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The House of Assembly, which had been prorogued on the Twenty-Seventh of November, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Two, met on January Thirty-First, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Three at Three of the Clock; Honourable M. James Russell, Speaker, in the Chair:

His Honour, The Honourable Robert S. Furlong, Administrator, read the Speech from the Throne to open the Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I welcome you to the Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland.

My Government, since taking office one year ago, has been keenly aware of the enormous responsibility placed upon it. During its first year of office, it has established a sound foundation through organization and planning for the programs and policies which will be brought forward during this and subsequent Sessions of the House of Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government inherited a government structure which it felt could not adequately cope with present day problems, requirements, or the aspirations and desires of our people. It has, therefore, undertaken an extensive evaluation study and subsequent restructuring of Government Departments and the Public Service, so that the problems and challenges of today and the future can be met.

My Government, at the earliest possible opportunity, will bring before the Honourable House legislation to approve the restructuring of the Government of Newfoundland.

This restructuring completes fundamental stages of the realignment of Government administration.

My Ministers are committed to a policy of a flexible and responsive administration, which can be renewed from time to time as required to meet the needs of a continually changing world.

My Government is determined that these actions will result in a properly planned, long-term program for the normal and orderly development of this Province.

My Government, in concert with the restructuring program, has established eighteen Planning Task Force Sub-Committees. These Sub-Committees are designed to eliminate subjective and ad-hoc decision-making within the Government by using an approach that involves the planning of long-term programs and objectives for this Province. On these Sub-Committees are representatives of the Government of Newfoundland, the Federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion and other Federal line departments. Federal representatives have willingly agreed to serve on these Sub-Committees and their contribution is welcomed. Their participation is limited to advisory and consultative capacities.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The effectiveness of the planning and restructuring program and, indeed, the whole success of the effort to provide efficient administration depend in large measure upon the strength and capacity of the Public Service. While this Province has been favoured throughout its history with many loyal and dedicated public servants, my

Government feels the time has come to strengthen the fabric and foundation of the Public Service. You will be asked to consider measures to establish a Public Service Commission which will be endowed with security of tenure and charged with the responsibility of seeing that all appointments and promotions in the Public Service are made exclusively on the basis of merit. It is my Government's firm intention to make the Public Service an even more attractive field for young men and women seeking a worthwhile and rewarding career. To this end, my Government will foster and encourage applications from young graduates of our University, with a view to strengthening the professional status and fabric of the Service. The Bill, which will be placed before you in this Session, contains other provisions to strengthen and upgrade the Public Service.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government is now in a position, working from the new administrative and planning framework which has been established, to change its emphasis to one of a forward program of development.

My Government will stress the development of resource-based industries, working closely with private business, so that Government policies and incentive programs will assist the private sector to expand.

My Government is greatly encouraged by the steps which have already been taken to assist rural development and intends to keep this program at a high level of activity and employment generating capability during the coming years.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government realizes the importance of Labrador and its vast industrial and tourist potential. It is also fully aware of and understands the many services required from Government by the people living in this important area of our Province.

Recognizing this, my Government has established a Royal Commission which will report to Government the feelings, opinions, and aspirations of the people of Labrador.

My Government also, in all of its programs for development and services, has included this region in its studies and planning. Labrador and its people will benefit most from inclusion in all overall planning for the Province, and this, I assure Honourable Members, is a priority of my Government.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

Our human resources, our forests, our lands, our waters, our fisheries and our minerals, including one of our greatest potential resources - oil and gas - must be wisely developed for the maximum benefit of our Province.

My Government has underway an extensive resource development program and this program will be accelerated during the coming year, so that resource develop-

ment can, as quickly as possible, make the maximum contribution to the economy of our Province and the well being of our people. The past year was a record year for gross provincial product and general economic growth and my Government has every confidence that this record will be surpassed in 1973.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

One area which will receive special attention by my Government is the deep-water, ice-free ports in Newfoundland. Ten years ago, there were a dozen ports on the eastern seaboard of the United States and Canada which offered deep-water, ice-free conditions. That is not true today. All of the ports are either developed and operating at capacity or do not have sufficient room to accommodate some of the new giant tankers.

Today, the deep-water, natural harbours in Newfoundland are the only potential port sites east of New Jersey that can be developed for profitable, future operations. My Government has already obtained the highest level of expertise in helping us assess the future of such projects, and my Government will report to the Honourable House during this Session on its progress in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government since it has taken office has reviewed all arrangements previously made with respect to the Province's off-shore petroleum resources.

On October 17th, 1972, my Government made the position of the Province clear with respect to claims made by various companies, and has been successful in its negotiations to return to the Province's control the vast majority of the 280,000,000 prospective acres off our shores. Subsequent negotiations have resulted in major oil companies establishing in the Province, and they will continue to expand their off-shore drilling explorations.

The prospects for a commercial find of oil and gas are considered good by officials of my Government and oil authorities generally and the prospects for the vast part of the Province's continental margin for the location of extensive commercial finds of oil are most promising.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This potential presents the Province with a great opportunity and challenge and my Government plans to ensure that it has the technical expertise capable of analyzing the many problems associated with major oil finds. The Energy Division of the Department of Mines and Energy will be expanded to include specialists in the following fields: petroleum geology, petroleum engineering and economics, and marine ecology. In addition to maximizing employment and business opportunities in our Province, my Government will establish an Off-Shore Petroleum Industrial Advisory Council to include industrial and government membership. To ensure that the Province's very important fishing industry is not impaired by off-shore petro-

leum developments, this Council will include representatives of the fishing industry. Representatives of the labour movement in the Province will also be invited to participate.

My Government, in an attempt to avoid a protracted legal dispute with the Government of Canada concerning ownership of the Province's off-shore resources, is acting in concert with the Governments of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, to negotiate with the federal authorities in an effort to attain a just solution to this problem.

While entering into these negotiations in the hope and spirit that a mutually satisfactory solution will result, my Government is resolutely determined and aware that the Province has a special case with respect to rights off its coastal areas. To this end, my Government has been preparing the case of this Province and wishes to assure this Honourable House that it will not hesitate to assert these rights, through the courts if it should prove necessary.

At this time, my Government asks for the full co-operation of members of this Honourable House of Assembly in support of its attempt to protect the Province's interest in this whole area.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

With regard to conventional mining, my Government is working towards a modified concession system and a claim staking system, which will encourage a much higher degree of mineral exploration than has been the case in the past. It is the first time that such a system has been introduced in this Province. As well, a detailed study is underway to identify the opportunities which exist for the further processing of minerals within the Province, to retain maximum employment opportunity and all other benefits which would accrue.

Another natural resource which can be developed to the great benefit of the Province is the Lower Churchill River. It is, however, imperative that this project must be developed on the most favourable terms. To do this, it is necessary to proceed on a different course than was followed in the development of the Upper Churchill. This project must result in substantial and lasting revenue benefits to the Province and my Government will not move hastily to our disadvantage.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The products of our forest have traditionally been an important source of income for our people. To formulate plans for better utilization of this resource, my Government has formed a Federal-Provincial Task Force comprised of three top-ranking professional foresters from each of the Federal and Provincial forestry services. This group has been assisted by nine committees comprising some thirty-five professional foresters and economists from across North America. Through meetings and extensive field work, they have examined all aspects of forestry in Newfoundland.

My Government expects the final report and recommendations of the Task Force to be completed by the end of March.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

In the area of forest development as well, my Government can count several major accomplishments in 1972, including new building construction; improved forest fire protection; a greatly expanded forest access road program, which is oriented toward providing access for the sawmilling industry; reforestation studies and the establishment of a 300 acre forest nursery station; forest improvement programs, forest surveys and the near completion of the Federal-Provincial Forest Inventory Project for Newfoundland.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

In keeping with my Government's commitment to foster and encourage logging operations in our Province, my Government, in the preceding year, has spent over \$600,000, for the provision of forest access roads, which represents twelve times what had been spent in the previous year for this purpose.

My Ministers intend to continue to expand this program, and will markedly increase expenditures for forest access roads in the ensuing year.

My Government recognizes the growing demand for trained technical personnel in the sawmilling industry. To meet the demands, a course has been established at Stephenville by the Department of Education to develop the expertise required by the industry. With the increase in sawmill operations in our Province, primarily the opening of new mills, trained people are essential to a well-functioning, productive sawmill operation.

My Government will continue to develop the forest potential with the conviction that it can become an even more valuable contributor to the economic life of this Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government, in the two previous Speeches from the Throne outlined its intention to put special emphasis on the improvement of the commercial fishery in the Province. In the past year, much has been done to expand this program and many new records have been set. Under the Fisheries Loan Board Construction Program, a record total of 321 boats were either completed or begun with a total value of another record of \$15,000,000. These boats, unlike most built previously, are extremely versatile and are capable of activity in the fields of longlining, gill-netting, scallop dragging, shrimp fishing and Danish seining.

