the middle of February, and which the hon. gentlemen there opposite with their other people spoofed as being completely and absolutely unnecessary and a political rather than a necessary act, dictated by nature rather than matters of politics.

MR. MARSHALL: So the indications are, Mr. Speaker, and I want to emphasize this so that the hon. gentleman is not, unwittingly or otherwise the purveyor of unfounded rumours and gossip, that the drilling programme is the same as the drilling programme that has been announced. Now if the hon. gentleman wants to be party to those people who try to proffer the fact that there is no drilling off our our shores because of lack of agreement for the purpose of trying to pressure us into the very agreement that Nova Scotia itself signed, but when it signed at the same time indicated it wanted an escape hatch because it did not think it was all that good in the first place, if the hon. gentleman is trying to do that I come back to my first thesis, that it is not going to advance the interests of the people of this Province and it is certainly not going to advance the future of the young people of this Province who want and are entitled to a reasonable share from the resources which their fathers brought into Confederation with them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please! The time for Question Period has passed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. MARSHALL: Motion 1, the Budget Debate.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Motion 1, the Budget Debate.

When we last adjourned the debate, the hon. the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn) had been speaking for a couple of minutes.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HEARN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I indicated when I adjourned the debate on Friday, I am not going to support the non-confidence motion. I feel we should have every confidence in the budget and in the government. Considering the state of the world economy today, we should consider ourselves fortunate to be able not only to hold the status quo but to progress moderately, as we are doing. We are living in a period of recession, regression, depression and obsession. The obsession, Mr. Speaker, comes mainly from characters such as those we have across the hon. House who are obsessed with trying to destroy any chance that this government has for advancement in the future. Our future and the future of our younger generations depend basically on the development of our natural resources and if we adhere to the give-away policies that they adhere to, then, consequently, we will certainly find ourselves in the deepest of depressions.

We, right now, with the new, apparently, state of federal/provincial co-operation once again manifested today when we hear of the signing of the agreement on the Fisheries College, we are looking forward to the day when we will be signing a new hydro agreement, when we will be signing an offshore agreement. And even today, the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) is in Ottawa,

MR. HEARN: or on his way there, hopefully to complete the present restructuring in the fishery which will once again give the Province a great boost.

I am looking forward shortly, in the next few weeks, maybe even few days to the day when the hon. the minister will come into the House and announce that the restructuring process has been completed and that, between himself and Mr. De Bane they have reached a settlement. I predict that will come very shortly and that is no joke.

During the last few weeks, we have been listening to a litany of things that were done by a previous administration. However, when we look at all the things that were listed out, somewhere along the line they forgot to add in the honour list, the things they are most famous for. We heard nothing about the deals with Mr. Shaheen and Mr. Doyle or about the planning that went into Come By Chance or the linerboard mill. We heard nothing about the hydro agreement with Quebec, the rubber factory in Holyrood, and

MR. HEARN: absolutely nothing at all about the resettlement programme. We heard all about the plants that were opened and the community stages that were built and the gear sheds that were built and the bait units. I maintain, Mr. Speaker, having seen practically every one of them on the Island, that many of them were done very hastily, just a few days proceeding an election. Some of them you cannot get in even with a flat boat at low tide. There was a tremendous input into the physical structure of providing fishing facilities in a hurry and then the government of that time proceeded to head, gut and bleed not only the fishermen but the poor Newfoundlanders to such an extent that in 1972, when this government took over, there were 32,000 case loads on the Department of Social Services register - 32,000 case loads. You know, I suppose we could say it is something that would make the hair of the minister of the day turn gray.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps we should ask what has this budget done for the Province? And in my case, maybe I should ask what has it done for my district, the district of St. Mary's - The Capes, so long neglected under the previous administration, and just run through a few of the things that we have gotten out of this budget this year and show how the budget has enabled us, in one district alone, the district of St. Mary's - The Capes, to provide hundreds of jobs based on this budget. Running down through some of the departments and their input into the district, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Youth, I am sure the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) will be glad to hear that the department has provided \$85,000 to the town of Trepassey to purchase an ice mat for the stadium that he was up and visited a couple of years ago and recommended as a model

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MR. HEARN: for the smaller towns, and we certainly look forward to that getting off the ground very shortly.

In relation to that department also, we have had great input from that department in a museum that has been established in the area, a very historic area, where we have a tremendous amount of old curios, etc. that

MR. HEARN: will be a drawing card for people not only from around the Province but from around the world. My district is known and always has been known as the 'Graveyard of the Atlantic' and that alone is enough to draw people from far and near. We have work going ahead in our parks, we have been able to create student employment. We did not hire the sons or daughters of lawyers or doctors; in fact, we hired students whose parents were not very well off, students at the university who needed help to get back next year, and we did not ask them which party they were affiliated with, Mr. Speaker.

In road work, after being neglected for over twenty years of Liberal rule when we had absolutely no pavement whatsoever in the district, during the ten years of Conservative rule we had 126 miles of pavement laid- not too much done in the past four years; I do not know if it is a reflection on the representation or not- but this year we are back again to the process of road building, we will be spending about \$2 million in the district, projects in five different areas, including upgrading and paving.

We have seven fish plants in the district, six of which are either open or in the process of being opened, including the deep-sea at Trepassey, which is operating exceptionally well. The one that is not opened as yet, I had meetings on it over the weekend and we look forward to having that plant opened shortly. Many of the smaller plants are open strictly because of aid, whether it be direct aid or government guarantees, provided by this administration.

MR. HEARN:

In relation to the Fishery, I noticed when the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) spent his six days going over the same things, he mentioned a couple of times two draggers that they provided for the Fermeuse plant. It was very unfortunate that when they provided the draggers directly to the Fermeuse plant that it was not done in a way that those draggers would be fixed to the facility, because right now you have a facility in exceptionally poor shape with no draggers attached to it at all. If the facility goes down, there is absolutely nothing there to back up the reinstatement.

In the area of rural development, we have four of the best rural development associations on the Island, all of them working exceptionally well, combining funds from the Federal and Provincial governments, which we are not ashamed to do or apologize for doing, they are doing a tremendous job and, once again, provincial money has gone to all of them in the form of many small grants which has enabled them to complete many of the projects that they are undertaking. They are also very instrumental right now in setting up an organization which will explore and develop and publicize the great tourist potential that we have throughout the whole district. The various development associations will be co-ordinating an effort in order to do the job properly.

MR. HEARN: In the field of health services, where once again we had practically nothing, we have developed a couple of health clinics. We are working on obtaining more doctors right now. We have come a long way in the last few years, and with the extension of services and with the improvement of our roads and so on in the area the district of St. Mary's-The Capes finally will have an equal share when it comes to proper health services. Concentration, as I mentioned, has also been placed on tourist development in the area, and the complete package is being developed with the aid of development associations, the various councils, etc., in the area.

In the field of education, many of our schools this year are being extended, once again providing not only jobs through the work itself but, of course, once the schools are open and with our 23/1 ratio in effect we will have a number of new jobs being added in the teaching profession. This will give us better overall education in an area that always has been very, very high in relation to the development of education in the Province of Newfoundland. Once again, the mainstay of the district is our tremendous fishing resource. We are looking forward with anticipation to the completion of the restructuring process because the future of the Southeast corner of the district depends and, of course, the whole South coast of Newfoundland depends on the restructuring of the deep-sea fishery. It is unfortunate when we see that we are going to need a couple of hundred million dollars to restructure the fishery in Newfoundland. I feel, Mr. Speaker, it is extremely unfortunate that when Mr. Lalonde could haul \$200 million out of the hat just because a cameraman got a peek at the budget, it is too bad that the

MR. HEARN: cameraman had not focused in on the pages dealing with the fishery because if he had we might have had the \$250 million needed to restructure our fishery.

When we look at the state of the world economy, as I mentioned earlier, and we look at what is going on in our own districts with extremely low employment now that the Summer is coming on we feel exceptionally proud and we realize that many of the jobs that have been created have been as a result of direct involvement from the Province we feel even more so.

MR. SIMMS: Hear, hear!

MR. HEARN: I would be remiss if I did not comment on the few remarks made one day last week by the hon. the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) regarding the Premier's report card. My colleague from Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) has already referred to this, but I would also like to mention the fact that the report card that was widely circulated, widely publicized by the Opposition was only a report card, as has been mentioned already, for the first term. The grading was internal, done by a very subjective or a very biased teacher, or perhaps I should say teachers. We suggest that you wait until the term is complete and, as my hon. colleague suggested earlier, wait around for the graduation. I suggest that you not only wait for the graduation to see how the Province, the class, the party has progressed, but wait around to see who is going to be reading the valedictory. Because I am quite sure that not only the government within the next three to four years will show that its plan of action is the right one, but that the Leader of the Government, the Premier, of whom we are all very proud, will show that once again he will be reading the valedictory speech.

MR. WARREN: Do not bet your life on it.

MR. HEARN: The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) says do not bet your life on it. I would certainly take any bets he has to wager. I doubt very much if the hon. gentleman, who appreciates what this government is doing and has been doing for his district, would put his money where his mouth is because I am sure he agrees with everything I am saying.

I might add, Mr. Speaker, that it is not our intention to become politically popular by trading off our future potential. We are not looking for a short-term agreement. We are proud of our Province and we are

MR. HEARN: proud of our country and if we can take the tremendous resources that we have and we can mold them together, we take the natural resources, we take our great human resource and with proper motivation, proper manipulation and formation on government's behalf then we can develop an overall resource in this Province that can only lead to a tremendous future. When I hear about this, 'Settle at any cost, get an agreement, give away,' I am reminded of the old poem, "Breathes there the man with soul so dead/Who never to himself hath said/ This is my own, my native land." And

MR. HEARN: each time I look across the House and see some of the members getting up saying, "Settle, get an agreement, give away," I think of that poem, because anybody who has a feeling for Newfoundland will be looking towards the future and not for a political, popular settlement right now.

We must plan for the future, Mr. Speaker, and we must plan today. Because the work has to be done today. Yesterday is already gone, it is only a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but if we make the proper plans today -

MR. TULK: Not unlike yourself.

MR. HEARN: We have the hon. member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) over there, he is planning for the future with his young people. He had over 300 of them out in Gander. From all around the Province they scraped up 300. I had something like four hundred and some-odd young people working with me on my last campaign so -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HEARN: But I do maintain, Mr. Speaker, that we must plan for the future and we must plan today, because today well spent will make every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. We do have hope for our Province.

We in the Province are fortunate to have the resource potential, a great resource potential, and once, as I said before, we start to mould this, we get our human resource put together with the development of our natural resources, then we can assure ourselves a future prosperity.

It is a tremendous challenge to do this, Mr. Speaker, and at times it can be a very unpopular thing to do, but this party, this government, under the Premier that we have, has never been afraid and never will be afraid of a challenge.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):

Is the House ready for the question?

All those in favour "aye", contrary "nay", the amendment is defeated.

