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The House of Assembly met at 3:00 P.M., pursuant to adjournment,
the Speaker in the Chair:

The House being assembled, His Honour the Administrator arrived
in the Chamber and ascended the Throne:

HON. PREMIER F.D. MOCRES: May it please Your Honour, the House of
Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour's command, have proceeded to the
choice of a Speaker and have elected Maxwell James Russell, Esquire,
Member for the District of Lewisport, to that office and by their
direction I present him for the approbation of Your Honour.

HIS HONOUR, THE HONOURABLE ROBERT STAFFORD FURLONG, M.B.E., ADMINISTRATOR

On behalf of Her Majesty I assure you of my sense of your
efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as the Speaker.

MR SPEAKER: Your Honour, having approved of the choice of this House
in constituting me its Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of
the representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of
this Province, to pray respectfully of Your Honour their accustomed
rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom from
arrest during their attendance in Parliament and that I, as Speaker,
may have full access to Your Honour's presence at all reasonable times,
and that they have confirmed to them all their ancient rights and
privileges which have been confirmed to them by Your Honour's
predecessors.

HIS HONOUR, THE HONOURABLE R.S. FURLONG, M.B.E.

On behalf of Her Majesty, I do confirm this House in the enjoyment
of all its ancient and undoubted rights and privileges.

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to open the Session
with a Speech from the Throne, as follows:

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

I welcome you to the First Session of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Exactly seven weeks ago, the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly opened with a lengthy and comprehensive programme for provincial, social and economic development.

Events subsequent to the Opening of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly, however, necessitated the seeking of a clearer mandate from the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and this has been accomplished.

My Government today is still totally dedicated to fulfilling the commitments and to carrying out the development programmes proposed during the Opening of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly. In the intervening weeks, my Government has considered these important matters and has already made substantial progress in activating many programmes of vital importance to the planned growth and development of the Province.

My Government is keenly aware of the enormous responsibility that has been placed upon it and it has been honoured with the confidence and trust of the electorate of the Province to initiate the type of immediate and long-term planning that is so desperately needed for the effective management of our Province's affairs.

The orderly development of Newfoundland and Labrador can only be achieved by our people under the leadership of progressive government. Development programmes are carried out in social and economic conditions and settings which are peculiar to this Province, and upon which their success or failure largely depends. It is my Government's responsibility to ensure that our social and economic setting is, indeed, the proper environment within which well planned development programmes can launch our Province into unprecedented prosperity for our people.

As development takes place, our lives will be affected by change; change that is inevitable. It is up to all of us to determine whether or not this change occurs through capitalizing on our assets and moving ahead or through apathy and indifference and falling further behind. The challenge before us is to seize the opportunity for a change that, by design and through effective planning, is constructive to the growth and prosperity of this province and its people.

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

My Government desires change that will improve our quality of life in general while at the same time protecting our environment from deterioration. My Government is convinced that industrial development can take place without polluting our existing environment of clean air, water and landscape.

My Government firmly believes that the people of this Province are eager to

accept the challenge of change but will, with equal vigour, defend our life style as a treasured heritage unique within the family of Provinces that make up our great nation.

The policies and programmes outlined in the Speech from the Throne at the Opening of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly will be followed through with the vigour and determination that our people expect from my Government. Emphasis will continue to be placed on a progressive yet realistic policy of job-creating through natural resource development.

My Government will, through sound incentive and educational programmes, encourage all our people to develop their full capabilities in preparation for the social and economic development programmes which are required by this Province. My Government will create a favourable working and leisure time atmosphere for the anticipated expansion in Province-wide social and economic opportunities for all our people. Our natural resource development policies will encourage the effective and profitable development of our vast natural resources while, at the same time, protecting the Province's aesthetic natural values and unexcelled environmental qualities. My Government is determined that the timing and impact of our large and expanding public expenditures will be effectively planned and co-ordinated to fulfill, in an orderly way, the basic needs of our people.

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

My Government is determined that the private business life of our Province, both large and small, will be encouraged to expand and that the contribution made by private business to the Provincial economy will be continuously assessed in concert with appropriate Provincial policies and Government incentive programmes. My Government will also ensure that policies are formulated to encourage a rational expansion of the private sector into a wide range of profitable job-creating activities.

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

My Government is dedicated and committed to providing adequate health and dental services for all of our people. The views expressed on this important subject during the Opening of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly are still valid and need not be repeated at this time. To the best of my Government's ability, the most important matters affecting the mental, physical and dental health needs of our people will be attended to on a well planned basis.