The program of building access roads for fisheries facilities was begun with the start of seven projects and my Government plans to continue this program this year.

During 1973, my Government expects to commission three new 65-foot steel boats which are now being constructed for experimental fishing around our coast.

Construction is taking place at the Marystown Shipyard.

My Government intends to introduce legislation for the establishment of a forty million dollar fund for the construction of deep water fishing boats. These deep water fishing boats, when constructed, will be equipped with the latest technology including mid-water trawling capability. My Ministers feel that such a program will be of great benefit to the present fish processing facilities around the Province, and will permit a marked increase in employment opportunities.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

It is the intention of my Government to make every effort during the coming year to ensure that food products produced in the Province for export, will be taken to the most advanced processing stage possible.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

Another important resource in our Province is agriculture. My Government is continuing discussions with Ottawa concerning the new ARDA Agreement, and has begun many new and important programs in the agricultural field.

My Government has established an agricultural complex on the West Coast of the Province, which is being activated now and will include a soil laboratory, a hog breeding station, an experimental farm, and an abbatoir for the processing of hogs and poultry as well as an egg grading station. The swine breeding aspect is one of major importance and, by the coming summer, new breeding stock will be available. Already, my Government has received requests for information from other Governments in Canada concerning this program.

My Government will also be establishing four Farm Equipment Banks this year, to provide our farmers with ready access to mechanized equipment.

My Government is continuing a blueberry land inventory survey which, it is hoped, will be completed in 1975 and will proceed during this year with the construction of a sheep-breeding station to be established at Victoria, Carbonear.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

An important part of my Government's resource development program is the further development of our tourist industry. This Honourable House will be asked to approve the establishment of a new Department of Tourism, which for the first time brings together tourist services, parks, wildlife, cultural affairs and historic resources.

Already, those who will be in this new Department are working together to coordinate and improve our tourist services and our tourist promotion.

My Government will hold immediate discussions with Trade Schools and Canada Manpower with regard to the implementation of properly developed courses to prepare many of our people to become part of an expanded tourist industry.

Our natural environment, pollution free, attractive and relaxing, is one of our great natural tourist assets. The lack of accommodation, however, especially in our smaller rural communities, has prevented many potential tourists from enjoying these natural benefits. At the present time, my Government is considering homes in various parts of the Province for licensing this year as "hospitality homes." These homes will expand the benefits of the tourist industry to many areas of the Province which have been unable to benefit in the past due to a lack of accommodation.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

On March 31st, 1974, Newfoundland celebrates twenty-five years as part of the great Canadian Nation. My Government is determined to celebrate this Anniversary in appropriate fashion and will invite our fellow Canadians and other friends to participate in this important event with us.

Steps have now been taken to appoint a Committee to formulate the programs and generally to ensure that the celebration will be remembered as a great occasion in our history.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government, in co-operation with Ottawa, has established the Newfoundland Development Corporation which it feels will have a profound effect on the economy of our Province.

My Government is pleased that we have been fortunate enough to obtain as President of the Corporation a native Newfoundlander, who brings to his new post a wealth of experience in the North American business community.

My Government is determined that local industry will benefit from the creation of this Corporation, and that every industry and business which might provide employment opportunities for our people will have an opportunity to establish and develop through its guidance and assistance.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government will bring before you measures to amend The Revenue and Audit Act to restore the power to this Honourable House to determine the amount of public borrowing. Implementation of these measures will take time in order to allow the required administrative changes to be made to ensure effective execution.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government, acting in accordance with the authority conferred by this Honourable House in The Stephenville Linerboard Mill (Agreement) Act, 1972, has acted to bring this great project to completion. The mill and its allied facilities at Stephenville have been completed, and the necessary steps have been taken to appoint permanent management and to hire all of the personnel necessary to operate the mill and associated functions. The top management organization of Labrador Linerboard Limited is now being completed with the appointment of the President and the mill

itself should be producing linerboard during the early part of 1973.

My Government will be laying before you full information on the moneys expended to date on the linerboard project and on all phases of that operation since the Government last reported to you in May of 1972. You will be asked to vote further moneys for the completion and operation of the project, which has required much time and effort on the part of my Ministers to bring to completion, and to save and make useful the tremendous investment of public funds that were made in the project up to the time my Government took office on January 18, 1972.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government will bring before you legislation respecting conflict of interest.

My Government will present to this Honourable House legislation to repeal The Alcoholic Liquors Act and to replace it with an Act to establish the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation as a Crown Corporation responsible for the management and merchandising of the sale of spirits, wine and beer throughout the Province.

My Government will also lay before you legislation to provide for an independent Liquor Licensing Board to control the licensing and inspection functions previously exercised by the Newfoundland Liquor Commission.

My Government plans to implement several of the aspects of the Cohen Report on Labour and is now giving consideration to proposals made for changes in present labour legislation by the labour movement in this Province.

My Government recognizes the need to hasten, where possible, certification procedures, the hearing of grievances, and the appointment of arbitrators to deal with grievances, especially in the construction industry.

My Government intends to improve the administration of industrial standards legislation.

My Government is redrafting The Public Service (Collective Bargaining) Act which was passed in 1970 and which will not be proclaimed in its present form.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government is establishing a Communications Branch in the proposed new Department of Transportation and Communications. This Branch will influence and guide the development of all types of communication systems throughout all areas of the Province, to ensure that they are adequate, in terms of availability, reliability, quality and efficiency, for the general public, institutions and business.

My Government will lay before this Honourable House extensive legislation dealing with the protection of consumers in the Province. This legislation will include Bills regulating the activities of collection agencies; credit reporting agencies; unsolicited goods and credit cards; registration and regulation of automobile dealers and salesmen; and further amendments to co-operative credit union legislation. This legislation is being developed in consultation with other Provinces in Canada

and is designed to enable my Government to administer a program under which the consumer will be afforded a greater degree of protection in the market place.

My Government will introduce to this Honourable House legislation dealing with environmental management and control. This legislation will deal with solid waste management, amendments to The Clean Air, Water and Soil Authority Act and an amendment to The Logging Camps Act.

My Government feels that the greatest area of pollution in this Province is that of solid waste disposal. The careless disposal of solid wastes has caused a serious situation and, if it is not properly handled, results in an unsightly and unwholesome deterioration of our environment. The necessity to clean up our barrens, woods, ravines, shorelines, beaches, rivers, lakes and streams cannot be over-emphasized.

My Government is determined that all possible will be done to ensure the orderly development of our natural resources while at the same time protecting the environment in which we live.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government is pleased to note the closing of the Hospital for Chest Diseases. This is a tangible example of how medical science is conquering a disease which in previous years has ravaged our people.

My Government now turns its attention to the very real need of improving conditions at the Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases and this Honourable House can be fully assured that these changes will be implemented as soon as budgetary conditions will allow.

My Government is studying mental health services in all parts of the Province, and ways in which they should be improved. This study includes how these services can be made available in a number of regions in the Province, and my Government is developing forward-looking programs in forensic psychiatry, mental retardation and other mental health needs.

My Government is concerned about the provision of dental health care for all citizens, and especially our children. To help overcome this problem, my Ministers are considering a new concept in training people as dental nurses and dental assistants so that they may provide basic dental services in schools, especially in rural areas, under the general supervision of a dentist.

My Government intends to make a study of all industries in the Province to identify the areas where health hazards to employed people may exist. With this information available, consideration will be given either to establishing a Division of Industrial Health here or, in association with the other Atlantic Provinces, to making arrangements for the elimination of these hazards.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

A program was begun in September, 1972, to assist Social Assistance recipients

to locate and take advantage of employment opportunities. Since its inception, over five hundred persons who had been receiving Social Assistance have been placed in jobs. This was accomplished by two special projects; one in St. John's and one in Corner Brook with a Special Project Officer at Confederation Building.

This is an example of what can be achieved through providing the proper type of Government assistance and dramatically shows the desire of people on short-term assistance programs to work.

My Government regards this achievement of placing over five hundred people in jobs as one of the most important accomplishments during its first year in office, and, indeed, it heralds an entirely new approach in the field of social services. My Government plans to expand this program throughout the entire Province during the coming year. To this end, my Government has been instrumental in commencing negotiations with the Government of Canada for the purpose of implementing an incentives program into the present Social Assistance plan. This will allow recipients of welfare benefits to retain a greater amount of earned income and thereby encourage and foster fuller employment in the Province. It has long been the opinion of my Government that many recipients of assistance are desirous of working but the regulations have discouraged this course of action. My Government has taken the lead in attempting to implement this program and it is noteworthy that this is being closely observed by other Provinces.