The main question: Those in favour -

MR. WARREN:

No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. HEARN:

I thought that member had spoken.

MR. WARREN:

Not on the main motion, no.

Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that we -

I am not surprised, no, I am shocked more so, to see a government that would bring down such a budget and see an amendment brought in that illustrated to this government that, "Look, the budget is not for the people of Newfoundland" and that crowd on that side would vote against it. I am not shocked, I am more or less surprised. In fact, I am also surprised that only seven members on that side have spoken so far in the Budget Debate. And

MR. WARREN: of all the members who spoke the hon. member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn), I think, was about the best of the seven, and he could only go for about twenty minutes.

Now, Mr. Speaker, when the hon. Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) brought down this budget on March 17th, 1983, St. Patrick's Day, first when one looked at that budget - when one heard the budget through the media and read it the next day in the paper, everybody was saying, 'Well, that is not too bad a budget'. In fact, some of us on our side, at the caucus meeting the next day, said, 'By jeeppers, it is not too bad a budget for a government in its first year in power'. However, when you take you time to read between the lines - do you know what you find, Mr. Speaker? I have been in this House now since 1979 and it is about the worst, the most deceitful budget that I have ever seen in this House of Assembly, the most deceitful budget. And, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance knows that it is a deceitful budget.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we had a teachers' dispute in this Province, a labour dispute involving the teachers and this government not too long ago. This government in its budget predicted a \$28 million deficit. This government at the same time knew it was going to be hard bargaining with the teachers. This government knew that there was only one way for them to come in the following year with a better budget and that was to force the teachers out of the classrooms. And that is what this government did, forced the teachers in this Province out of the classrooms. But who were the ones who suffered?

MR. BAIRD: They said it was a lockout.

MR. WARREN: Yes, forced out is locked out, that is why it is called a lockout when you are forced out the doors are locked behind you.

Now, Mr. Speaker, who were the people who suffered? They were my kids and your kids and the children in this Province. These were the people who suffered. They lost practically a month's education. Between now and June 20th they are going to have great difficulty in getting the marks, or attaining the marks that normally they would have if the school year had not been interrupted. So this government is to blame. And

MR. WARREN:

how much money did this government save on the backs of the teachers and the pupils of this Province? - something in the vicinity of \$21 million. Now we have a deficit, as projected in the budget on March 17th of \$28 million. Already, just on one group in this Province, the government have saved \$21 million.

Now, Mr. Speaker, at the same time as the government have saved \$21 million, we have people in this Province, from Labrador City to Cape Race, who are waiting to get into hospitals and they cannot get in because this government has issued orders to the hospitals to lay off staff, cut budgets and close beds. I know of people, Mr. Speaker, in Happy Valley - Goose Bay, waiting since the 23rd day of February to come to a hospital here in St. John's but they cannot come here because there are no beds available.

Mr. Speaker, only a few days ago the Minister of Health (Mr. House) - I just heard him grunting over there - the Department of Health has had the Grace Hospital close down its Urology unit, another way of saving money. So now there are orders gone out to all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, 'Do not have any kidney problems because we are going to close down the Urology unit at the Grace Hospital.'

Mr. Speaker, this budget is deceitful. The way they are saving money is on the backs of the poor and the sick and on the backs of students. How low can you stoop? They attacked the senior citizens last year on prescription drugs and this year they went from one extreme to the other.

Mr. Speaker, I will tell you how the government can save some money. If the government

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MR. WARREN: would try to get back some of
the money that they paid for a museum down on Water Street,
St. John's, which they have not used -

MR. WARREN: they have paid out over \$600,000 - if they would try to get back some of that money that would help, Mr. Speaker.

The Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), do you know that because of this budget, Mr. Speaker, that fees -

MR. SIMMS: You could not get your moose licence, could you?

MR. WARREN: I will know by Friday.

But one thing I should tell my hon. colleague is that I have an experienced hunter going with me this year.

- that fees in parks have increased, there is a five dollar fee on big game licences. Even if you just go to visit a park for an afternoon the fee is charged for that. Mr. Speaker, I think every department in this government instead of trying to save money is trying to raise extra revenue, and it is going to be raised from the lower income people in this Province.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the hon. the Minister of Health (Mr. House) said, Why not be consistent? I saw the minister on television a while ago when a young fellow Best from North West River read a letter - and when the young fellow Best asked the hon. minister about the letter he could not remember anything about it - and the letter stated that before any decision would be made on the North West River Hospital there would be consultation with the people. And the minister tried to think for a while, and he said, 'My goodness, I do not -

MR. NEARY: He tried to get off the hook.

MR. WARREN: Yes. He did not think he wrote the letter. And who do you think wrote the letter? It was his boss. The letter was written by his boss. Now, the

MR. WARREN:

Minister of Health (Mr. House)

said more or less - what could the poor fellow say, you know? 'He is my boss, he calls the shots, and I have to do what he says.' And that is the way that this government is run, it is a one-man show - 'I have to take the flak that is coming to me.'

Now, Mr. Speaker, the department of Social Services: In the budget it was announced by the hon. the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) that the fuel allowance for social assistance recipients in the North would be increased by 6 per cent. So, as I am not a mathematician as some hon. members are, I took a calculator and tried to figure out what

MR. WARREN: six per cent of what they are presently getting would be and it came out to an extra \$1.74 a month. Mr. Speaker, that works out to about three-quarters of a gallon of stove fuel for people in Labrador, about three-quarters of a gallon. I would say that with the way the Winters are it would probably last about ten minutes.

This Budget has done one thing, it has broadened the gap between Ottawa and the Province. All this government are building their hopes on - I think they changed their minds recently. First they had their hopes set on the Progressive Conservatives winning the next federal election. Now they have their hopes doubly built, hoping that John Crosbie will win the leadership and John Crosbie will win the next federal election. But, Mr. Speaker, the Premier has gambled, he made a bad mistake, he gambled badly, and the people of Newfoundland will never forgive him for the big gamble, going to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland. That was when he made the big gamble. And, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the Premier do not gamble on this one, because - I do not know, maybe Mr. Crosbie may win the leadership.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: Maybe he will. In fact, if Mr. Crosbie does win the leadership, I will be the first one to send him a congratulatory letter, the next day. But, Mr. Speaker, if he does not win the leadership, what is going to happen to Mr. Crosbie? I am sure if Mr. Clark wins it he will not have Mr. Crosbie around him any longer, and we will see Mr. Crosbie coming back to this Province with his tail between his legs, expecting some member on that side to resign his seat so the hon. Mr. Crosbie can have a place in the Newfoundland Legislature like he had before. He will do that, Mr. Speaker, and I would not be a bit surprised if the hon. Speaker would not relinquish his seat for the

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MR. WARREN: hon. Mr. Crosbie. Maybe the
hon. Speaker may do that.

DR. COLLINS: We will take any P.C. Prime
Minister, any P.C. Prime Minister at all.

MR. WARREN: So the hon. Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) has said that they take any PC prime minister. Yes, I agree with the hon. Minister of Finance if Mr. Trudeau is still the leader of the Liberal party. If Mr. Trudeau is still the leader of the Liberal party I would think that may happen. But as the Minister of Finance knows, and as well as most Newfoundlanders and most Canadians know, Mr. Trudeau is going to step aside and let a new tide come in and we are going to be back in the same boat in Ottawa with probably a new Liberal government in a year or so. So, Mr. Speaker, we are going to see Mr. Crosbie back and he is going to be badgering for one of those seats over there. Which seat he will take we do not know.

DR. COLLINS: Do you really think the Canadian people are that cracked to have the Liberals in again?

MR. WARREN: I do not know whether they are or not but, ask the Minister of Finance how could this government of which he is a part allow a Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) into his government who tells such racial jokes as were told at the Fisheries Conference last week? How could that government allow such a person to be part of the government? Mr. Speaker, it would be worthwhile, if hon. members did not hear it this morning, to listen to the CBC tape of a person who attended that meeting, a Mr. Perkins, and a CBC reporter, and listen to what that man had to say about the Minister of Fisheries. This government is trying to keep a Minister of Fisheries in his seat who has let down practically all Newfoundlanders. The hon. member for Fortune-Hermitage (Mr. Stewart), when he brought in his Resource Committee Report, spoke about all the good things. The member did not mention that at the marine centres in this Province now, which are controlled by this government, fishermen have to pay an extra 30 per cent over and above what they paid

MR. WARREN: last year. The hon. member did not mention the rents have gone up in Pleasantville and in Stephenville. The hon. member did not mention how Newfoundland and Labrador Housing have some 400 units in this Province that are unoccupied. Mr. Speaker, if the minister responsible for housing wanted to see some revenue come into this Province, with all the people who are looking for houses, he would renovate those houses and get them ready for people. It would be better than leaving them empty. Just look at the thirty-odd units in Come By Chance that have been vandalized and it is going to cost much, much more now than it would have if the minister had taken it upon himself to lease them when my colleague from Bellevue (Mr. Callan) last year suggested that they should be leased to anyone who was willing to lease them. But the minister is holding on. Mr. Speaker,

MR. WARREN: I have to go back to the Voisey Bay fish camp - and I am quite pleased that two of my constituents are in the galleries today, who live very close to the Voisey Bay fish camp - knowing that this camp was built from money that belongs to those people. And what happened to it, Mr. Speaker? The Voisey Bay fish camp is still up there lying idle. The minister, on Friday, gave me a list of expenditures for last year. That was not the request that was made. The request made was for the total of the expenditures and revenues from the time the fish camp started in 1974. That was the request. That is what we want to see, where the \$500,000 has gone. And where is the revenue that came in last year? The minister said that two parties went into the Voisey Bay fish camp. Was there any revenue to show for that or was it just free gratis, on behalf of the government?

MR. CARTER: Sit down.

MR. WARREN: I wish the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) would go back to his farm and look after his savory.

Mr. Speaker, this government continually lets down the people in this Province. I asked the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) there a while ago what plans he had for the two fish plants and the feeder plants from Makkovik to Nain, and what was his intention for the Northern fishery? He gave us the same typical answer. We are still working on it - we are concerned about the fishermen, we are still working on it. Mr. Speaker, that is not good enough. It is not good enough for you, Sir, for your constituents in St. John's Centre, and it is not good enough for my constituents in Torngat Mountains. I think the people need answers and they need the answers from the ministers who can give the answers.

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker, it is worthwhile to note that CN Marine on July 9th of this year, if ice conditions permit, the motor vessel Bonavista will be making her first trip North of Nain in about twenty years. The motor vessel Bonavista is going to be leaving Nain on July 9th and she is going to go about ninety to 100 miles North of Nain to drop off fishermen and their families who traditionally go North in the Summertime to go fishing. So CN Marine have taken it upon themselves, with requests from the Labrador Inuit Association and myself, to make a special trip this year. They will be making a special trip this year to take fishermen and their families about 100 miles North of Nain to prosecute the char fishery in the North. However,

MR. WARREN: this minister, the Minister responsible for Fisheries in this Province (Mr. Morgan) has no plans, as of today, as to what he will do to accommodate the catches of those fishermen when they go North. Mr. Speaker, this is the 16th of May, it is only another month or a month and a half before those fishermen will be moving North and the Minister of Fisheries has no plans.