My Government is also aware of the many problems which require attention in respect of our handicapped and otherwise less fortunate and institutionalized people. We are convinced that their real needs must be determined earlier and in more detail so that effective remedial action can be undertaken. We are very determined that our people must, on a realistic basis, be assured of adequate services for their peace of mind and their general health.

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

My Government is concerned about the serious problems existing in the educational field. Our educational programmes must provide a sound basic education for our children, they must provide a well balanced programme of further training to prepare our youth for gainful employment, and, combined with adequate incentives and facilities, they must offer retraining opportunities for adults. My Government is dedicated to the concept of adequate educational and training opportunities through a full range of academic levels of achievement but designed to meet the needs for varied skills and the employment opportunities throughout the Province.

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

My Government is concerned about the provision of adequate housing for all citizens and accepts the need for housing as a legitimate demand upon Government resources in seeking satisfactory solutions. Within reasonable bounds, my Government considers adequate housing a right of every Newfoundlander; similar in many respects to the social demands made upon Government for other amenities of life associated with good health, transport and communication facilities. The challenge is accepted and my Government pledges itself to do all within reason and its capability to assist individuals and communities to realize their expectations with respect to housing.

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

My Government feels that, through well defined and realistic social and economic goals and objectives, increased per capita productivity from our work force will follow. If our Province is to move ahead at the desired speed, it can be accomplished only by more work from all our people and at all levels of employment. Convinced that this challenge is already being accepted, my Government realizes that, combined with hard work from a dedicated work force, there is also a need for adequate leisure time opportunities for relaxation and play. Through our Province's parks and other recreational and cultural facilities we plan to provide for such opportunities.

Natural outdoor opportunities for recreation are unexcelled in this Province but an adequate Provincial Park system is also required.

The success of future park development programmes will be dependent upon sound planning. My Government will embark upon a master tourism and outdoor recreation plan for the Province. The first phase of this plan will determine detailed demand estimates to the year 1980 and will provide general forecasts to the end of the century. In addition to this programme, my Government will be working with the Government of Canada and with other provinces in a National Outdoor Recreation Demand Study which will be complementary to the Newfoundland study. These programmes will be the key to charting a course for future park development in this Province.

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

My Government has great expectations for future employment opportunities and revenue from the rational and well planned development of our vast natural resource wealth. Our natural resources are the basic building blocks of our Province's growth upon which we must rely for the social and economic benefits we have a right to expect.

Our forests, our lands, our waters, our fisheries and our minerals, including oil and gas, are ours - to be used wisely for the development of our Province. Together with our human resources, it is my Government's pledge to combine these elements and weld our human and natural resources into a strong cohesive developmental force never before attained in the long history of our great Province.

The main responsibility for assembling data regarding our natural resources rests, of course, primarily and principally upon Government but, in this task, advice will be sought and full advantage taken of appropriate knowledge and information available elsewhere. The process of resource development consists largely of organizing the development and productive exploitation of natural resources in the interests of the whole community, both private and public.

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

My Government is greatly concerned about the need for determining our particular development and social needs and for carrying out the necessary planning to assure long-lasting results. My Government feels that some apparently wasteful and misdirected programmes have been undertaken hitherto as cost-shared activities with the Government of Canada and that much of this problem has resulted from the failure to formulate programmes adequate to fulfill our particular needs. Such misdirected programmes are inevitable if there is inadequate preparation before seeking federal financial assistance.

My Government will insist that, in the future, our priorities will be determined and adequate short and long term plans prepared so that cost-shared programmes, so important to us, are utilized for maximum long term benefits. Various cost-sharing arrangements with the Government of Canada are now being studied and, in order to obtain the maximum possible benefit from these valuable programmes, my Government intends to introduce legislation to establish a Department of Inter-governmental Affairs.

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

The Province's forest resources are not being effectively utilized. We have the potential, and policies must be devised to assure better utilization of our forested land. The creation of an environment which will facilitate the continuing development of our forest industry is of vital concern to my Government, and to all our people. Economic and forest development studies undertaken in the past will be

carefully studied to assess their present application, and where essential information is not available, it will be obtained. The potential of our forest industry in relation to the Province's economy must be determined, as the employment derived from our forests is too low to satisfy my Government.

If our forest industry is to continue to share in the growing world-wide demand for wood in relationship to the available future supplies, a dynamic forest management programme must be developed.

The continued development of Labrador will be closely linked to a continued expansion of our forest products industry. This industry, along with mining and tourism, will provide the major opportunities for future development and employment in the northern two-thirds of our Province.

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

My Government wishes to reiterate its position with regard to the statements made in the Speech from the Throne at the Opening of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly dealing with our valuable marine fishery resources. The importance placed in that Speech from the Throne on these resources is emphasized again and our fishermen are assured of my Government's desire to establish, in full partnership with them, a progressive and meaningful marine fishery development policy and programme.