My Government further proposes to continue its improvements in the child welfare and corrections fields. During the coming year, special emphasis will be placed on the adoption of older and handicapped children.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government feels that senior citizens have contributed much to the growth of our Province, and their reward should be nothing less than comfort and enjoyment in the twilight years of their lives. Fortified with this feeling, my Government is embarking on a comprehensive program with Regional Groups to provide homes for senior citizens at strategic locations throughout the Province. Strategic placement of these homes will alleviate the need for senior citizens to move from the environment to which they have become accustomed. These homes are not intended merely to provide accommodations for our senior citizens but to co-ordinate all aspects of life and living for them. Recently my Government has announced approval in principle for the construction of Senior Citizens Homes at Grand Bank, Lewisporte, and St. Anthony. In addition, two further areas are now being considered as possible locations.

My Government will designate a Senior Citizen's Day to draw attention to the contribution made by this segment of our society to the growth of our Province.

My Government is dedicated to helping the physically handicapped help them-

selves. The small unit previously set up by my Government has partially filled the need in the area of rehabilitation. It is now the intention of my Government to place even greater emphasis on the process of rehabilitation by expanding both the service and the staff of this unit so that it will be in a position to react meaningfully to the many needs of the physically handicapped. This would include assisting in job placement.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government accepts its responsibility to respond to the needs of the youth of our Province. In this regard, a major division of the new Department of Rehabilitation and Recreation will be devoted to youth activities. It is the hope of my Government that this division will provide meaningful dialogue between youth and the Government. Youth Advisory Councils will be set up throughout the Province made up of people from all walks of life. The intention of this major thrust towards youth is not to tell youth what is best for them, but rather to ask them what they want and to help them in attaining their goals and objectives as functioning members of our society.

My Government is presently awaiting the Report of the Joint Federal-Provincial Committee on Corrections. It is the hope of my Government to implement as many as possible of the recommendations of this Committee where they are directly applicable to the youth presently living in our correctional institutions.

It is the intention of my Government to provide facilities and support to the recreation and sports enthusiasts throughout our Province and, in this connection, my Government intends to review the existing grants structure, both capital and operating, with a view to providing as much financial aid to sports and recreation bodies as is possible within the context of the Province's financial picture.

My Government further intends to co-operate with the various recreation and sports organizations throughout the Province, such as the Newfoundland and Labrador Amateur Sports Federation, and the Newfoundland and Labrador High School Athletic Federation, in an effort to complement their efforts to provide expanded opportunities for all the people of our Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The development of the human resources of the Province poses a most demanding challenge to my Government. It is imperative that the school curriculum be diversified so that a broad spectrum of skills and potentialities of our sons and daughters may be developed. In certain areas, more specialized attention is necessary so that problems of learning and growth may be identified and corrected as early as possible. While it is obvious that there must be adequate physical facilities for our school population, it is increasingly evident that the quality of instruction must be

our chief concern. This requires relevant dialogue, proper motivation, and a pursuit of excellence at all levels of education and training.

There will, in the future, be closer liaison and integration between our facilities for technical and vocational instruction and our academic facilities.

During the present Session of this House my Government intends to present legislation setting up procedures for collective bargaining with the Newfoundland Teachers' Association. Such legislation will be an important step forward since it will establish a statutory framework for future negotiations between the Government and the teachers of the Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

In order that Newfoundlanders may be able to take the fullest advantage of employment opportunities arising from the offshore exploration now in progress and likely to increase and also to benefit to the maximum from opportunities resulting from the offshore discovery of oil in exploitable quantities, the Department of Education will be organizing this Spring a conference relating to offshore manpower needs involving the industries concerned, the College of Fisheries, College of Trades and Technology and the Vocational Schools, to which representatives of the University and the Federal Department of Manpower will be invited. The Department will organize such conferences on a regular basis so that the manpower needs of all our existing and new industries may be properly assessed. Our institutions will then be in a stronger position to prepare Newfoundlanders to take fullest advantage of employment opportunities in our own Province.

In order to examine and make appropriate recommendations on the complex needs relative to education and human resource development, a Task Force is now at work. When their findings are completed and taking into account the knowledge and experience of other groups with which the Department of Education is in regular dialogue, my Government will issue later this year a Government White Paper outlining plans for the further development in these areas.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government intends to make access to post secondary education available in areas outside St. John's. Such colleges would offer first and second year university courses. It is essential that these colleges be designed to serve not only the University population but also a broad spectrum of educational and social needs of the population. It is intended that the first college will be commenced this year.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The forecast for the coming year is promising in the field of municipal government. The groundwork has been laid and the framework established for a whole new concept in local government, including a Royal Commission on the matter; the St. John's Urban Regional Study; the Study into the Town of Stephen-

ville - Harmon Complex; and also the Grand Falls - Windsor Study. My Government has requested the reports of all these groups by the Fall of this year.

It is also the intention of my Government to bring before this Honourable House a number of amendments to The City of St. John's Act, arising out of the Report of the Phelan Royal Commission. Of major importance is an amendment to confer universal suffrage upon the citizens of St. John's, to become effective in November, in time for the municipal elections. A number of other amendments will be introduced to improve the effectiveness of local government throughout the Province.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

In the area of housing, my Government is keenly aware of the hardship which inadequate and overcrowded housing is working upon many people in this Province. The weight of this hardship falls most onerously on those in the low income categories. My Ministers are aware too that, in addition to the crying unsatisfied needs in our urban areas, there are in our smaller towns and rural areas, equally urgent housing problems to be solved. These problems in general, cannot yield to any simple program which can be brought to bear upon them. Further action to provide subsidized rental accommodation in urban areas is planned and greater emphasis will be laid upon devising effective means to place more people in a position to achieve home ownership.

We look to an expansion of the small mortgage loans program so that its benefits will be available to a larger number of people in our smaller communities. Rising costs of serviced land are also recognized as a problem of prime concern and means will be sought to moderate the situation and, at the same time, every effort will be made to increase the supply of serviced land wherever it is needed in our communities throughout the Province.

My Ministers are encouraged by the emphasis which is being placed by the Government of Canada on its housing policies in making greater response to the needs of lower income families and we look forward to receiving from them, increasing assistance in this aspect of the housing problems of our people.

My Government is aware of another important aspect of housing policy in which the Government must concern itself and that is in the field of landlord/tenant relations. The necessary legislation will be introduced to clarify and improve landlord/tenant relationship and, in particular, to give adequate protection to tenants in their relationship with landlords and in the quality of rented accommodation.

In the overall matter of housing, my Government is intent upon giving it its due place in the priorities of Government both in policy and expenditure and will emphasize, as a central theme, home ownership for the greatest number possible as a

principal element of policy.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government intends to proceed with a Bill to effect redistribution of the Electoral Districts of the Province. This Bill will provide for an equitable distribution of our electoral districts, taking into account geographic factors and population trends.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

My Government realizes that the year which has just closed showed a much improved economic trend in this Province. Government expenditures must not be allowed to out-distance responsible borrowing. My Government is now completing a five year financial plan which will allow for long term, orderly spending.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The past year has been a year of action for our Province in the field of planning and organization. My Government has completed its work in this area through the development of an administrative system which is flexible, ongoing, and sensitive to the needs of our people. At the same time, my Government has concentrated on making basic services available throughout our Province, and has brought services in Newfoundland to a stage where we now enjoy a normal growth rate in these areas.

This year will be a year of action and forward development of our natural resources together with further concentration and expansion of our rural development program. This new emphasis by my Government will see concrete actions taken to strengthen and stabilize the economy of our Province.

My Government has outlined its plans to you today. Its program is positive, straight forward, and designed to produce the best results for our people.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

You will be asked to grant supply unto Her Majesty. I invoke God's blessing upon your labours as you give careful consideration to the matters laid before you for the welfare of our beloved Province.

HON. WILLIAM W. MARSHALL(MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House to introduce the following bill; A bill, "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation Of Collection Agencies," and I ask leave of the House that this bill be now read a first time.

HON. M. JAMES RUSSELL, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY: It has been moved and seconded that the honourable member for St. John's East shall have leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act Respecting The Registration And Regulation Of Collection Agencies." Is it the pleasure of the House that the honourable member shall have leave to introduce the said bill? Those in favour, "Aye," those against, "Nay." Carried.

It is moved and seconded that the said bill be now read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the House that the said bill be now read a first time? Those in favour, "Aye," those against, "Nay." Carried.

This bill has now been read a first time. When shall the said bill be read a second time? Tomorrow? Those in favour, "Aye," those against, "Nay." Carried.

His Honour The Administrator has been pleased to make a speech to the members met in General Assembly and for greater accuracy I have obtained a copy.