Mr. Speaker, if you look deep down into that budget you will find, I think, twenty-five different references to: 'We would have this done only for Ottawa.' Mr. Speaker, there would be an offshore oil agreement today only for this government and the minister who is taking his seat now. That minister had to play 'footsie' with the Premier and therefore, the Premier said no. Mr. Speaker, we would have been on cloud nine today, as Nova Scotia is, if the hon. the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) had his way, but he did not get his own way because Cabot Martin and the Premier were calling the shots from across the street. That is why, Mr. Speaker, we do not have our day in the sun.

The hon. the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn) mentioned the twenty-three years of Liberal regime with no paving done in his district and all of that, and then he mentioned the last ten years when X number of miles were paved and in the last four years, he said, there was nothing done.

MR. MARSHALL: Is the hon. gentleman getting tired?

MR. WARREN: I never get tired.

MR. MARSHALL: It sounds like it.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, the last four years, as the hon. member should know, the member who represented St. Mary's - The Capes - for a while was the former Minister

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MR. WARREN: of Fisheries (Walter Carter) -
I think it was - from that side of the House. He was the
member for St. Mary's - The Capes.

MR. TULK: That was before 'Peckford' gave him the boot.

MR. WARREN: That is right.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, there was no pavement laid then. But this year -

MR. PATTERSON: When they had Walter Carter there, \$37 million in one year.

MR. WARREN: \$37 million in what, roads?

MR. PATTERSON: Hospitals, roads, fish plants, you name it.

MR. WARREN: Now, the hon. member for Placentia (Mr. Patterson), and he is a great one to speak up, when he has a fish plant in his district that has not been open for three years.

MR. PATTERSON: What about the two that are open?

MR. WARREN: What about the one that is not open? Talk about the ones that are not open. So you can see, Mr. Speaker, that all the member is concerned about is the past. You have to look at the future. I advise the hon. member, let us look at the future. Let us go down the road five years and think about our children, what have they got to face? I say, Mr. Speaker, that as long as this government is in power the future of our children will not be that rosy at all. Because, Mr. Speaker, there will not be an oil deal. I would not doubt but the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) was correct today, he was correct, but the hon. President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) would notfully take the bait.

MR. MARSHALL: Did you say he was correct or he was cracked?

MR. WARREN: He would not take the bait, Mr. Speaker, but he knows, the hon. President of the Council knows that Mobil is considering pulling up anchors. And that is what the hon. minister is afraid of. The hon. minister is afraid that the days that we had planned to be in the sun are going by the wayside.

I had to laugh the other day,

MR. WARREN: the hon. President of the Council got up and he started by saying it was in the paper the next day - by saying, "Look, we do not have a one-man show, we are a party, we are united, we are all collective," when we have the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development, the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie), a hospital closing down in his district and he did not know until fifteen minutes before the Budget was brought down. Now, that is what you call some teamwork. Some teamwork all right! The hospital closing down in his district and he does not know until fifteen minutes before the Budget is brought down. And the minister gets up and says, "We have a good team over here." I have a feeling it must be like a hockey team, if you are not good enough you sit on the benches and stay there. So that must be the kind of a team they have. Some they talk to and some they do not.

MR. HEARN: Who is going to win tomorrow night?

MR. WARREN: I predict the Oilers tomorrow night.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it was mentioned by my colleague from Bellevue (Mr. Callan) that this government is planning to close down more hospitals. In fact, I believe that the member for Bellevue is 100 per cent correct. We will see probably the Placentia Hospital closing down.

MR. PATTERSON: It will never happen.

MR. TULK: That is the reason why the member for Placentia (Mr. Patterson) is planning on retiring, he cannot bear to see it happen.

MR. PATTERSON: I will retire when one of you characters can knock me out.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, that is going to be in the next election. No doubt about that, that will be in the next election.

Mr. Speaker, one other thing I am a little bit disturbed about, too, before I close, I only have a few minutes, and that is

MR. WARREN: concerning the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees and also concerning the Newfoundland Teachers' Association, those two major groups. The last two times they went to the bargaining table, or in the last two negotiations, the Newfoundland Teachers' Association - I will talk on them first, Mr. Speaker - one of the first items that they drew off the table was an increase in the Northern allowance for teachers. And what was one of the first items that the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees pulled off the table? The same thing, an increase for civil servants working in Labrador.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I say that both of these associations, if they do not stand up strong for everybody in Newfoundland and Labrador they might as well not stand up for anybody. Because if we are the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, including the Island part and Labrador, the least thing that the unions, which represent the people working in both parts, can do is try to treat the both of them fairly. And, Mr. Speaker, for the last five years the delegates, the members of the unions from Labrador, have advocated to the Newfoundland Teachers' Association and to NAPE, 'Look, we would like to see our Northern allowance increased.' But it was the first thing that both unions dropped. They have dropped it because the government negotiating team have said to the negotiating teams of those units, 'Okay, what are you going to drop? Let us start dropping some things.' And the first thing both the government and NAPE or the government and the NTA dropped was the increase in the Northern allowance for Labrador civil servants and Labrador teachers. And as long as I am a member of this House, and I have a feeling I will be here for a long time to come, I will stand up for every man, woman and child in Labrador, whether they are from Torngat

MR. WARREN: Mountains, or Naskaupi, or Eagle River, or Menihek. I will stand up for them and fight for their rights because, Mr. Speaker, they need support. Okay, they are a long way away, they have only four seats of the fifty-two, but they need support from more than just four members. They need support, Mr. Speaker, from members of other portions of the Province, the other forty-eight members. And, Mr. Speaker, it is high time that some members in this House, on both sides of this House, got up and spoke on behalf of the civil servants, the teachers and the people on social assistance, the people who are paying as much as two dollars and ninety-five cents for a quart of milk.

And, Mr. Speaker, with that I will say that I will not be voting for this budget because this budget is a slap in the face, particularly to the people in Labrador and generally for all Newfoundlanders.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. BUTT:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for
Conception Bay South.

MR. BUTT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Hon. gentlemen there opposite, I believe, have a very short
memory and for that reason I should perhaps highlight some of
the things in this Budget. Before addressing this
\$2.1 billion Budget I should first of all take exception
to a few comments made by the hon. the member for
Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren). He made some mention of
the fact that our friend from St. Mary's-The Capes (Mr. Hearn)
only spoke for ten minutes. Well, I can assure the hon. member
that what the hon. member said in ten minutes was much better
than what the hon. member for Torngat Mountains could say
in ten hours.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. BUTT: The hon. member for
Torngat Mountains also made some reference to health care
in the Province. Well, let me say this, that it was the
Department of Health that increased its budget by 12 per cent,
the only government department that increased its budget by
12 per cent. We put a Royal Commission in place to study
the health-care needs in the Province. We have a monitoring
committee in place to deal with the hospital Boards and to
deal with cutbacks that we are now experiencing. These
meetings are ongoing and on that issue we stand as one.
Now, because the Opposition has a very short memory I
should perhaps point out some of the things that we are
doing in this budget and it would be a useful exercise
to enunciate once again some of the highlights:
We will be retiring the Provincial debt this year to
the tune of \$94 million; the total capital expenditure

MR. BUTT: as forecast will be \$251 million with related revenues of \$79 million dollars. There are certainly going to be a lot of jobs in that, Mr. Speaker. Funding in the amount of \$10 million providing for commencement of construction for a new campus for the College of Fisheries which was signed today, by the way, with this new approach that is being taken by the Federal government, a new and enlightened approach, I might add, we just experienced, as well, a new highway agreement; secondary roads, Trans-Labrador highway, road to Conception Bay South. Just signed the Fisheries College -

MR. SIMMS: Road to where?

MR. BUTT: Road to Conception South - four lane highway to Conception Bay South, the Burgeo road and a road up on the Great Northern Peninsula. Granted it is in Mr. Rompkey's district but it is still very important because that is an area that has tremendous potential for tourism.

MR. BUTT: So I am very happy to see this new approach, Mr. Speaker, by the federal government. Also, effective May 1 of this year, we will see the social assistance rates increased by 6 per cent, and effective, also, will be a 6 per cent increase applied to the public service pensions. So those are the actions with a social conscience.

We will also see funding, \$10 million, provided for the continued construction of the new Confederation Complex. That will provide badly needed jobs. And we do have a serious unemployment problem, there is no question about that. There is no question about it. We believe that if we had an offshore agreement a lot of these problems that we are experiencing now in the labour force would be at least given some serious attention. An offshore agreement would be very important to the people in Conception Bay South, for example. It would mean a tremendous amount of jobs, almost immediately, putting the proper infrastructure in place to accept onshore development.

MR. NEARY: Will they get it through their member or what?

MR. BUTT: Pardon?

MR. NEARY: Will they get the jobs through their member or not?

MR. BUTT: Well, Mr. Speaker, this Budget addresses many of the needs in Conception Bay South, there is no question about that.

But I want to get back to a couple of remarks that were made sometime ago just before I get into this \$2.1 billion Budget. Now, I recall sometime ago, it is quite sometime ago, that the hon. member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) who just left his seat - I assume

MR. BUTT: he is within the confines of the House and he will hear what I have to say - made some mention to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) about the 400 anniversary being a waste of taxpayers' money and a waste of time and so on. But, Mr. Speaker, on the contrary I believe that it has tremendous historical value and cultural value, and not only that, we will take advantage of new tourist dollars in the Province, no question about that. And the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) went a long way in making sure that we capture that market. So the hon. member for Terra Nova was definitely out to lunch when he called the visitation from the Prince and Princess of Wales an absolute waste of time and a waste of money. I am sure that the people in Terra Nova would not particularly like that. And it got by Hansard, and got by the news media, getting no public attention.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is very important.

MR. BUTT: Yes, it is very important. I think -

MR. SIMMS: (Inaudible) meeting in Paradise where the hon. member (Inaudible).

MR. BUTT: Absolutely not. The hon. member is once again out to lunch, he does not realize what happened there. What happened was a defeated - let me tell - I will get side-tracked for a minute, but this is a broad ranging debate - let me tell you what happened at the meeting when a former defeated Liberal candidate, he was running against Mr. Greenslade for the candidacy to run against me in the last election, a gentleman named

MR. BUTT: Wiseman, as a matter of fact, he was the one who said that we should go to binding arbitration. Well, I said, 'I was not going to relinquish my duties as an elected member in this House and pass it over to somebody'. And, by the way, if you recall at the time the teachers wanted an arbitrator from outside the Province even. So you would not just be passing it over to another Newfoundlander but you would be passing it over to someone from outside the Province to arbitrate and to bring in binding arbitration on this government, on the people of the Province. I mean, it was absolutely wrong. The gentleman stood in his place at a parent/teacher meeting and he went on with a lot of political rhetoric. The other gentleman who was backing him up happened to be the President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees here in town, a Mr. O'Leary - two beautiful non-partisan people, no question about that. That was not in Paradise, that was in Powers Court in Manuels.