My Government is concerned about the lack of protection afforded to our fishermen who are endeavouring legitimately to obtain their rightful share of our off-shore fishery resource. My Government is also greatly concerned over the lack of a strong national policy with regard to the ownership of the fishery resources surrounding our Province. My Government upholds the conviction that, within certain traditional and treaty rights with a few nations, this is a resource available for development by Newfoundland and Canadian fishermen who will comply with rules of good management based on knowledge of the availability of the resource consistent with a sustained harvest. It is the view of my Government that if Canadian ownership and control are not soon declared, the resource will be depleted beyond economic limits.

My Government views with alarm the lack of positive and realistic steps on the part of the Government of Canada with respect to preventing the possible over-exploitation of our salmon resource while they are far from our shores during a stage in their life cycle. There is, similarly, a serious situation with regard to the seal harvest policy and regulations proclaiming, without due consideration, that seals are a natural renewable resource that, under management, will provide a sustained harvestable surplus available to our people.

My Government notes with appreciation such groups as the "Save Our Fishery Association (SOFA) ", and various individuals who are also expressing their concern in these matters.

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

My Government has taken steps to ensure that we will derive maximum benefits from the anticipated discovery of oil and gas in our off-shore areas. Legitimate exploration companies will be encouraged to explore these resources and, in this connection, my Government is preparing regulations which will protect both the interests of our Province and those of industry. My Government will further ensure, to the greatest possible extent, that our environment will be protected from pollution as a result of these or any subsequent operations.

My Government has taken steps to assess new ways of encouraging and protecting legitimate exploration for minerals within our Province. In this connection, a study is presently underway setting forth the various choices available to Government to assure that our people will derive maximum benefit from the mining development that is expected to result from an accelerated programme of exploration.

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

My Government is convinced that farming must be encouraged, and steps have been taken to ensure that, on the basis of a sound land use plan, agricultural land will be brought into production where there is a demonstrable need.

My Government is planning an expanded programme of service to our farmers, and, as an example, there will soon be established on the West Coast a Hog Breeding Station, a Veterinary Clinic, a Forage and Soil Testing Laboratory, a Demonstration Farm and increased staff services.

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

My Government feels that tourism, if properly planned, can bring much greater returns through employment opportunities and new income than are presently being realized. To this end, an investigation is being made of our tourist potential with particular emphasis on possible conflicts from the competing use of recreation facilities and wildlife resources between the tourist and the needs of our people.

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

Many factors, other than our great wealth in natural resources, are also essential for sound economic development. They include the availability of capital, a skilled labour force, efficient management, incentives to business, advisory and management training services, realistic development planning, and well-conceived economic and social policies. Weaknesses in any of these factors can impede overall development even if we possess great natural resource wealth.

In the Speech from the Throne at the Opening of the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly, my Government announced its deep interest in establishing the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation. During the intervening weeks, my Ministers, as well as senior officials in various Departments of Government, have been giving this important subject very careful consideration. A draft agreement between

the Government of Canada and my Government is now being carefully studied to determine if it meets our requirements. My Government is most anxious to assist small businesses throughout the Province to develop and expand, and we are therefore most anxious to have the Development Corporation established as quickly as possible. It is now expected that the Corporation's doors will be open for business by late Spring or early Summer in the present year.

It is anticipated that a revolving loan fund will be made available to the Corporation for lending purposes by the Government of Canada. A revolving equity fund will be provided to the Corporation by my Government. All other operating expenses of the Corporation will be shared on an equal contributory basis by the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

My Government is also studying the need for an expanded incentives programme designed to close the gaps now existing under the grants programmes of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion of Canada. In this connection, my Government realizes that many small manufacturing businesses are not large enough to meet the minimum capital cost requirements of the federal grants programme, and as a result, my Government is seriously assessing the need for and the means of providing a Provincial Special Grants Programme for these small operations which are so important to the overall development of our Province.

To round out the whole programme of capital required for development, my Government is also planning the incorporation of the existing small loan schemes into an expanded financial assistance programme for those people who are interested in or presently engaged in businesses using our natural resources. This plan will be designed to assist, for example, fishermen, saw-millers and farmers in establishing well-conceived programmes that will contribute to the development of our Province and generate employment opportunities.

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

The development of our Province's natural and human resources must be supported by an effective and efficient Government administrative structure. To achieve this objective, my Government has recently appointed a special committee known as "The Committee on Government Administration and Productivity".