MR. ROBERT WELLS: Mr. Speaker, in rising at this time and having heard the Gracious Speech from the Throne I should like at the outset of my remarks to cast my mind back exactly one year and to consider for a moment how our province has faired in one important respect. It is usual, Mr. Speaker, to measure progress in terms of economics and because of that tendency it is all the more important that we recognize that government has a further and higher role than housekeeping and development because inevitably a government sets a pace and a style which reflects throughout the society which it represents.

In the 1960's I believe that our greatest obstacle to progress was a fear of government, a wariness of government, a fear that to offend

government would be to impair one's chances of a job, would impair a businessman's bid for a contract, a labour union's right to exist or impair the chance of an industry to grow or prosper. These fears may have been irrational but I think they were not and whether justified or not these fears overlaid our whole society and caused the repressive atmosphere that will be remembered always by those who lived through it. Some of us who inside and outside this House worked and fought for change can be forgiven for believing that a change of atmosphere would be more important even than a change of policy.

After one year, Mr. Speaker, I can say with confidence that the atmosphere has changed, that the fear has gone and that Newfoundlanders in all walks of life and in all stations of life can and do speak without fear and without uneasiness. Newfoundlanders have a right to speak out on their affairs and that they do without hesitation or reserve and it is this public participation, criticism and constant evaluation which will in the long run shape this province more surely than the debate in this honourable House and I say, Mr. Speaker, that this change of atmosphere is the greatest achievement of the government in the past year and I make no apology for reminding this House and this province of that achievement.

Mr. Speaker, the Gracious Speech from the Throne has outlined the practical matters dealt with by government in the past year, a clearing of the decks in many ways so that real advances could be begun. These extend from the restructuring with its emphasis on orderliness and planning through to the studies on various aspects of our provincial life. The Throne Speech, Mr. Speaker, must of necessity look ahead and must indicate to the people whom we serve what is planned for the legislative session. High on the list of priorities is resource development. There has rarely, Mr. Speaker, been any dispute in Newfoundland about the advisability of development. At issue have been the methods used. We must, as members of

this House, be pleased with the proposals for harbour development, for offshore petroleum development, for mineral development, for forestry development, for tourist development and for the development of our fishing industry. We can take pleasure at these proposals and plans but we can never lose sight of our duty as members of this House to ensure that the manner of these developments is sound, that the approach is businesslike and that the province will benefit from natural resource development and it is our duty to ensure that our province is not raped by so-called development which ignores our greatest benefit and regards us and our homeland as incidental to the process of extracting raw materials.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we will be judged by our own generation and by our children on our ability to control the disposition of the resources of this province being always under the duty to get maximum benefit for those resources which are nonrenewable and to husband and nurture those who are renewable for those who follow. Another area, Mr. Speaker, is the introduction of legislation and the subsequent debate on internal matters of government and the conduct of this House, particularly I speak here of the proposed amendment to the Revenue and Audit Act and the proposed conflict of interest legislation.

I believe that this House is the final arbitrator of public affairs including public borrowing. I, Mr. Speaker, welcome curbs on executive power and any moves to restore to this House powers which over the years have been usurped by the executive I applaud and welcome and will wholeheartedly support. We have heard, Mr. Speaker, many speeches about conflict of interest. It has become a catch phrase to be trotted out by those who know nothing of its meaning and nothing of the subtle abuses of power and influence which it must try to prevent. By all means, Mr. Speaker, let the legislation be introduced, let it be minutely examined and debated and, Mr. Speaker, after it has passed let it be rigorously policed and enforced

by this House for no law, no set of rules, no codes of conduct mean anything unless they are observed and when necessary enforced.

I welcome also, Mr. Speaker, the expressed intention to implement some recommendations of the Cohen Report on labour matters. I look forward to seeing what is proposed for I have believed during most of my professional life that labour matters have not been recognized as having the importance to which they are entitled and I look forward to the correction of this state of affairs.

I am especially pleased to see reference to teachers' bargaining legislation and collective bargaining legislation for the public service especially because in a professional capacity I had some part in the birth of public collective bargaining in Newfoundland. These are the areas of social legislation, Mr. Speaker, which measure the greatness of governments and of public men and I express the hope that the legislation which will deal with the environment, with mental health, physical health and education will be wise and sound when it goes on our statute books for I have always believed that the mere spending of money does no more credit to government than it does to individuals and that the real test is the spending of money wisely with the humane objective of developing and educating people toward an independent and mature role as citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the Gracious Speech from the Throne outlines with clarity the intent of the government in its objectives for youth

Mr. Wells.

and for the development of our human resources and for the furtherance of social justice in the provision of housing and land development particularly with an emphasis on the needs of the individual family. I believe and hope that these measures will be beneficial to this province.

We, as a people, are becoming more than ever aware of our heritage and if I may digress for a moment, Mr. Speaker, the more so because Newfoundland authors have in recent years contributed greatly to our understanding and awareness of ourselves, our history and our legacy from the past. It is an understatement to say that we owe these authors a major debt. One legacy of the past which we must as Newfoundlanders strive to overcome is the prevalent belief that government must undertake all tasks, meet all private wants when demanded and behave as fairy godmother to all citizens especially those with the loudest voices. Somehow in our legislation and our debate in this House, we must set the tone and rekindle the awareness that a country becomes great not by the actions of government but by the sum of the work and strivings of the thousands of individuals who are its people. Governments are both good and bad but laws and regulations will never create prosperity and they will never create greatness. Governments may lead or they may follow but the ultimate destiny of a country is always in the hands of its people. If we, as members of this House, can appreciate and rise to fulfill our role, I have every confidence that the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, all of us, have still the will and the strength to achieve greatness.

Mr. Speaker, as member for the District of St. John's South, I have pleasure in moving that a committee be appointed to draft a reply to the Gracious Speech from the Throne.

MR. A. SENIOR: Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to support the motion so ably presented by my colleague the member for St. John's South, that a committee be appointed to draft an Address in Reply to the Gracious Speech from the Throne.

Lincoln once said, "if we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it."

Mr. Senior.

This past year for our government has been a time of assessing where we are and to establish a sense of direction for the future. It has been a time of evaluation, re-organization and planning to lay a sound foundation enabling our government to cope with the problems and challenges of the changing world. In this environment of rapid change our government have made a strong case for planning; planning that relates to directing change rather than reacting to crisis; planning to ensure that objectives are clear and well within the capability of the province to provide and maintain; planning to identify and remove the barriers to rapid exploitation in development of this province, perhaps, Sir, most important, planning to modify and ease the adjustment required by a process of change.

In the Gracious Speech from the Throne today, our government has reconfirmed its priority on developing resource based industries which are closely related to our rural development programme. I support our government not only in its desire to develop our resources but in its effort to develop our resources wisely for the maximum benefit of all our people. Already we can witness the impact our government has had by the growth of our gross provincial product this past year.

Since the days of the dory fishermen and the sailing schooner, our province has enjoyed the riches from the harvest of the many species of fish that exist off our shores and particularly on the world-famous Grand Banks. I am greatly encouraged and reassured by our government's intention to place special emphasis on the development of the commercial fishery in this province. Our government, Sir, is meeting the challenge in this sector by introducing more sophisticated methods of harvesting, processing and marketing, emphasizing the fact that more processing dollars must be earned by our own people. We must protect and develop our great renewable resource.

In the area of the Provincial Shelf, where great riches are now being harvested, there is increasing evidence that we are on the threshold

of tapping a vast new source of wealth in the form of natural gas and oil. I believe, Sir, our government merits praise for the efforts made to ensure that development of this resource will bring maximum benefit to our people. This same concern by our government, to ensure maximum benefit to our people, is being shown in other sectors that are being developed or will be developed in the future.

Having lived away from Newfoundland, I am more convinced than ever of the tremendous potential that we have here to encourage tourists. Already important steps have been taken to develop this sector, with the establishment of the new Department of Tourism. I am confident, Sir, that tourist dollars will make a major contribution to the development of our province in the future.

The Creator has blessed our province with an abundance of forests, lakes, streams and beautiful coastal shoreline but there is increasing evidence that many of these blessings bestowed upon us are being destroyed and polluted. Sir, I am assured today by the precautions being undertaken by our government that the natural beauty of our environment will be preserved for future generations.

From an overall provincial point of view, the objective of our government in the development process is to bring about a rapid and widespread improvement in living standards in the lower income regions. The result of this approach is, we believe, a substitute for subsidies presently used to support the low income areas.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak very briefly about the important district of Grand Falls which I represent in this honourable House:

Our government has reconfirmed today the need to establish regional colleges in Newfoundland. It is intended that the first college will be established this year. The people of Central Newfoundland generally and the people of Grand Falls in particular have on many occasions made representations to me indicating their desire to have a regional college established in the Central Newfoundland Area.