MR. NEARY: What about the town council in Paradise? Tell us about that.

MR. BUTT: Well, you know, I would perhaps like to take an opportunity to expand on that but the fact of the matter is, as the hon. gentleman knows, that case is before the courts and I think that it would be irresponsible of me to -

MR. NEARY: Is the hon. gentleman going to
(inaudible)

MR. BUTT: - comment on that now, now that that is before the courts.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me deal with some of the -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. BUTT: - things in this budget that are important and very important to the people of Conception Bay South.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. BUTT: When the hon. gentlemen there opposite start talking about the unemployment problem in this Province they should get behind this government, four square behind this government, so that we get a fair and equitable and reasonable deal in the offshore. Because only with that large infusion of money are we going to solve some of the problems that we have in the forestry sector and in the fishery sector. And if the hon. gentlemen think the Nova Scotian agreement is a good one, then I would suggest you call your buddy Sandy Cameron, he will tell you exactly what was thrown away up there. That is what they are saying in Nova Scotia, we were sold down the river by our government. Well, this government is not going to be sold down the river, I can assure you, forty-four voices on this said say, no. But the hon. gentlemen should be putting the pressure on their colleagues Up-a-Long and get them to come around on the offshore, and take this new approach which they have taken just recently in getting an agreement, and we will get this Province back on the rails pretty fast.

MR. BUTT: Now, Mr. Speaker, there has been a tremendous amount of pressure on the South side of Conception Bay for development and that has come about, of course, as a result of closeness to the City, I suppose, as one factor; the weather is much better there than it is anywhere else on the Avalon Peninsula. I believe we enjoy fifty-five more days of sunshine a year than anywhere else.

MR. NEARY: Out by the airport you will see (inaudible).

MR. TULK: Is that right 'John'?

MR. BUTT: Exactly. Absolutely, yes. And there was a lot of relatively inexpensive land available.

MR. NEARY: The former member can supply you with all the land you need.

MR. BUTT: Well, which one are you talking about, Mr. Nolan or Mr. Dawe?

MR. NEARY: The former one, the one you succeeded.

MR. BUTT: In any case, there has been a tremendous amount of pressure on that area of the Province to develop, and in doing so, of course, it created a lot of problems. And this budget is addressing some of the problems that were created by rapid development in Conception Bay South. And for that reason now, of course, we need a lot of money to go into public services, like water and sewer.

AN HON. MEMBER: A large infusion.

MR. BUTT: A large infusion of money, yes. It is absolutely -

MR. SIMMS: It is imperative.

MR. BUTT: - imperative that we have a lot of money to put into these services. The roads are totally inadequate there and with the construction of water and sewerage the problem is then multiplied.

MR. CALLAN: Thanks to the federal government.

MR. BUTT: Well, I give the federal government full credit. The hon. gentleman will read my press release tomorrow in the Metro, I assume, and he will see where I gave Mr. Rompkey full marks for the \$9 million that the federal government put into putting an arterial road from the Trans-Canada Highway down to Conception Bay South; \$9 million by the federal government and \$3 million by the Province, and I give the hon. gentleman full marks for it, I take nothing away from him, but we need more agreements like that.

I am also particularly happy for the people of Labrador, a place where I lived for a long time. They are now going to get started on a new Trans-Labrador Highway.

MR. WARREN: How long did you live in Labrador?

MR. BUTT: I lived in Labrador longer than any member in the House except the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie), I think.

MR. NEARY: Is that right? The member for Torngat Mountains (inaudible).

MR. BUTT: Oh, he is only a rookie. The hon. gentleman is only a rookie and he does not even speak the language of the native people there.

MR. NEARY: He has been there over twenty years.

MR. BUTT: And only the people in Conception Bay South are so good to me, I would go down and take on the hon. gentleman and beat him soundly in Torngat Mountains.

MR. CALLAN: Are you the gentleman who was campaigning in Bellevue in a by-election?

MR. BUTT: I have been known to go around the Province sometimes and spread the word of good-will and squeeze the flesh on occasion, when there is an election in the air.

MR. BUTT: I go down to the hon. gentleman's district, down in Fogo, quite often, at least a couple of times a year, and every time I go down -

MR. WARREN: (Inaudible) in Grand Bank.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. BUTT: - every time I go down I take at least 50 or 100 votes away from the hon. gentleman and he knows it very well.

MR. TULK: Do you remember the last time?

MR. BUTT: Oh absolutely. I am getting into it now, Mr. Speaker.

I can assure the hon. gentleman that my footing is firm in Conception Bay South.

MR. NEARY: No, not after yesterday.

MR. BUTT: Yes, absolutely.

Mr. Speaker, I want to get onto a more serious subject now and to speak about the schools in Conception Bay South because as I stated previously, the area has grown rapidly and it is still continuing to grow very quickly. It is a place where you can move real estate quicker than any other place in the Province I believe. But there has been a large influx of people into the area. It is continuing to grow very rapidly and, of course, that is putting pressures on the schools up there. And we are in a bit of a unique situation here in the Province now in that we have an inclining enrollment in our schools. That is a bit unique I think. There is only one other place and that is the St. John's West - Mount Pearl area that has an increasing enrollment in the schools.

MR. WARREN: What time are you going to take me on? Let us both resign and try it now?

MR. BUTT: Well, I do not think the people of

MR. BUTT: Conception Bay South would want me to leave just yet.

MR. WARREN: Oh, I see. I see.

MR. NEARY: That is not what they told me yesterday.

MR. WARREN: I am ready for you any time and any place.

MR. BUTT: Mr. Speaker, the other area besides the schools, we need a new high school in Conception Bay South, particularly with the integrated board, to take care of an increasing enrollment of high school youngsters and with -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. BUTT: - Grade XII coming on next year, you know, the pressure will be on even more to have a new school so -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. BUTT: I have been just passed a note. That is a bit unkind to say to the hon. gentleman. He is usually in a good mood when I am speaking. He rarely interrupts me and I commend him for that.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as I was about to say, while I was being interrupted by the hon. member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren), a new high school in Conception Bay South is essential to accommodate an increasing enrollment with Grade XII coming onstream next year, and as I said, with a large influx of people coming into the area. We have a very serious highways problem, as I said, and this new road which was just recently announced by the hon. the Premier and Mr. Rompkey will go a long way toward solving the traffic problems for the next five or six years. But

MR. BUTT: it is only an interim solution, because everybody is trying to get out to Conception Bay South. As I said we get fifty-five more days of sunshine there than any other place in the Province, But we do have a very serious traffic problem. It is unbearable. There are bottlenecks everywhere and so on, and it is going to get worse, because it is an area that has tremendous potential for growth, both in Octogan Pond -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. BUTT: Oh, the member promotes his area very well, very well in the business community - in Octogan Pond, in Long Pond as an auxiliary port to the city of St. John's and in Seal Cove as a supply base. So all these new developments -

MR. NEARY: Is it true that the university's boat sunk at the wharf in Long Pond?

MR. BUTT: I have no idea. But it has three areas ~~earmarked~~ earmarked for development related to the offshore. That is why an offshore agreement is very important to people of Conception Bay South, extremely important. Octogan Pond Park is the only heavy industry park of its kind, slated for the entire Avalon Peninsula, so it is an area where you would get a lot of heavy industry activity taking place, blast furnaces, pipe fabrication and things of that nature. And, of course, this government through the budgetary process has addressed that problem. All the pre-engineering work and design is done on it.

MR. NEARY: Will the oil refinery now closing affect your district?

MR. BUTT: It affects 10 people in my district, 10 people who are directly employed there. It would have affected me, of course, because I was an employee

MR. BUTT: there up until 1979.

MR. NEARY: What did you do then?

MR. BUTT: I saw the writing on the wall in 1979.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) going to find you?

MR. BUTT: No.

AN HON. MEMBER: No, I did not think they were, you are too nice for that.

MR. BUTT: Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to bet back to unemployment again because it is a very, very serious matter. We have tried to address this unemployment problem that we have in this budget, and there are some short-term as well as some long-term solutions to it. In the short-term, of course, the capital works programmes that are being announced now, and will continue to be announced in the next couple of weeks, are going to go a long way in addressing the unemployment problems that we have in the Province.

MR. SIMMS: What about the NEED programme 'John'?

MR. BUTT: Well, the NEED programme, you know, I do not go along with the guidelines they have for this NEED programme. I understand we are as one on that and also there are some federal members who - you almost have to have one leg in the grave to get on a NEED programme. It does not address the serious unemployment problems that the youth are having,

MR. BUTT: this NEED programme. The only part of it that makes any sense to me at all is where you have the federal and provincial stream whereby you are getting some development taking place that will have some long-term benefits to the Province, like in wharf construction, so the resource sector can take advantage of these facilities once they are built. But unemployment is a very serious problem, there are no short-term solutions to it. It is going to take a concerted effort by all levels of government, municipal, provincial and federal to tackle it. As I said before, we should be focusing a lot of attention on getting an offshore agreement, because with an offshore agreement then you will get a large infusion of money and while people may not be directly employed by the offshore it has tremendous potential for a lot of spin-off from that.

MR. NEARY: The multiplier factor.

MR. BUTT: Yes. the multiplier factor,
the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary)

So, that is very important and I would strongly suggest to the hon. gentlemen there opposite, because there is a new approach, there is an air of optimism, an air of co-operation that is prevailing between the provincial and federal governments and -

MR. BAIRD: There is a federal election coming up.

MR. BUTT: Well, they are bound to inject more money now, whether it makes sense or not, but they will, and I want to be as objective as I can in saying this, that they want to now spend money in this Province to try to get their colleagues re-elected, but it is a good time, I would suggest, for the Opposition, for the hon. gentlemen there opposite, who wear the same political stripe, to get behind these

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MR. BUTT: people now and say, 'Look, let this same air of co-operation come to the table when you come to sit down to negotiate for the offshore. Do not let us have what happened back in January, when the hon. Jean Chretien sat down and agreed verbally to all the items pertaining to an offshore agreement only to have the rug pulled out from under his feet by his own

MR. BUTT:

officials who are under the control of Mr. LaLonde in Ottawa.

MR. BAIRD: Talking through the side of his mouth.

MR. TULK: Not through both sides though like the Premier.

MR. BUTT: Put the pressure, I will say to the hon. gentlemen there opposite, put the pressure on their colleagues in Ottawa now to get an agreement new air of co-operation and this air of optimism, and there are going to be further agreements signed now I understand in talking to Mr. Rompkey the other day, well let us get the big one in there and let us get the big one on the table. We want to get an agreement.