This Committee has been instructed to enquire into all matters relating to the administration and management of the day-to-day functions of Government with a view to recommending such improvements as may appear necessary and advisable in the organizational structure of the existing public service in order to increase the standards of efficiency in Government administration. The enquiry will include such matters as the organization and responsibilities of Government departments, and the organization and responsibilities of Boards, Commissions and Corporations with respect to their role in relation to Government productivity. There will be an assess-

ment of the organization and responsibilities of staff in the public service at the top management level and an investigation into the utilization of and the requirements for office space and other facilities. The committee is to make its recommendations known to my Government within a few months.

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

It is the intention of my Government to establish an independent commission whose responsibility it will be to examine closely the present system of regional representation in the Honourable House. Population shifts, as well as improvements in transportation and communication facilities, may have resulted in certain inequities in our present electoral boundaries. This permanent commission will report at regular intervals to Government and will make recommendations consistent with a just and equitable system of representation.

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

For some time past, many serious minded people in our Province have expressed concern over the possibility that conflicts of interests involving Members of the Honourable House might be detrimental to the public interest. To eliminate any such possibility, my Government will introduce legislation to correct any possible inconsistencies with regard to the proper conduct of the business of Government.

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

In the Speech from the Throne delivered at the Thirty-Fifth General Assembly of this Honourable House, my Government declared its intention of establishing a series of Advisory Councils and Committees to assist and advise Government in its extensive plan for provincial development. These advisory groups will not only serve to involve more of our people in the decision making process but will also permit my Government to draw on a great, and never before utilized, source of expertise. I am pleased to report to this Honourable House that this important programme is already in progress and has resulted, so far, in the establishment of such committees as the committee on land tenure and forestry, the committee on off-shore mineral regulations, the committee reviewing the provincial mineral concession system and the committee to study the functions of Government as previously described by me. Other such groups are being established and a great supply of valuable information and recommendations will soon be available to my Government from these groups.

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

My Government will request the setting up of various internal committees composed of Members on both sides of this Honourable House including a public accounts committee, a committee to reform the rules of this Honourable House, a committee to study the salary and pension system presently in effect, a committee to study the

merit of establishing a group of standing committees as is the practice in many other Legislative Assemblies and other such committees as may be required for the efficient operation of this Honourable House.

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

It is the intention of my Government to bring before this Honourable House the appropriate legislation to ratify an agreement between my Government and the principals of the Stephenville Linerboard Complex. My Government is concerned that there shall be no delay in bringing this project, and the employment opportunities it will generate, into operation as soon as possible.

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

With the challenge of change leading to greater prosperity, my Government invites our people to become involved in the building of this Province. My Government seeks your full and loyal co-operation, not through demanding the impossible, but by working together for what we can accomplish with what we have on which to build. All Newfoundlanders worthy of the name could not ask for a more sensible request or a more exciting challenge. With a clear understanding of our present position, and a dedication to the progress which we must make, we can look forward to the future with hope and confidence.

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. W. W. MARSHALL (Minister without Portfolio) Mr. Speaker I ask leave to introduce a Bill, "An Act To Amend The Statute Law."

On motion, a Bill, "An Act To Amend The Statute Law," read a first time, ordered read a second time on tomorrow.

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

MR. C. R. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, in August, 1837, a group of people considering themselves to be reformers, set forth in their declaration a definition of government:

"Government," (they said)," is founded on the authority of and is instituted for the benefit of a people; When therefore, any government long and systematically ceases to answer the great ends of its foundation, the people have a natural right, given them by their Creator, to seek after and establish such institutions as will yield the greatest quantity of happiness to the greatest number."

This historical detail concerning the Toronto Reformers appears to have some relevance today.

On March 24, 1972, the people of the Province of Newfoundland freely exercising their democratic right indicated unmistakably that the time had indeed come to "seek after and establish a different institution", one which would hopefully "yield the greatest quantity of happiness to the greatest number."

In the history of this Province, March 24, 1972, will be recorded as a significant date - the beginning of a new era, a period of reform. It must be a source of great pride to us who are members of this reform group that the people of the Province have challenged us with such a task.

It is not arrogance that we feel today, however, for while we are deeply proud of the overwhelming confidence placed in us, we are keenly aware of the awesome responsibility we must now accept. Humbled only by our limitations and determined to prove the people's trust well founded, we pledge all our energies and our abilities to the task in hand.

MR. C. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, This Government is not afraid of heavy responsibility, rather it welcomes the opportunity to act in a responsible manner for the public good. This Government believes in action. It believes most sincerely that the smallest deed is better than the grandest intention. Surely the evidence of the past five months has made that abundantly clear. This Government believes that the clarion call is for action now.