I believe our people in this area can be reassured today that our government will see fit to establish a college in this area in the near future. I can assure our government, Sir, that the people of Grand Falls will be anxious to co-operate in any way to see this dream become a reality. I have always been aware of the tremendous potential we have for development in Central Newfoundland. We have made a great contribution to the development of Newfoundland in the past. Certain bottlenecks have been evident in this area in the past and consequently, at my request, our government has initiated a study into the problems which may deter development.

I am very pleased today that the Gracious Speech from the Throne made reference to the Grand Falls - Windsor Study, which I believe is so important to the future of this area. This is just one of the many positive steps that have been taken by our government.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said; "where there is no vision, the people perish." I believe, Sir, the programme presented in the Gracious Speech from the Throne today indicates that our government has vision and foresight. I believe, Sir, we have demonstrated we are a government of courage, patience, conviction and determination. It is safer, Sir, to anchor in the harbour but to accomplish, we must venture out to new frontiers. We have plotted our course for the journey, knowing that the winds of adversity will buffet us and we will experience the tides of resistance, but we have set out with conviction and singleness of purpose to develop Newfoundland for the good of all our people.

MR. E. M. ROBERTS (LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION): Mr. Speaker, let me begin by noting again, it has been done in years past and it will be done in years yet to come, how pleasant and how worthwhile it is in Newfoundland that we carry on the traditions of a formal opening of the House. I think we are the one Legislature left in Canada now, Sir, in which the members disport themselves as elegantly attired as we all are. I am glad my father is at home. He was ill but he is getting better. He allowed me to use his morning suit. I suspect some of the other honourable gentlemen opposite are in the same position.

I do hope, Sir, that we do not allow the desire and commitment on our part to persevere what is good, to persevere such things as having the clergy here and having the representatives of the diplomatic corp, having Her Majesty's judges.

There are also, Sir, some innovations. Let me at the outset suggest one. It is not an innovation in the context of opening day or budget day but an innovation in the context of this House, Sir. We have the cameras with us today from the television networks as well as the written press or the printed press, these gentlemen who write for the newspapers.

How about the government making it possible - only the government can - to have the cameras in this House, Sir from now on? We will have to do something about the lighting. The Premier is, let us say, suffering from the effect of the lights and I confess I am too. We will have to do something about that. But surely with all the photogenic gentlemen on the opposite side, Mr. Speaker, as well as some of my colleagues here, we should do it.

A little more seriously, Mr. Speaker, if you go back into parliamentary history, Sir, there was a time when the press were not allowed in, when Hansard indeed was not allowed in. The name of Hansard comes from a gentleman named Luke Hansard. They used to memorize the debates, Mr. Speaker, as I am sure Your Honour is familiar, memorize the debates, then would

go outside of the House and would write them down and they would be put into type and printed, then published. That was an abuse of the privileges of the House, Sir, one hundred and fifty years ago, but it is now common practice. We allow in the writing press, we allow them to come and report. So we should because, as the honourable gentleman from St. John's South so eloquently said; "this House exists but to serve the people of this Province."

So let us have the television cameras in here, Mr. Speaker, not just on opening day, not just on budget day but let us have them throughout the piece. Let us have them, let us let all the people of Newfoundland hear.

It is not an entirely new precedent in Newfoundland. Sir, the National Convention was broadcast, every word of it was broadcast, not at the actual time the House in those days or the Convention met in the afternoon. I believe it was between six o'clock and nine o'clock in the evening, the "Voice of Newfoundland" carried the National Convention. I have no memories of it. I was six, seven, eight years old at the time, but some of the older members here may have memories of it. I have heard many people speak of it.

So perhaps at the start of the session, Sir, the Premier will doubtless say a few words. He seems to be preparing himself there. Maybe he could make or he may not want to make a commitment, we may need a task force, we may need to study it but perhaps he could undertake, Sir -

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: I am grateful to the Premier for allowing me to carry on, Sir. Yes, we should be. Well, we will see about the Premier's arrogance, Sir. I have as much right to be in this House as he does.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as I was saying before, I wonder if George McLean wrote that interjection for him or not. If so, I wonder if it is in the fisheries vote? No we would not know, but we will find out. We were had last year but we will not be had this year.

Mr. Speaker, let me say a word of congratulations to the honourable gentleman for St. John's South and to the honourable gentleman for Grand Falls.

Both of them made what I quite genuinely thought to be excellent speeches in moving and seconding the motion that a committee be appointed to draft the Address in Reply.

It is not an easy speech to make, Sir. Over the years there have been any number of speeches made by men in that position and traditionally they are given over to praising the government, the wisdom of the speech, which of course is written by the Governor's ministers, the wisdom of the administration which brought in these measures, dreamed them up, which proposes to carry them through, many speeches have been made along that line, Mr. Speaker. It is a difficult thing to follow but I think the gentleman in St. John's South in particular, Mr. Speaker, showed a great ingenuity in finding new ways to praise the government. I am sure in the years to come his speech today will be taken as a model of how to praise a government, to lavish praise, to lavish affection and so forth.

Now, Sir, traditionally the honour of moving this motion is given to a backbencher with a future, a promising young man. I predict great things for the gentleman from St. John's South. He may even be in the cabinet, Sir. It may be as an afterthought, Mr. Speaker, because Restructuring Mark (1) did not include him and Restructuring Mark (2) did. I hope it leads to his promotion and I may say the same, quite genuinely, for the gentleman from Grand Falls. In his case, Sir, it would be an unstructuring as opposed to a restructuring. I do hope before very much longer that he will once again take his seat around the large round table. I suppose it is still a round table in the cabinet room. I think the people of his constituency expect it and I think he has reason to expect it.

Now, Sir, we turn to the Throne Speech itself. I do so more in sorrow than in anger. There are a lot of words in it, Mr. Speaker. I have not counted them. It is fourteen or fifteen pages. It took His Honour, the Chief Justice of the Province, forty-five minutes to read it. I do not know if it is the longest Throne Speech we have ever had in Newfoundland, it probably is not but it is one of the longest. There was a lot of talk in it, Mr. Speaker.

For the next week or two or three we will hear the honourable gentlemen opposite tell us time and time again how much is in it, how well thought out it was, how we are planning and planning. Sir, that is all it is; it is talk and no action. That is becoming the theme of this administration, Sir, talk and talk and more talk.

It was Winston Churchill I think who once said, I believe he was speaking to the League of Nations at the time, that jaw, jaw, jaw is better than war, war, war. Well, Sir, in the case of this administration they seem to believe that talk, talk, talk is a substitute for action, action action. Well it is not, Sir. It is not, never has been and never will be.

I will be quite candid, Mr. Speaker, and say that there is a molecule of good proposals in this speech and I have no hesitation in admitting it. Furthermore, my colleagues and I, Sir, will have no hesitation whatsoever in voting for any such measures. I am pleased to see the conflict of interest legislation is going to see the light of day. I welcome it. I do hope it is meaningful; has teeth in it. I do hope it includes disclosure. If the President of the United States, Mr. Speaker, can disclose his assets when seeking election from the people, if the candidates for election to the Presidency of the United States can, if candidates for election to municipal office in the City of Toronto can disclose their assets, if members of the administration in the Province of Ontario can disclose their assets, then let at least the administration of this province do it; if not, all the members of the House, Sir. To those

who say it is an invasion of privacy my reply is: one does not have to be in politics. One goes to the citizens of a district, of a constituency and asks to be elected. I think conflict of interest legislation which does not have in it disclosure provisions; I mean a man's net worth, Sir, so that the people can measure and let them see whether a man has gotten wealthy in office - there is nothing wrong with that, provided he does it honestly and honourably.

I for one would be quite willing to do it. I would say that if this administration do not bring in legislation to this effect, if it do not, then, Sir, it will have failed. The ministers will have failed the people of this province, they will have misled them, they will have brought in legislation which is a sham. It maybe better than nothing which is practically what we have now but, Sir, it will not do the job.

While I am on it, Sir, may I say that I am disturbed by the reference to redistribution. I am not disturbed by the fact that there is going to be a redistribution; there should be. The last one was in 1962. That was based on the 1961 census, more or less. I was not in the government, I was not in the House, I do not know how it was done but I can imagine. I have a good imagination. We now have the 1971 census, Mr. Speaker, it should be the basis. The population changes of my friend from Labrador South, who is seeing his first official opening of the House, it is not his first day in the House, represents I believe about 2,200 electors. About 2,198 of whom voted, as I recall it, and only 132 for the gentleman opposite, about 2,000 for the people on this side between us, more for my friend than for the gentleman who stood for my Party.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: That is true. That is true. We did not have Harry Hibbs, Mr. Speaker. The honourable gentleman can count, so can we. Want to try it again? Want to try it again? Want to try a general election today? Try a general election today? Another member going to resign today? Another general election?