AN HON. MEMBER: A home run with the bases loaded.

MR. BUTT: We want to get an agreement. And, I mean, hon. gentlemen there opposite should want an agreement as well on the offshore, because it would impact heavily on their own districts. Most of the members opposite represent rural communities where you have forestry operations, and where you have fisheries operations, so a large infusion of money will mean further development of those basic resources in this Province. So I would say to the hon. members there opposite, get on to your colleagues in Ottawa and say, Look, this proposal that is being made by the Province of Newfoundland is not all that unreasonable. It is very fair. It is equitable. Now, come to the table in good faith and what you agree to verbally, be prepared to put it in writing. Because with something of the magnitude of the offshore you just cannot have a verbal exchange between two ministers and then go ahead and start production. I mean, I am sure all hon. members opposite would agree to that. The hon. gentleman for Eagle River (Mr. Hiscock) would agree to that, that you must put it in

MR. BUTT:

writing.

So it is that kind of thing that would help us solve the very serious unemployment problem that we have. It is that kind of agreement that would get some of our young people back to work. It is that kind of an agreement that would provide us with the necessary funds to build new schools and further fisheries colleges and so on.

So, Mr. Speaker, we are now back on the main motion, I do not have to elaborate on the non-confidence motion that was put forward by the hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder). But let me say that this Budget is another jewel in the crown of our Finance Minister, Dr. Collins. I am certainly very supportive of everything in it.

Thank you very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

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

MR. LUSH: I yield to the member for Bay of Islands.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for
Bay of Islands.

MR. WOODROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Thank you, member for Terra Nova, you are a gentleman,
always have been and always will be and although
we are not wearing the same political stripes we are
still friends. That means to me more than words can say.
I do hope your Dad is making good progress, I saw him at
the Health Sciences hospital.

Mr. Speaker, at the outset
I would like to say how pleased and honoured we are that
Prince Charles and Princess Diana will be visiting the
Province this Summer to help us celebrate the 400th
anniversary of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's claim of
Newfoundland for Great Britain, thereby forming the birth
of the British Empire. It is an historic event and I feel
sure that the Royal visit will ensure that it will be a
memorable and successful occasion.

Mr. Speaker, we are also
fortunate and honoured that His Holiness Pope John Paul II
will be visiting the Province in 1984. We are privileged
that His Holiness will be commencing his Canadian tour in
St. John's, Newfoundland, particularly because it coincides
with the 200th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Church in
Newfoundland. I know that Newfoundlanders everywhere are
looking forward with great enthusiasm to these significant
events in our great history. The Royal couple and His
Holiness Pope Paul II, as I would like to call them, have

MR. WOODROW: been true ambassadors for peace
and have uplifted the spirits of people everywhere
throughout the world.

I would also like to say in
passing, Mr. Speaker, that I had the privilege, I think
it was 1958, of visiting the late Pope Pius XII at the
Vatican, and I can still remember when the window opened
at noon and he came out to give his Papal blessing as he
does, especially on Wednesdays, in fact, it was certainly
like a light from heaven. And then I had the happiness
again of visiting Venice when the late

MR. WOODROW: Pope John XXIII was the patriarch of Venice and I had the pleasure of meeting him. Later on, when I was in Rome on another occasion, I visited the grave of the late Pope John XXIII. So, Mr. Speaker, hopefully, please God, I will be around when His Holiness comes to St. John's, Newfoundland, next year.

Mr. Speaker, I noted the member who just spoke, he spoke in glowing terms about the monies coming to this side of the Province. I would also like to say, Mr. Speaker, that I, as the member for the Bay of Islands, and I feel sure other colleagues of mine, also realize the needs of the West Coast. I speak, first of all, as I have always spoken, Mr. Speaker, I always think the Province comes first and then I always say that my district comes second and the member comes last. But we have a lot of needs in the district. And I travelled on Thursday, I guess, over the highway and I can tell you, from Deer Lake to Corner Brook, there are a lot of things to be desired, and I travelled back over it again yesterday. But I do hope, Mr. Speaker, that our West Coast will also be thought of and that we will be able to get some of the good roads that we need in the Bay of Islands and in the Corner Brook area in general.

Mr. Speaker, first of all, I have a little item here on schools in my district. The former speaker mentioned schools in his as well. But I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that I looked up the amount of capital funding spent on schools in the Bay of Islands district since I was elected in 1975, and

MR. WOODROW: this is only capital funding and, there is no doubt about it, more has been spent, perhaps money that I have not accounted for her.

I would like to mention first of all, Mr. Speaker, the place - in 1976 there was an extension to the Stella Maris School, the school that I myself named, in Benoit's Cove, for \$50,000, and in 1982 the new St. Peter's Academy was built at a cost of approximately \$2 million. And to accommodate Grade XII in the Curling area, there was \$260,000 spent. And that incidentally, Mr. Speaker, was with the Roman Catholic school board. The integrated school boards in the community of Gillams, approximately \$178,000. There was an extension put on to the school in Gillams for Grade XII at an approximate cost of \$328,000.

Also, we are opening this year in the community of Meadows an elementary school which is practically finished. It will cost in excess of \$2 million. There was an extension put on the school in Lark Harbour; this included a gymnasium at a cost of approximately \$361,000. So, I can say, Mr. Speaker, that I am never happy, I always like to try to get more for my district, but I try to be fair and honest and I try to be frank. Sometimes it is not always easy to be that way, because we have fifty-two districts and I am a firm believer that - and I think the Premier, I not only think but I know he tries to treat all districts with equality and I think that is really what this political life, at least to me, is all about.

The next topic or heading,

Mr. Speaker,

MR. WOODROW: is the fisheries. And I would like to congratulate the two Ministers of Fisheries, namely the federal Minister, Mr. DeBane, and our own hard working provincial Minister, the member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan). I do not suppose, Mr. Speaker, there was ever so much co-operation, at least to my knowledge, between two Ministers of Fisheries as there is now, and as a result of this we have seen results and I do hope that all the fish plants and - Mr. Speaker, if you think I am just thinking of the West Coast of the Province, I am not, I am thinking especially of the plants on the South Coast from Grand Bank up to Burgeo. I hope they will be opened and be successful as it means so much to the people of the South Coast of the Province, and I speak of them because I had the privilege to work in that part of the Province for eight years. The Provincial Minister of Fisheries has also been successful in bringing small fish companies to the Northeast Coast of the district of St. Barbe South and the Strait of Belle Isle, and is working hard as well for the West Coast of the Province, from Port aux Basques right on to Clarendville and beyond to Baie de Verde. Mr. Speaker, the district of the Bay of Islands is still operating four herring plants and giving a lot of employment to the people. In fact, in visiting the Lark Harbour - York Harbour area on Friday and Saturday of this past week, especially on Saturday, I was glad to learn that at least fifty people, mostly the female of the species, are employed with the Barry Fisheries alone and this means so much to those people. In fact, they are really grateful and the other companies, the two companies known as Dunphy Fisheries and Humber Cold Storage, they are not

MR. WOODROW:

employing as many people, but they are employing a good many people.

And, of course we have the other two plants, one in Benoit's Cove, Allen's Limited another in Cox's Cove and these plants, especially, first of all, Allen's, they are employing people just about all the year around on just about all species of fish. And, of course, in Cox's Cove there is also T and H Fisheries they are also employing a great number of people.

MR. NEARY:

Thanks to the Liberals.

MR. WOODROW:

Yes. Mr. Speaker, also thanks to everybody for their co-operation. I think it is really wonderful that people are so co-operative.

Mr. Speaker, I met today -

I thought I should make this known now in the House of Assembly, the people's House - I met today with three members of the North Shore Development Association they were in the gallery a bit earlier, concerning a proposed secondary fish processing building proposed by the North Shore Development Association, to be built in Cox's Cove adjacent to the present fish plant which is released to T and H Fisheries. The minister is prepared to go along with the building and when completed to talk further with the Association regarding leasing. However, Mr. Speaker, because government is leasing the present building in Cox's Cove, the new building, if it is used for fish processing, must be owned by the provincial government unless the policy is changed within the next six to nine months.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. WOODROW:

I have been trying for sometime now to impress upon the Association - and I am thinking of jobs for people. What else am I here for? I am here for jobs for people, on the North Shore of the Bay of Islands and, for that matter, throughout the whole district. I do hope the

MR. WOODROW: Association will go along with government policy so that we can continue to work to help the people who need jobs badly in that part of my district. And, incidentally, I talked with the members after the Question Period, Mr. Speaker, and I think now we are really on the road. I think that is really wonderful. Please God we will make our people

MR. WOODROW: Please God, we will make our people have a have and not a have-not people.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say a few words about the health problem, especially concerning visitations I have made to hospitals. I am glad the minister is here, by the way, too. Since the House of Assembly convened, I had occasion to visit the Health Sciences Complex many times, the General Hospital - that is the old General Hospital - St. Clare's Hospital as well as the Orange Home. This is where I received such great hospitality from the parents of the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush). They have always treated me very kindly, I say with open arms, whenever I visit the Orange Home.

Mr. Speaker, you may wonder why I go to these hospitals. I go there because I want to visit my constituents who are there from time to time, and other friends from the Corner Brook and even the St. John's area. I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that the hospitality of the staff is something that not only draws visitors but must also make the patients very happy.

MR. NEARY: Now, 'Luke', you got into that habit in the good old days.

MR. WOODROW: From the moment you enter the building until you leave, you are surrounded with hospitality and kindness, which must be a great thing for patients. And I am convinced that visiting patients is certainly very encouraging for them and it certainly gives them a lift. From the moment you enter the hospital until the time you leave, and I speak of patients and visitors, there is nothing but kindness and smiles all along the way. I have for many years been visiting the hospital in Corner Brook, but now it is hard - and I have

MR. WOODROW: heard the same thing about Burin -
it is very hard to visit the Corner Brook Hospital - I
mentioned this to the hon. member, he knows about it - it
is very hard to get in because they have rules that are
very restrictive. Naturally it is up to the administration
to make the rules, I am not quarrelling with that, but I
am saying that I heard the same thing about Bruin, that
even the people of Burin are trying to get up a petition
so that the regular visitations can go on. I had the
occasion less than two weeks ago to visit

MR. WOODROW: a patient, the wife of a member of this House of Assembly, and I can tell you it was pretty rough getting in there.

MR. WARREN: Where was that?

MR. WOODROW: That is the Western Regional Memorial Hospital. And incidentally, from the same area, there is a niece of mine in there and I could not get to visit her over the weekend. So, really, I am a bit perturbed. However, it is the rule, and I am not going to -

MR. TULK: You mean this year?

MR. WOODROW: Just the past weekend.

MR. NEARY: What is the problem?

MR. WOODROW: I do not know what the problem is. Incidentally, Mr. Speaker, I have always visited hospitals. I believe that people, like the people from the far reaches of my district, and like people from places like Baie Verte, Port Saunders, Stephenville, Port aux Basques and Cape St. George, you know, they like to have visitors, but it is not easy for their friends to get in to see them.

Mr. Speaker, I thought I would mention that because I have the interest of the people of this Province at heart.

They have certain rules made, and only two people may visit a patient at a time. That is all very well and I am not quarrelling with it. But I would like to think that if a visitor come in from, say, St. John's, or from some far away place, I think it is a little bit outlandish, may I say, if they cannot go in and see some person who is very dear to them.

MR. WOODROW: Now, Mr. Speaker, I also want to mention the Air Ambulance Service. As you know, down through the years we have had a lot of opposition to it. I mentioned this, as some members know, especially the member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk), during the estimates of the hon. Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe). It certainly has saved lives. I am thinking particularly now about a recent incident, when a gentleman from the district of Humber West was advised by his doctor that he had four to five hours to live. I think the hon. member to my left knows who I am talking about. As a result of being brought to the Health Sciences Complex by air ambulance and undergoing surgery - incidentally, he had to be airlifted again because of something that happened afterwards, he was airlifted a second time -

MR. WOODROW: and I guarantee he is back today in astounding good health and he is really grateful that we have the Air Ambulance service.

MR. BAIRD: He will be voting P.C. again next time.

MR. WOODROW: Absolutely, there is no doubt about it. He had told me on several occasions about the great things government are doing for people throughout Air Ambulance helicopter service, and often patients are airlifted by EPA and no doubt by chartered aircraft as well. So, Mr. Speaker, this government looks after the health of all the people. I know we could do more, maybe we need to do more, but what is the problem? Dollars is the problem. And whilst, no doubt, there is a lot more that could be done, I feel sure that the needs of the hospitals are monitored on a daily basis and I feel sure that our good friend, the member for Humber Valley (Mr. House) is listening here now and taking it all in and he is going to do his best.

Mr. Speaker, there is so much I have to say.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

MR. WOODROW: By leave, I know. It is so nice, Mr. Speaker, to be here among all our colleagues, all our friends and to be able to give these few words.

Mr. Speaker, speaking about the needs of my district, first of all, I want to speak about fire trucks. Mr. Speaker, since my - I was going to say 'my elevation' but I had better say 'my election.'

MR. NEARY: You were elevated in the old days.

MR. WOODROW: A little bit of friendly heckling does not go wrong, I can tell you. Since my election on September 16, 1975, we have acquired four fire trucks. We have one for Cox's Cove, one for Gillams, one for Meadows, one for Mount Moriah and, Mr. Speaker, we are looking for

MR. WOODROW: one this year - the Minister of
Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) is here - we are looking
for a fire truck for the town council of Halfway Point,
Benoit's Cove, John's Beach and Frenchman's Cove.

Mr. Speaker, just before I came
into the House, I received a call from the Mayor of Benoit's
Cove and he told me that yesterday, as a result of a walkathon -

MR. SIMMS: Who is mayor there?

MR. WOODROW: The mayor is one Gerald James,
I think he knew your dad.

MR. SIMMS: A friend of yours?

MR. WOODROW: Well, really it does not matter,
they are all my friends.

In any case, Mr. Speaker, through a walkathon yesterday - they had a few more dollars besides from regular card games, bingos and the like. I think there are some Roman Catholics down there who can pay bingo - they now have the tidy sum of \$10,000 in the kitty. I pass that bit of news on to the minister today and I am hoping, please God, that fire truck will become a reality. But, as I say, I know it is in the hands of the hon. minister.

MR. TULK: That would be a good investment.

MR. WOODROW: Yes, it would.

Mr. Speaker, again strange things are happening. About two or three weeks ago, when I visited the communities of York Harbour and Lark Harbour, I was impressed by what these communities are doing with the hope of acquiring a fire truck in the 1984-1985 Budget. This is what they are doing, Mr. Speaker. The two communities have come together on it, and these humble, modest families come together on it, are pledging \$20 per family. To date, co-operation is miraculous.

MR. TULK: How many families?

MR. WOODROW: Roughly speaking there may be 600 families altogether. By the way, they have a fire hall out there constructed under a Canada Employment grant last Winter at a cost of \$65,000. When I hear members speaking about federal money I say we should not say federal money, we should say

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MR. WOODROW: Canadian money because we are paying
our taxes.

MR. BAIRD: It is only worth eighty-one cents
on the dollar.

MR. WOODROW: As the former Premier and the present
Premier said, 'Why should we go hat in hand to Ottawa? They
are only sending us back a few of the dollars we send up to
them'.

MR.NEARY: They are paying 60 per cent of your salary.

MR.WOODROW: Well, I say, are we not Canadians?

MR.SIMMS: I say it is well invested, 'Luke.'

MR.WOODROW: Of course it is well invested, absolutely well invested. So I would like, Mr. Speaker, to really get rid of that term 'federal money.' Maybe if the PCs were in Ottawa I would say federal money too.

MR.TULK: It is federal money.

MR.WOODROW: No, it is Canadian money because we are all Canadians.

MR.NEARY: Liberal Canadian money.

MR.WOODROW: Not necessarily.

MR.BAIRD: It is only worth eighty one cents on the dollar.

MR.WOODROW: That is right, yes. I am afraid the heckling might be a little bit bad so I will have to stop now tormenting the members. In any case, Mr. Speaker, these two communities are now co-operating and working together, and they have already made application with the hope of getting a fire truck through the 75/25 provincial agreement in 1984-85. You know, Mr. Speaker, where that suggestion came from? Where do you think that suggestion came from?

MR.TULK: How much does it cost for a truck?

MR.WOODROW: It costs, roughly speaking, \$48,000. But you know where that suggestion came from? Mr. Speaker, that suggestion came from the member for the Bay of Islands. So if anybody thinks he is not respected

MR. WOODROW: in the Lark Harbour, York Harbour area, and the district, think again, I would say cut a little piece out of the Western Star, written by Randy Devine, and it says, "York Harbour gets things done." It is a nice community and I am glad to say I am privileged to have a home in that community and I love it out there.

MR. BAIRD: I am going in there with my boat soon.

MR. WOODROW: Very good, Sir. I have my telephone and my people can call me anytime they want to.

MR. TULK: Where do you live? I will call over sometime.

MR. WOODROW: You will be welcome. In fact, it is very easy to find me, Mr. Speaker. There will not be any problem. Mr. Speaker, I am going to continue on because I think the member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk) is trying to sidetrack me. I will use that word-but I hope not.

MR. TULK: I am coming over in June.

MR. WOODROW: Well, you are as welcome as the flowers in May. Mr. Speaker, I have a small item about bridges even. The hon. Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) - this was before his day - I can boast of bridges, in fact, on the troubled waters of the Blomidon Brook so well know to the member for Humber West (Mr. Baird) -

MR. BAIRD: You are right!

MR. WOODROW: - and a new bridge in Lark Harbour and on the North Shore. I want to thank the Premier and the ministers who have co-operated so much down the years.

Mr. Speaker, I must also mention the water and sewerage projects on both sides of the Bay of Islands. On the North Shore of the Bay of Islands there are permanent water systems, with the exceptions of the communities of Summerside and Irishtown. And I work my darndest, Mr. Speaker, I am working to try to get these things done. I know it is not easy.

MR. SIMMS: What a man! We are lucky to have you.

MR. WOODROW: Very good. Thanks a lot, old friend.

I must point out that every home in these communities are not fully serviced, the ones that have the permanent water systems. In the meantime, I am looking forward to seeing a start on a permanent water system for the community of Irishtown this year.

MR. NEARY: Ottawa will put it in.

MR. WOODROW: Oh, my, oh, my, oh, my!

Summerside has made application for some Canadian money. They made application through the NEED programme, for Canadian money.

MR. NEARY: There you go.

MR. WOODROW: You will learn something about the Bay of Islands if you keep on listening. About seventy-five homes are hooked into the school dam, and the remaining 100 families are still on their own wells. Now, Mr. Speaker, what is happening to the school dam? Well, in fact, I just mentioned a new

MR. WOODROW: school at the cost of \$2 million being built at Meadows. We are going to bus the children to this elementary school from Hughes Brook, which is in the district of the hon. Minister of Health's (Mr. House), right down to McIvers, We are going to bus them to this elementary school, and it is a real nice school.

MR. BAIRD: Carry on. You have lots of time.

MR. WOODROW: Mount Moriah has all the facilities, including water and sewerage. They have fairly good local roads, they have a fire truck, they have a fairly good recreation facility as well. And heading down the shore where I spent twelve and a half years even before I became a member, heading down the shore you have the communities of Halfway Point, Benoit's Cove, John's Beach and Frenchman's Cove. Relatively speaking, they have a good water system, not really a Cadillac system, but they are getting it, of course that is right.

MR. BAIRD: Best water in the world.

MR. WOODROW: Right.

MR. WOODROW: York Harbour and Lark Harbour have never requested water and sewer because the Lord, in fact, lets the water come down from the hills.

MR. SIMMS: That was when you were there.

MR. WOODROW: That is right, we turned on the water.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WOODROW: Mr. Speaker, I should come to the end in another couple of minutes.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. WOODROW: Mr. Speaker, I listened to the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) and he is not a bad fellow. He is not too bad, I mean. He is a friend of mine.

MR. NEARY: You are going to get in trouble now.

MR. WOODROW: No, no, I am speaking of friends.

MR. TOBIN: Go on over.

MR. WOODROW: I mean, I could go to his house and get a cup of tea and I do not think he would turn me down. I would not join his stripe. Never, never, never.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

MR. SPEAKER: By leave.

MR. WOODROW: Mr. Speaker, I listened to the hon. Leader of the Opposition speak in the House for seven days about the do-nothing PC government in Newfoundland. I want to ask him now to multiply what I have said by fifty-one districts, then, tomorrow morning when he goes to have a shave to look into the mirror and ask himself if all he said in the seven days is true or false.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. WOODROW:

Now that is a nice little exercise.

I would also like to say that the urban part of my district, which is in the Curling area and part of the city of Corner Brook, has received many things from government since my entry into politics in 1975 in matters of water and sewer, especially the new Curling dam. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I think that dam has cost around \$900,000 and a large amount of that has been put there through the provincial government.