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: Obviously, Mr. Speaker, the Premier has no faith at all that he would win an election. Last time we were here, Sir, a member resigned in, shall we say, mysterious circumstances.

AN HON. MEMBER: Any opposition is better than no opposition.

MR. ROBERTS: That is true, Sir, and any government is better than no government which is what we have now - government by absentee premiers.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I was saying about redistribution, I note with concern that the earlier references to an independent commission have disappeared. I hope that this is not a firm policy. I hope that the government are not going to do it in the traditional way. I hope they will do it in the way that is becoming standard throughout Canada, an independent commission.

No, and there may be some Collins finagling but Mr. Speaker, are we going to have redistribution by Mr. Harvey Cole? A gentleman who one day was leader of an unsuccessful campaign and the next day become chief electoral officer for this province?

I am not going to be hypocritical enough to say I am against patronage. No, for shame! For shame! I have no hesitation at all in saying that any government in this world, Sir, will practice patronage and Her Majesty's present ministers, I submit, are not above that.

We will have a look this session at some of the equipment that is being rented around the province. We will have a look at some other interesting little things, which may or may not be welcome to the administration.

Sir, I do hope for the redistribution, under which the people of Newfoundland will elect the next House of Assembly - since the Premier has no wish for an election now, since he does not feel that he and his Party would be returned.

The redistribution, Mr. Speaker, should be carried out by an independent commission. It has been done in other provinces. An earlier Speech from the Throne of this administration promised it. This Speech from the Throne does not unpromise it, it just merely notes there will be redistribution.

I do hope the Premier, when he speaks, Sir, will say a few words and perhaps reassure the people of Newfoundland on that point. There should be changes in the seats, Sir. The inequities are very great, 2,200 in Labrador South and I think it is twelve or fourteen thousand in St. John's East Extern and probably as large in St. John's North. St. John's South I believe is a very large seat. There should be redistribution and I am glad the government are going to take into account the geographic features of this province. This I think my honourable friend from Labrador South will agree with, that it is as hard to represent 2,200 people living from L'Anse au Clair to Rigolet, about four hundred miles of pretty rugged coastline, most of it accessible only by skidoo or by boat or by aircraft, that is as difficult, Sir, as to represent more people than that in St. John's South or in St. John's East Extern or in one of the urban districts.

Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to go into the Speech in detail. We will have a number of opportunities in the next little while. I gather the House is now going to adjourn for ten or twelve days while the Premier and three or four of his colleagues go on a lark overseas. I only wish we were going with them; let us be candid. My friend from Labrador North has just come back from buying his ship but it is not named after him, it is named after his daughter, a very charming girl.

We will have a chance to debate the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Speaker, and it will be debated at length. Last year we kept relatively quiet in the House. Sir, as I said then, the government won a mandate from the people. They asked the people of Newfoundland and Labrador to give them a chance and they were given that chance, quite overwhelmingly, unmistakably, quite clearly. So my colleagues and I took the position that we too would give them a chance, as best we could, in our humble way, and we did sit back. I can tell your Honour how many lights there are in the ceiling here, how many folds there are in the curtain - loads of opportunities to study them last year, Sir.

Well they have had the chance. What have they done? The people of Newfoundland gave an answer on October 30, the first election, Mr. Speaker, since 1966, (in which my Party ended up with more seats after the election than they had when they started). The people of Newfoundland were concerned with so-called provincial issues, a distinction I do not accept because people vote for whatever motivates them. I think that was one message for the administration, one message. I know the people in my own area, I know how they felt, and I have travelled in other parts of the province.

Sir, all this government have done is talk and talk and talk and they have become arrogant. You cannot reach them, Sir. I hear this from all over the province. Maybe I am only hearing from the people who cannot get through to them. My colleagues have had the same experience, Sir. This government are getting the name of being inaccessible, untouchable, the unreachables. They will not answer their letters. The mayor of one of our largest communities was telling me a number of days ago, when I had a meal with him, that he wrote the Minister of Municipal Affairs in June and has not even had an acknowledgement yet. If the honourable gentleman would like to see me privately outside, I would be delighted to give him the name of the community, the name of the mayor.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS. It might be very difficult for the honourable gentleman to find anything, but when he cannot answer a communication from the mayor of one of our largest communities - arrogant and unreachable. I do not know if they could do what that community wanted, that may or may not be, but in common courtesy they could answer a letter or a phone call - hundreds of examples of that.

Then we have had the abuses of office. I am not going to go into them. They are relatively insignificant, Sir. Cabins on the Gander River and free cars and renting apartments to themselves, those are not important in themselves, Sir, not at all important. We will discuss the honourable

gentleman. We will be coming to St. Anthony in due course, and the saga of Babb Construction. We are going to have quite a little chat about that - maybe a royal commission, Mr. Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, the honourable gentleman will have his opportunity to speak in this debate or in any other and I shall listen to him with interest. Maybe we should have a royal commission on St. Anthony. The honourable gentleman promised, the honourable gentleman told a delegation that there was a contract. We will go into that, Sir. He had his own Premier pull the rug out from under him.

AN HON. MEMBER: With pleasure.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, anything the honourable member does is with pleasure. I will say one thing for the honourable gentleman, he certainly knows how to keep on.

Mr. Speaker, arrogance in government is not something with which I am entirely unfamiliar. I do not mind admitting it. I do not mind at all. It took us twenty years to get as arrogant as this crowd have become in one year. Look at them laugh. Look at them laugh. Let them laugh. He is back, glad to see him. We have not heard from him for months.

MR. A. EVANS: You will.

MR. ROBERTS: I can believe that. As long as George can write it, Al can read it.

Mr. Speaker, this government have not met the major issue facing this province and there is only one issue, call it what you want, call it jobs, development or call it unemployment or call it what you wish, they have not met it. They have not. What have they done? We have got a pork barrell in the Rural Development Authority and we are going to go into that in some detail. A real give-away programme, Sir, it is up to what? \$1.5 million - \$2 million now and still going, still going. We have a Minister of Social Assistance who is very social and needs assistance.

I was looking, just last night, at my mail, Sir, and I warn the honourable gentlemen I now have, I guess we all have the report from Malawi, of the conference, where the honourable gentleman who used to think that going across to Bell Island was going overseas, was in Malawi representing us. I am glad. I am very pleased and happy, all of us are. All over the province people have said that they slept easier at night knowing that the honourable gentleman was in Malawi. Mind you, they are unhappy that he came back.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to go into this question of the Rural Development Authority at some length. We are going to have a look at a number of other things too, Sir. I would like to have a look at this famous restructuring too, Sir, the most important event and I think I am quoting, "the most important event in Newfoundland since Confederation." We have more new jobs, more executive assistants, more ministers. We are now up to nineteen, one more to come, at least one more to come or maybe two, and we have four deputy ministers on full salary, doing nothing. Now if these men were competent to do their jobs then let them do their jobs and get the salaries. If they are not competent, why are they being paid full salary to do nothing?

Mr. Speaker, we have unemployment that is higher than ever before. The December figures are down from December the year before. The statistics Canada figures show that in 1968 the actual rate of unemployment in Newfoundland, on an annual average, was nine point seven. I will send the Premier a copy, he does not need to write it down. Ten point three per cent in 1969 and ten point eight per cent in 1970, eleven point four per cent. All the Liberal years, Sir, it could be said, all of them Liberal years. Twelve point one per cent in 1972, Sir. We are on the way now. True the labour force increases. Sure it does and so it should.

Last year, Mr. Speaker, we gave them a chance but now the time has come. Let them show some action this year. We are going to be asking some questions and pressing on a few issues, Sir. We would like to talk a little more about our old friend in Burgeo. We would like to know if he is making any money. We would like to know what it cost the government

this year. What about management and the curious arrangement that was entered into with the management? What of the sales? What happened to the statement that the Premier made that there were three people bidding for the plant? It was going to be sold.

I would like to hear a statement on the Bonavista strike, Sir. The present ministry attacked us when we the ministers, for not doing anything on the Burgeo strike. Maybe they were right, maybe they were wrong. We have had a strike in Bonavista now for months and months and months. Is this going to be another Burgeo? Are the governments going to end up having to buy that plant? What action is being taken? The honourable Minister of Labour, I think, as he then was, I think I have that the gentleman from St. Barbe South announced that it was going to be settled. I think I am quoting correctly. I am not? Then I will check Information Newfoundland. We have them all on file. It was not settled.

What about DREE, Mr. Speaker? What about it? The honourable gentleman from Grand Falls, when he was invited to leave the cabinet said that one of the reasons he was invited to leave was that he wanted an agreement and the government was not going along with it. Now we hear that they are rushing frantically. The Premier is off to Ottawa tomorrow, to save the day. Where is the agreement? How much was not done last year of the programme which was authorized and agreed to by the Government of Canada? How many millions? My friend, the House leader, the gentleman from White Bay South, negotiated two agreements for \$130 millions. That is the mark. Let us seal all the talks of sectoral analysis and so forth and produce. That is what counts, Mr. Speaker, the results. Planning is fine, planning is very useful, planning is very nice but planning does not get anywhere with

MR. ROBERTS: the Mental Hospital or for the hospital in Bonavista, if there is to be one, the honourable gentleman, the Minister of Health, announced that he was taking it up with the cabinet. We have not heard the announcement yet. The honourable gentleman announced that he was taking it up with the cabinet, a recommendation to cabinet. That is what I said. I said we have heard no announcement yet about the hospital in Bonavista. We are interested and so is the honourable gentleman from Bonavista South. Of course he is interested and so he should be. The gentleman from Trinity North is interested as well, and so he should be.

What about the Lower Churchill, Sir? Will the Minister of Finance tell us about the equalization change he accepted? Will the honourable gentleman tell us the story? He accepted the change and it cost us \$20 million or it would have cost us \$20 million a year. Mr. Jamieson managed to get it straightened out. The present government accepted the change in the equalization formula. I do not think they knew and to be honest I do not think Ottawa knew. It would have cost us, I understand from my private sources, \$15 million to \$20 million a year.

MR. CROSBIE: You will know all about it.

MR. ROBERTS: I hope to in due course.

MR. CROSBIE: You knew all about it two years ago.

MR. ROBERTS: I should have known about it in the 1967 act when the honourable gentleman was in the cabinet and I was not.

MR. CROSBIE: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: Right. Certainly I should have. Now the premier has two parliamentary assistants and he knows twice as much.

What about the fiscal agents, Sir? Our old friend Burns Brothers of Denton? I have been reading my St. Andrew's College Old Boys Year Book recently. It is very interesting, very interesting.

Then finally, Sir, what about Stephenville? There was a mysterious reference in the speech from the throne. It was going to start on the 25th. of January. I do not believe it has yet. If it has not, to quote the

Mr. Speaker, I am not the least bit concerned about the Minister of Provincial Affairs; it is when he is concerned about me that I am worried.

So there it is, Sir. I think the evidence of these few minutes of talk today shows that it is going to be a very interesting session. I think it is going to be a little livelier than last year or more livelier - "more lively" I guess is grammatically correct.

It is going to be much less one-sided. There are only eight of us here - only eight. I do not think we are going to win any votes, Sir. It is not like Ottawa where every vote is a cliff-hanger. There are only eight of us and thirty-two or thirty-three; less Your Honour who, of course, does not vote as a rule anyway. Thirty-two do outvote eight every time, so we do not expect to win any votes. We will not be very disappointed about that, Sir. We accept the results of the election and we look forward to the next one. But we are enough, Sir.

Last year when I stood here, after the March election, I used a phrase from "Henry V", by Shakespeare. It is one from one of the king's speeches: "We few, we hearty few, we bonded brothers."

There is another phrase in there which is quite appropriate, Mr. Speaker: "Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more."

This government, Sir, were elected to do a job for the people of Newfoundland. They have not done it; now let them get on with it. We are here to make sure that they do.

Thank you!

HONOURABLE F. D. MOORES (PREMIER): Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to welcome those gentlemen from Church and State who are here today. On behalf of the Government of the Province and I assure the House, we welcome you here, Sir, for the official opening on this occasion and also any other time that you deem fit to come into what would seem to be livelier entertainments, at least during the week days and on the weekends.

I would like to thank the mover and seconder for their magnificent speech in supporting the Speech From The Throne that probably has not met with the concurrence of the opposition, which could be understood. Before making a few comments on that, Sir, I would like to also at this time welcome particularly the Member for Labrador South. It was not done in the appropriate manner on the last opening of this House. The Member for Labrador South has a unique responsibility. He has a responsibility for an area of this province which basically I think can be said to be the most neglected, the area with the least communication with the rest of the province, a responsibility that is unique in the uniqueness of the area. I can only say to you, Sir, that this government will be as sympathetic as we can, we will be as reasonable as we can and we hope that we come up with solutions and not just to the problems that we know already exist.

Like my colleague, the honourable Leader of the Opposition, when he talked about these particular morning suits that are in such array today, I do not know about himself, he probably has not reached the stage yet but each year I find mine more difficult to get into and I think before I grow out of it, we should do away with the custom. Before anything is said on the other side, it is nice to see at last that in two particular areas they are both uniformed and uninformed. George did not have anything to do with that one, you did.

You know, there is a funny thing about the Leader of the Opposition; he talks about myself as arrogant. Maybe I have assumed some arrogance. If I have, Mr. Speaker, I apologize. That is more than I have heard in twenty three years. I can assure you one thing, Mr. Speaker, that arrogance is a reason that has himself and seven others where they are today.

Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition made a few inquiries which I am only too glad to reply to. One is the open televising or recording of the happenings of the House of Assembly. The written press has always had this ability and authority. For myself, I would be glad to see it.

It has been tried in other areas. The problem is that the public ratings go down very rapidly, I understand. Alberta tried it and they got down to one session a day and then they could not find anyone to sponsor it. Maybe we could do better here in that maybe politics are more important. Certainly it is something that we could try, and gladly do it.

Personalities being brought in - I suppose we could all do that. I suppose, in the heat of politics, we always will. It is not something, Mr. Speaker, that really is relevant, but I hope we can stay away from it as much as possible. As I say, in the heat of debate, I suppose it is bound to happen.

Redistribution: That was mentioned by the Leader of the Opposition. I can assure him that there will be a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, non-politically identifiable group.

MR ROBERTS: It is going to be political but nonpartisan?

MR MOORES: Well, political and nonpartisan if you like. In that case we will appoint our politicians.

The full story on George McLean: I cannot say the full George McLean but the full story on George McLean will be tabled in this House, for those that are interested.

The hon. Leader of the Opposition also mentioned that this government were all talk, Mr. Speaker, and no action. You know it is a funny thing that we in this province cannot get used to the fact that we have lived on announcements for so long and will not appreciate facts unless they are announced.

Whether the Leader of the Opposition or the opposition like it or not, it is a fact that this has been the best year economically in our history. There are a few facts that will illustrate that, but I will not go into too many. The gross value of manufactured shipments from this province, this year, is up 9.5 per cent. The retail trade in the province is up 15.1 per cent. The gross provincial product is up 11 per cent, the gross per capita provincial product is up 9 per cent and personal income amongst our people is up 11.5 per cent. The income per person in Newfoundland is up 9.4 per cent. One of the normal barometers used for judging the economy (in this case, it cannot be) is the sale of new cars; because, Mr. Speaker, this year there were 45.2 per cent more cars sold than there were last year. The economy this year was good in our province. It will be better in 1974. Irrespective of the honourable gentleman's comments about unemployment being higher for the year, the fact is that in the last month, December, it was just under two per cent below last year.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, on the previous record that the Rural Development Authority, which has just been commenced, has in fact established now, with the latest approvals, over one thousand jobs in less than six months and at a less cost of \$1.5 million.

The resource industries in this province have been supported this past year. In forestry more has been done than ever before, particularly regarding sawmill operations, helping sawmill operators with access roads and helping those people who are prepared and are doing - they are the people who are helping themselves.

In fisheries, more boats have been built than ever before and new planning is going on. To hear criticism of a forty million dollar plan for the fishery - it is not just for trawlers, Mr. Speaker, it is for multi-purpose boats. It is for all those fishermen who want to go and modernize and do the job - to hear criticism of that is in itself a criticism of the fishery. It may be that the opposition think it is good policy to do nothing in the fishery; they certainly showed that image for twenty-three years.

Mr. Speaker, the off-shore efforts in Newfoundland today, for oil, for the development of oil and gas in the off-shore area, is critical to the future of this province. We have, together with the other

four Atlantic Provinces and together with Ottawa tried to come up with a set of regulations and a set of principles that would be the most meaningful for our province. We in Newfoundland are in a unique position in that we did not join Canada until 1949 and at that time we were a British Colony. Now this, Mr. Speaker, means that the Continental Shelf that we claim as Newfoundland's we do have a special vested interest compared to possibly some other provinces of this country. We intend, if necessary, to go to whatever extreme we must to make sure that the goods and the benefits that can be derived from the Continental Shelf will be for the benefit of the people of this province. The Minister of Mines and Energy and the Minister of Industrial Development are working and working hard and working well together with their federal counterparts to ensure that just that is done.