Mr. Speaker, in closing off, I want to say to all members of the House, to the Opposition, everybody, thank you. It is nice, in fact, to feel that you are listened to. And I do believe that the mission of all of us as members of the House should be to help everybody in the Province, and especially to help residents of the districts who had enough confidence in us to send us here.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): The hon. member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, before I begin my few words on the main motion, I would like to congratulate the member for the Bay of Islands who, as usual when he speaks, is worth listening to. He was a gentleman, as usual. I think at one point in his speech he made the point that what is required, what all members of this House are trying to do is create jobs and that is perhaps the most important thing we can do as members. He was absolutely right. That, I think, Mr. Speaker, is the primary purpose perhaps of every member of this House. Mr. Speaker, it fails to amaze me why a man of such integrity as the member for the Bay of Islands (Mr. Woodrow) has not yet found his way into the Cabinet. I am sure that his contribution to the Cabinet over there would be much greater than some of the people who have already spoken in this debate. He should be there, as a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious if you look at the number of ministers that are in the House in Question Period these days that the government is extremely interested in getting this House closed. There are no ministers here, but as long as there are issues to debate and as long as there are points to make to the public, Mr. Speaker, we intend to keep this House open. It could be June, July - who knows? - before we get out of here.

MR. CARTER: August is a nice month.

MR. TULK: August is fine with me. I have no problem with August.

MR. SIMMS: If you start in August, you could get the liberal leadership convention out of the way.

MR. TULK: We will decide that. We will not have the government decide when the Liberal leadership convention is going to be held.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, I want to comment on something that has been going on for the past two or three days, perhaps the past couple of weeks, and that is that I have detected this government has learned from the public, perhaps through some surveys they have done, that their image is getting a little bit tarnished, that a great number of people in this Province are saying that perhaps what you should be trying to do is changing your image, you should be co-operating with the federal government and trying to get certain agreements worked out. Mr. Speaker, the government was obviously aware that what was happening was the federal government were going ahead and were going to do certain things in Newfoundland anyway and that they were taking the right approach. So, given those two factors, it seems now we have got a government that is trying to say everything is sweetness and light, and -

MR. NEARY: Trying to get aboard the band-wagon.

MR. TULK: - trying to jump aboard of the band-wagon. That may be good for Newfoundland. At long last we may see some of the agreements that need to be signed in this Province.

MR. TULK: I want to comment on one point - and I am sorry that the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) was not here - that the member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Butt) raised, that if he went up and took on the member for Torngat Mountains, he would wipe him out. Well, let me give him a piece of advice. The piece of advice is this, Mr. Speaker, that in certain cases, 'Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.' Because if ever he got a thrashing in his life, he would certainly get it in that district from the member for Torngat Mountains.

Mr. Speaker, the member for Conception Bay South is soon going to have to move. He is soon going to have to do something, is he not? He is having his cake and eating it too now. I mean, that cannot last forever, can it?

Mr. Speaker, the member for Conception Bay South pointed out too that the agreement on the offshore was essential if we were going to have jobs. I think he spoke about the multiplier effect of signing an offshore agreement and so on. Mr. Speaker, there were never truer words uttered in this House. But I want to tell him that I do not believe that the Premier of this Province will sign an offshore agreement until the next federal election. I believe that is the case. And then, if he gets a Tory Government in Ottawa, the Premier will be only too glad to sign whatever is put in front of him. I will predict, Mr. Speaker, that he would gladly sign the same agreement that was offered to him by Mr. Chretien. That is my prediction for the next federal election: If we get a Tory Government in Ottawa, make no mistake about it, the Premier of this Province will sign the agreement that he has just recently put the boots to in relation to the federal government that we have now. He will sign the same agreement that he pulled

MR. TULK: the rug -

MR. CARTER: Nonsense! Sit down!

MR. TULK: Go back to your savory patch!

Go back to your savory and quit spitting out your poison.

Go on! Go plant your savory, the year is going.

Mr. Speaker, I predict that the Premier, after the next federal election, if there is a Tory Party in Ottawa, will indeed sign the same agreement that he tore away from his present minister, not of Energy, but without portfolio, the minister responsible for the offshore (Mr. Marshall).

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, the other day when I was speaking in this debate I said, I think, that there were a number of issues that you could talk about in relation to the budget. One of the things, I said, was that you could speak about some of the broken promises of this government. Mr. Speaker, for example, the people of Tilting in my district - and I am sure that the member for the Bay of Islands (Mr. Woodrow), if he is within hearing distance of the House, will be glad to hear this because he too is a member who likes to bring up certain things that go on in his district and should go on in his district - the people from Tilting, a couple of years ago when the Premier was looking for a few votes were promised that he was going to build them a community stage, that he was going to put in a water line for them, give them water and give them an ice machine. Now, Mr. Speaker, the strange thing is is that the federal government was about to build the stage, had already given a pump for the water supply and yet the people of Tilting after numerous conferences, numerous calls, numerous letter, trips in to see - what is the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) called? Executive Assistant, is he not?

MR. SIMMS: No, parliamentary.

MR. TULK: Parliamentary Secretary or whatever he is to the Premier. No, he is Executive Assistant to the Premier, the member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. TOBIN: Parliamentary Assistant.

MR. TULK: Parliamentary Assistant, whatever, a flunky.

MR. SIMMS: The same thing as Ed Roberts used to be.

MR. TULK: Whatever he is he is. He is supposed to be awful close to the Premier of this Province and

MR. TULK: now we have this beautiful little run around going on where the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) is telling the people of Tilting that the Department of Fisheries have been contacted; you go to the Department of Fisheries and they say, 'No, we have not heard anything about it'. So you have this beautiful little run around going on and still no ice machine in Tilting. And I understand, Mr. Speaker, that there are a couple of them stored in government warehouses. Mr. Speaker, I will ask the member for Baie Verte - White Bay again to take perhaps another look at this to see if indeed he can tell the Department of Fisheries or ask the Department of Fisheries to take a look at it. He says he has done it, they say he has not. And I think the people of Tilting have waited long enough.

Mr. Speaker, that is one broken promise that has not be fulfilled on Fogo Island, one of the first groups of people to get into quality control in this Province, who have done a magnificent job on their own through a co-operative, which is a shining light to all of Canada and indeed all of North America.

MR. TULK: in the way that people can help themselves. The member for the Bay of Islands (Mr. Woodrow), in speaking about a fire truck for his district, pointed out that his people have practically raised their own 25 per cent of the 25/75 cost-sharing arrangement between town councils and the provincial government. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, that shows the independence that people should have. But yet you have people on Fogo Island who are practically 100 per cent independent, have formed what in essence is a company, a co-operative, taking their own future into their hands, and I think it is safe to say that they are the most successful people in Newfoundland today in the way that they live and the amount of money that they earn, and yet you have a government that refuses to move on a promise that was made to a good P.C. community in my district, by the way, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SIMMS: Where is that?

MR. TULK: In Tilting. Tilting is one of the best P.C. - or at least it was - communities in my district. As a matter of fact, I believe I got thirty-nine votes and the other fellow got 150-odd.

MR. SIMMS: How about Seldom?

MR. TULK: No, no, none at all. Why do you not look up the statistics? At least you would learn something, which is more than you are doing these days the way you are acting in this House.

MR. TOBIN: There are a lot of good P.C. communities in your district.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, a good P.C. community that the government has turned its back on, broken promises. Mr. Speaker, let me give you another example of a broken promise.

MR. TOBIN: Your whole district is dissatisfied with you.

MR. TULK: Pardon?

MR. TOBIN: There are going to be a lot of P.C. communities in your district.

MR. TULK: Promises, promises, promises!

MR. NEARY: Ask him what they say about him in Burin.

MR. TULK: You remember the Premier coming out to my district in the last election.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MR. TULK: Do you remember what happened?

MR. NEARY: With the oil drums?

MR. TULK: Yes. He never came back, Mr. Speaker. They tried to get him into Musgrave Harbour and he said, no, I cannot go down there because I may get some more bad publicity.

MR. NEARY: The member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) should be the last one on that side to talk about what his constituents think of him.

MR. TOBIN: Do you not worry about the member for Burin-Placentia West.

MR. TULK: We are not worried about the member for Burin-Placentia West. We are worried about the district of Burin-Placentia West. That is what we are worried about.

Now, Mr. Speaker, could you try to keep him quiet, try to teach him some manners? I would like for the Speaker, perhaps, to keep him quiet over there because every time he opens his mouth he is putting both feet in. So I would like for him to quit, to behave himself.

MR. TOBIN: Button up your shirt, boy, and look respectable.

MR. TULK: There you go. 'Button up your shirt boy, and look respectable.' Never mind the shirt. Why does he not look at what is under it?

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MR. NEARY:

Right.

MR. TULK:

Any time he feels like it, Mr. Speaker.

MR. NEARY:

Pretty low class, now, boy!

MR. TULK:

Low class.

MR. NEARY:

Another Morgan.

MR. TULK: Go down and join the other joker.

MR. NEARY: Why do you not go down with the other joker?

MR. TULK: Go down and join the other joker, that is where you belong.

Mr. Speaker, I pointed out in speaking to the amendment on this motion that this whole budgetary exercise that the government is going through shows absolutely no new direction at all and, Mr. Speaker, in speaking to the main motion, I have to say that I am going to vote against the main motion for the very same reason, that there is absolutely no direction given to the economy of this Province by the budget, absolutely none. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing new, absolutely nothing new. You have the same old refrain, and we know what that refrain is, Mr. Speaker. The word is we are living in a time of restraint and we are living in a time when we have to increase taxes in order to support a government that takes no new initiatives at all. That is what this budget does, that is all it does. It does nothing else. It does not do anything for the poor of this Province, it does not do anything for the working class of this Province, it sets no direction at all for job creation in this Province. The member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Butt) spoke about job creation. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that there are a lot of make-work programmes going on in this Province, but at whose initiative? The Minister of Labour and Manpower in this Province? Not at all. We know where that is coming from, Mr. Speaker.

MR. NEARY: They are even cancelling the NEED projects on him now.

MR. TULK: He cannot even get them moving.

MR. NEARY: Right.

MR. TULK:

Cannot even get them moving.

They have been hung up for weeks on end - not even moving. What we have in front of us, Mr. Speaker, in the form of a budget is a tired, worn-out litany of nothing - that is what is in front of us. Mr. Speaker, as I said, the government is trying to get on the bandwagon. The member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Butt) I think reiterated their policy and their stands and their efforts in trying to refurbish their image in this Province a

MR. TULK: few minutes ago when he talked about the great co-operation between them and the federal government.

MR. BUTT: A new approach.

MR. TULK: A new approach? A new image - making approach, hoping to make the image somewhat better so they can build their own popularity and then, when the federal election is called, to try and pull the rug. Mr. Speaker, I am not going to get into the same type of argument with the member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Butt) that I got into with him last Summer in my district in which we wiped him out, sent him home with his tail between his legs - after feeding him some good food and so on, we sent him home with his tail between his legs. That is what he deserves, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the federal budget, as I said the other day, showed us I think the way that we have to go in this country and in this Province. What do we find in this one? Nothing. We have seen the federal government announce millions of dollars. For example, the member for Humber West (Mr. Baird) should be eternally grateful for the \$10 million that was put into the Corner Brook harbour development project that he has worked so hard for. Last year he was not even sure if the Province had done its work on it in the form of an environmental study. He was not even sure of that, Mr. Speaker, when he was looking for it. He now has his \$10 million. Not only has he got the harbour development, he has got the road, I believe, going to it compliments of the federal government, compliments for the federal member for Humber - Port au Port - St. Barbe, Mr. Tobin, a wonderful job.

MR. BAIRD: We are going to thank him as soon as the next election comes around.

MR. TULK: There you go. The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) I suppose in a couple of weeks time

MR. TULK: will be talking about the millions of dollars that the Province is putting into infrastructure. We know where that came from. The \$24 million that was announced the other day, an announcement of millions of dollars for the Trans-Labrador highway. I know if there are members in this House grateful to the federal government today it is the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie) and the member for Menihek (Mr. Walsh).

Mr. Speaker, we say that there are indeed millions of dollars being spent by the federal government but there is nothing, absolutely no new initiatives in this budget, Mr. Speaker, nothing.

Mr. Speaker, we are living in a Province that, probably when we come out of the economic state that we are in in Canada and when this country recovers, we are living in a Province that may indeed find itself, and will, I predict -

MR. BUTT: Will the hon. member permit a question?

MR. TULK: You will get your chance to speak, I am sure there will be other issues before this House closes in July.

MR. NEARY: No, he made his one speech.

MR. TULK: Is that it? Is that it?

MR. NEARY: If we only could get the member for Windsor-Buchans (Mr. McLennon) up now, that will be a miracle.

MR. TULK: We sat down, we stayed in our seats, did we not? -

MR. NEARY: Yes,

MR. TULK: - gave them a chance to speak and -

MR. NEARY: That is right.

MR. TULK: - they did not bother to rise.

Mr. Speaker, the tragedy of the matter is that we will see a recovery in Canada and there will be no recovery in Newfoundland.

MR. NEARY: If there is a recovery in Canada it will be thanks to the federal government and they will try and climb on the bandwagon.

MR. TULK: Obviously they will try to climb aboard the bandwagon, that is their favourite thing.

Mr. Speaker, there has been absolutely no encouragement, no encouragement at all. There are no tax breaks to stimulate construction. Absolutely none. The government, in my opinion, would have been very wise to remove the SSA on building supplies, for example, so that construction could start and we could perhaps have a few more jobs than we have.

The Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) last Fall brought in that famous mini-Budget, and at that time

MR. TULK: we warned him, we told him that what he was really doing was causing a downturn in the Newfoundland economy. He laughed at it. Now, Mr. Speaker, if you look at what happened as a result of that 12 per cent tax in November and in February, if you look at the quarterly reports that come out, it is very obvious that instead of helping this Province recover, the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) was indeed burying us deeper into the ground. And that has been their tactic, that has been the way they operated.

Any encouragement to develop new skills in this Province, Mr. Speaker? Any encouragement to develop research in this Province? No, not by this government. We have a fishing industry that should be the pride of the Western World. We have a fishing industry that should have the best technology in the world, the best quality technology, the best catching technology and so on. What do we find? We find ourselves going off to the Norwegians or the Danes to get the technology that those people have and that indeed should be developed in this Province. Absolutely no initiatives at all in the provincial Budget for anything like that.

I said the other day, Mr. Speaker, the Budget was like building a longliner, the person who constructed this Budget - I suppose it was the Minister of Finance - the person who constructed this Budget should feel like a person building a longliner and leaving out the plank, or the oakum. It sunk as soon as it hit the water, it went underwater.

MR. BAIRD: You do not need oakum.

MR. TULK: Now, Mr. Speaker, that would not be so bad, that indeed would not be so terrible if this Budget, this leaky boat, had sunk on the day it was read in this House by the Minister of Finance. That would not have been so bad if that boat, that leaky Budget, had sunk on the day it

MR. TULK: was announced and was not going to cost the poor of this Province more. But that is exactly what is happening, the poor and the middle-class people, the working people, the people who the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn) said last year were not affected by the 12 per cent tax.

MR. NEARY: They do not buy any fridges or television sets.

MR. TULK: They do not buy anything like that. They do not buy those things.

MR. NEARY: They only buy food and clothes down where he comes from.

MR. TULK: Is that what he said?

MR. NEARY: They do not buy anything else down there.

MR. TULK: I forget exactly what he said, Mr. Speaker, but I know what he said in essence was that it was not going to hurt the working people and the poor people of this Province.

MR. NEARY: They do not buy any flat irons or brooms.

MR. TULK: They did not buy anything like that, they only bought the essentials.

MR. TOBIN: He said the poor people of St. Mary's - The Capes -

MR. TULK: Now the member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) is starting to interrupt. I will now have to ask the person who is in the Chair to restrain him again.

Mr. Speaker, this budget will cost, and I will list them in a few minutes, there are a number that we have listed here, a number of ways it will cost the people of this Province, this budget will cost the poor and the working class people of this Province. It is not going to

MR. TULK: hurt too much the lawyers and the doctors in this Province. It is not going to hurt them too much because, Mr. Speaker, I think it is safe to say that perhaps the one group of people in this Province who do well in hard times are perhaps the lawyers. That may seem like a terrible thing to say, but I think it is true.

Mr. Speaker, we have had the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) make all kinds of forecasts in the last two years and since last Spring.

MR. NEARY: And always wrong.

MR. TULK: Well, I will tell you; his forecast, Mr. Speaker, is about as reliable as the weather forecast in Newfoundland.

MR. NEARY: The only men who cannot be fired for being wrong are the weather forecaster and the Minister of Finance.

MR. TULK: That is right. They only men who cannot be fired, because I do not believe they fire anybody on that side of the House, so the only people who cannot be fired in this Province for bad forecasting, as we have seen over the last couple of years, is, as the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) says, the Finance Minister of this Province and the weather forecaster. Because if they could, Mr. Speaker, they would both be without a job.

MR. STAGG: Where did you get that jewel?

MR. TULK: We will see about that jewel the same as we saw about the jewel that he predicted last year, when he predicted that we were going to have - what was his prediction last year? We were going to have \$5 million surplus on current account, was it not?

MR. NEARY: That is right, \$5 million surplus.

MR. TULK: We were going to have \$5 million surplus.

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MR. NEARY:

deficit.

We ended up with a \$60 million

MR. TULK:

October, because he did not tell us when it happened - in
October or November he rushed into this House

MR. TULK: saying that he had to put all sorts of measures in place because we were going to have a \$60 million deficit. And he is going to cure all of that, he is going to cure it with a 12 per cent sales tax, numerous other taxes. Mr. Speaker, what did we end up with? Even after that cruel mini-budget - when was it, November 23 or November 12? It was an historic day anyway.

MR. NEARY: The hot dog tax.

MR. TULK: With that 12 per cent, by the way, that 12 per cent SSA, all that 12 per cent SSA did was raise the rate of inflation in this Province. The Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins), the person who should be trying to keep down the inflation rate, keep down the consumer price index, with a 12 per cent tax, what he really accomplished was to raise the inflation rate of this Province to the highest one in Canada.

Now, Mr. Speaker, he came in with the Budget, that 12 per cent tax, that 12 per cent SSA tax, rushed into the House, as the member for Grand Falls (Mr. Simms) says, he rushed into the House with that 12 per cent tax, proud of himself, proud to slap it to the poor and the working class of this Province, and said, 'Look, I am going to save the Province from \$60 million deficit.' Well, Mr. Speaker, what did we end up with? This year we find out. After hiding a lot of the costs in this Province, what did we end up with? We ended up, Mr. Speaker, with \$47 million deficit for last year.

Now what are we predicting this year? What is his forecast for this year for our deficit? Is it \$23 million or \$25 million? It does not matter when the minister forecasts anyway. It does not matter.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, my prediction is quite simply that we will see, before this Fall is out, unless the stimulus programme of the federal government, the special recovery programme of the federal government and so on can help the economy pick up and generate some cash flow for his reserves, Mr. Speaker, I will predict that we will see the Minister of Finance before this Fall is out rush into the House with another mini-Budget. Mr. Speaker, the deficit will not be \$23 million, I say it will be closer to the \$60 million or \$75 million of last year, probably closer to \$100 million. But we will see that this minister will come into the House with a mini-Budget with its deficit doubled or perhaps even tripled or perhaps even quadrupled.

DR. COLLINS: I have that written down.

MR. TULK: Now that is in spite of the fact that, as the member for Eagle River (Mr. Hiscock) said, he has already saved something like \$17 million, not on the backs of teachers, that would be great if the Minister of Finance could say that, that he saved it on the backs of the teachers; no, the truth is he saved it on the backs of the school children of this Province.

MR. NEARY: Right on!

MR. TULK: Because, Mr. Speaker,

MR. TULK: throughout that lockout the government kept insisting that they were not trying to save funds through a strike or through a lockout. He kept insisting that.

MR. BAIRD: What was it, a strike or a lockout? Which was it?

MR. TULK: A lockout.

MR. BAIRD: Make up your mind.

MR. TULK: I made up my mind, a lockout.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, when they were approached to pay teachers in this Province for going back on a Saturday, what was the answer? The answer was, no, we are not going to do it.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if they had the \$17 million in their budget, why is it that the children of this Province are not in school on Saturday as a result of teachers getting paid? The answer is simple: It was deliberate on the part of the government, a deliberate attempt to save money. Now, Mr. Speaker, they only relented in their desperation to try to save dollars when the teachers of this Province, as they did, when the teachers of this Province brought them to their knees, brought the Premier to his knees. Now, Mr. Speaker, that is exactly the scenario that happened in this Province.

DR. COLLINS: Do not be biased.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, I am predicting for the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) that he will, even with that \$17 million he will have a deficit again this Fall larger than he has predicted, that he will bring in a mini-Budget again in the Fall, and he will try in any way possible, if there is anything left for him to cut, or if there is anything left for him to tax - they have taxed everything in this Province, every kind of a hunting permit they can find,

MR. TULK: every kind of a Crown land fee that they can find, they have taxed everything in this Province that they can find - if he can find something else to tax, taxes will go up again this Fall.

MR. NEARY: They should put a tax on jokes.

MR. BAIRD: If they taxed Liberal ones they would not make much.

MR. TULK: The member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) says we should tax jokes in this Province.

MR. BAIRD: There would be some tax on him.

MR. NEARY: We have witnessed what has happened in the past few days with the jokes of this government, and I will not get into that.

Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of minutes left, I hope, to sum up. I have one minute. We will first see them blame the federal government, they will blame world conditions, and then they will again turn to those least able to pay and tax them as far as possible. And, Mr. Speaker, make no mistake about it, that this Budget, this cloud that this man has forecast for this Province, will be before the Fall of the year is out turn into a full scale Northeaster.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. member for St. John's North.

MR. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, I think it is so close to six o'clock now that I will adjourn the debate.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for St. John's North has adjourned the debate.

The hon. President of the Council

MR. MARSHALL: I move the House at its rising to adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, at 3:00 P.M. and this House do now adjourn.

On motion, the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday at 3:00 P.M.