In the form of social assistance we talk about putting some incentive in with people on the social assistance programmes. This year 500 families were taken off short-term social assistance because jobs were found for the wage earners in those families. Mr. Speaker, this is what we are trying to do, create employment and create incentive and this is what we will do. The health facilities in the province, hospital construction and the new letting of tenders for hospitals were never more forceful nor never more meaningful than this year and the education field the same thing with lesser results.

In the university we are making plans to come up with the engineering school, with other buildings at the university that are required but I and this government are not satisfied that in education the total environment is being adequately looked after. There is more needs to be done in elementary education and there is a great deal more needs to be done in secondary education.

Today we heard the hon. Leader of the Opposition talk about the futility, and he has had several quotes on the subject as well, about the restructuring, Mr. Speaker. The quote was, as I read it, that two students

could have done the same job in a weekend.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: No, it was from one of the papers. It was to the effect that very few people could have done it in a very short while with the same effect.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, that is true.

MR. MOORES: Mr. Speaker, the senior civil servants in this building, senior civil servants working for the Liberal Government in Ottawa, senior civil servants in three provinces in Canada worked on that document for two months and then we have good old quicky coming in and saying, "I could have done it with two university students in a weekend." I admire the hon. Leader of the Opposition's acumen. Sir, his ability is only outdone by his verbosity.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that is the way the Leader of the Opposition would have approached it but the fact is that restructuring is an important -

MR. ROBERTS: Certainly a way to look after the boys.

MR. MOORES: No, it is not a way to look after the boys. We have had twenty-three years of the boys being looked after.

MR. ROBERTS: Now we are in for another three.

MR. MOORES: No, we are not in for another three at all. What we are doing Mr. Speaker, whether the Leader of the Opposition likes it or not and he probably does not, is the fact that we are restructuring government to put emphasis in our society where it needs to be placed.

This opposition talks about a do-nothing year. The opposition itself has been non-constructive. Have we heard anything about offshore oil or what you suggest you would do? Have we heard anything about the major issues of forestry? Have you put in propositions to the task force of the Federal-Provincial planning committees on what you would like to see or

what your advisers would like to see? No.

MR. ROBERTS: Have you ever heard that the duty of the opposition is to oppose?

MR. MOORES: To oppose.

MR. ROBERTS: O-p-p-o-s-e.

MR. MOORES: That is right and not to say anything constructive and that is even more obvious than the opposition.

Mr. Speaker, we have and will stress the people's welfare in this province and not just announcements as we have had nor wanderings like we have had. The Throne Speech today basically says that we will have the normal expansion of services, but that will not be the thrust of government this year. The emphasis will be on resource development, the emphasis will be on employment because it is only through full employment, Sir, will we show the way to pay for the services that we will require in the future. The social assistance programmes will be based on incentives whereby people are allowed to escape from the yoke of welfare which is now the case and be allowed to find their way gradually and with incentive back into the work field. Regional colleges will be announced. Housing which is much more critical than I think any of us really had realized is of major importance to us this year. Increased effort on rural development, more effort on the development of the deep water and

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other ports which is probably one of our best assets. There is increased effort going into our field of energy and this includes both the offshore development and hydro, that is the Lower Churchill and possibly others and what industries these can attract. This has to be done.

We must put emphasis on tourism because it is becoming an increasing factor every year. This year we had thirty-six per cent more tourists in the province than we had last year.

Fisheries, agriculture, forestry, mining, all these things, Mr. Speaker, that are tied to our way of life, all these things that are important to the people of our province, these are the things that we will emphasize this year. There will be major industrial developments but they will not be at the cost of rural development. It is rural Newfoundland that we use as a backbone in industrial developments that we can have, that are specialized and restricted to certain areas.

We will announce, Mr. Speaker, facts when they are facts, not before. When announcements are made, they will be meaningful. There are several major announcements that I hope we will be able to make this year but when they are they will, as I said, be definite.

Next week we will be going to the United Kingdom and not to the ship launching because that would not have been reason enough in itself. We are going over to see British financiers regarding certain developments that have come up in the province. By the way, even though the ship, fortunately, unfortunately or whatever, is named after me, it is being launched by one of my lovely daughters in this particular case. As somebody probably knows the last ship that was launched for this particular purpose was "The Joseph R. Smallwood." This one is "The Frank D. Moores." As one wag said, "if they ever met each other in the fog, which one will be coming out and which one will be coming in?"

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: It depends if Mr. Smallwood is going out or whether he is coming back.

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Mr. Speaker, we intend this year to account to the people of the province and this House. We will lay plans for the future as we see them, for all to see. We will have other sessions this year to keep the people continuously informed.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: Whichever happens to be most appropriate for yourself.

MR. ROBERTS: Take three or four months off and then come back?

MR. MOORES: Yes.

Mr. Speaker, the opposition, we heard this today, we heard what they had to say about a throne speech, about where the province is going, what they intend to do. As you know it is an amazing thing because it is a good thing that we have freedom of speech in this province or otherwise I do not know if the Leader of the Opposition would be permitted to talk such nonsense as he did today. When talking about the opposition I would like to really and sincerely try to ask them to be responsible, to try to do the thing that they do best and to try to pull themselves together over there. We would like to hear, for instance, the press and others stop talking about the leadership crisis and the opposition for a change. They had a go at us for a while and now it is the opposition. You get these reliable rumours of leadership -

MR. ROBERTS: We know where the action is.

MR. MOORES: Not going for the image. It is amazing that there could be so many splits amongst so few people. It is an absolutely, unbelievable situation.

MR. MURPHY: I think you should leave well enough alone.

MR. MOORES: Because we are an open-minded government and they are a vacant-minded opposition this, Sir, is not our problem. It is their problem.

It is an amazing thing but they are being more ineffective in opposition than in government. We hope it improves this session as I am sure it will.

The performance to date leaves something to be desired.

Mr. Speaker, we can take jabs at each other, we can talk about major accomplishments but really what the opposition is talking about, I believe, and what we are talking about, as individuals and collectively, as opposition or government, is really what we can accomplish for our province and for our people. The opposition may have one view and we may have another but only time will tell which is wrong and which can accomplish the most. We know, after twenty-three years, what was accomplished. I think it is very unfair, after one year, to say we have not accomplished much. I think we have accomplished a great deal. We will accomplish a great deal more.

Mr. Speaker, as was mentioned by the member for St John's South, there is one thing that has been accomplished this year that had never been done before and that is a feeling of democracy in our province, this Island of Newfoundland and the Mainland of Labrador, of freedom of speech, of freedom of people, where they are not afraid to criticize the government, where they are not afraid to criticize anything nor anybody. There is a freedom in this country, and that is something that was not here before, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there is a type of humility you get in a case like this when we are talking about something like building the province, where we are talking about something like building it together, and you get the rear end, of you know what, speaking up once again. Mr. Speaker, the least we can do in this House is to have respect for what we are and not condemn each other for what we are not. That, unfortunately, will not be the case as long as personalities prevail.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that we in this province can, as a people and as a government and as an opposition, do the job that we all have to do, respectively, do it with dignity, do it well. That is our obligation, Mr. Speaker, and that obligation we will fulfill.

MR SPEAKER: It has been moved and seconded that a select committee be appointed to draft an Address in Reply to the Gracious Speech from the Throne. Those in favour "aye" , those against "nay", carried:

The committee shall consist of the hon. Member for St John's South, the hon. Member for Grand Falls and the hon. Member for Bonavista North.

MR MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I do move that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, February 12, 1973, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and that this House do now adjourn.

MR SPEAKER: The motion is that the House do now adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, February 12, 1973, at three of the clock.

MR ROBERTS: It is not a debatable motion so, of course, I shall not debate it but would the house leader for the government indicate what is the plan. The Premier has sort of thrown in a new twist to this on and off business. Could the house leader outline, in a general way, what the government envisage for the session? Are we going to have the throne speech and adjourn - what are we going to do?

MR MARSHALL: M r. Speaker, as the honourable Leader of the Opposition has indicated, it is not a debatable motion, but the throne speech contains such meat and such great works of art in it and so much activity for the government, we are quite sure, by the way the opposition has reacted in the past, that it is going to take them a little while to study it. So we are going to move until Monday week, at which time we hope to be entertained with some very constructive debate.

MR SPEAKER: Order please. The motion to adjourn is not to be debated. I have put the motion. All those in favour "aye", those against "nay".

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Nay.

MR SPEAKER In my opinion the "ayes" have it.

I do now leave the Chair until three of the clock, tomorrow, Monday, February 12, 1973.

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