The Gracious Speech from the Throne elucidates still further the Government's commitment to action - action on problems that plague our economic and social progress.

I am pleased to note that this Government intends to place emphasis on a progressive yet realistic policy of job-creating through the development of our natural resources, and that public spending will be based on sound, well-planned policy, rather than on political expediency.

Mr. Speaker, I laud the Government's dedication to the provision of adequate health and dental services for all our people regardless of where they live. This priority is of particular interest to me as representative of the district of Trinity North where the need for a regional hospital has been evident for quite some time.

Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher and more recently a business administrator involved in educational planning at the school district level, I note with interest that the Gracious Speech makes references to the Government's concern for the serious problems still prevailing in education at all levels. Although the past few years have brought revolutionary changes in the educational system of this Province, it must be realized that adequate educational and training opportunities are still only a dream for many of our children. I would be remiss in my duty to the people who elected me to this hon. House if I did not here record the fact that at this time my district of Trinity North has one and two room schools more than any other educational district in Newfoundland

MR. BRETT: Mr. Speaker, I praise the wisdom and foresight of this government in both its immediate and long range planning for tourism, outdoor recreation and park development in this Province. This Province, blessed as it is with wild natural beauty and still unpolluted air, offers almost unparalleled potential for such development. We have just now begun to develop what can in future become one of our richest resources in terms of revenue as well as physical and spiritual enrichment. My own district of Trinity North has much to offer in rugged sea coasts, sandy beaches and wooded glades - not to mention rich fishing and game areas. The Government's master plan mentioned in the gracious Speech will, I have no doubt, take due cognizance of such potential, wherever it exists.

Mr. Speaker, this Government's intention of developing our resource-based industries with the resultant employment opportunities must be hailed gladly by all true Newfoundlanders. Newfoundlanders are basically a proud and independent people, welcoming opportunities to earn an honest living for themselves and their families. Our history substantiates this, recording as it does an almost constant struggle for survival, often against overwhelming odds. Even the best and most efficient system of government welfare is poor substitute indeed for the opportunity to earn a decent wage and to maintain one's pride and self-respect. The government's hopes for increased future employment opportunities must therefore be considered as one of the many strong points in the gracious Speech.

Mr. Speaker, the earliest fishermen to our shores reported abundance of fish - fish so plentiful in fact that they could be gathered in baskets. Such good news brought fishermen from many countries. That was half a millennium ago, and while foreign fishermen still come to reap the harvest of our shores, there are indications that fish stocks are in danger of being seriously depleted. Having

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MR. BRETT: descended from a long line of stalwart fishermen myself, and representing as I do a district where fishing still constitutes a major industry, I take much personal satisfaction from the fact that this government is concerned with the many problems facing the fishing industry and is contemplating positive action.

Mr. Speaker, the establishment of the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation will be welcomed by the many small businessmen throughout the Province. This body will encourage local initiative in that it will provide the necessary financial assistance for expansion of such enterprises, thus increasing employment opportunities. This development, combined with plans for an expanded incentives programme and "The Incorporation of the existing small loan schemes into an expanded financial assistance programme for people who are interested in or presently engaged in businesses using our natural resources" should result in greatly increased employment and thus higher standards of living for many of our people.

Mr. Speaker, on a rather different note, but still in the general interest and the public good is this Government's intention of establishing a commission to examine the system of regional representation. As representative of one of the larger districts I commend this intent. My own experience this past week has shown me how difficult it is, even with excellent plans and boundless energy, to reach all points in my district. Smaller districts will result in more personal contacts, more intimate knowledge of the problems of the people and better representation by the elected members of this hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, the electorate of the historic district of Trinity North have done me the great honour of choosing me to represent them in this hon. House. It is my earnest desire to serve all the people of that district to make their lives richer, fuller and more meaningful. I believe the plans of this government, as outlined in the Gracious Throne Speech and subsequently to be implemented under the leadership of our dynamic Premier, will assist me to fulfill that desire. As Newfoundlanders we have a rich and glorious heritage. But the past is prologue - the present is our time of action. I believe in this Province. I believe in its people. I believe in this government. I have faith in our future.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is with much pleasure and a glowing spirit of optimism I move that a committee of this House be appointed to draft the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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MR. J.G. ROUSSEAU:

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss at the outset if I did not acknowledge my fellow residents of Labrador West through whose good graces I have the opportunity to address this House today. Sir, I would beg your indulgence and respectfully request that I be permitted to acknowledge this singular distinction bestowed upon me by the people of Labrador West, and to renew my pledge to them - to hold their confidence in trust and with honour, through the expiration of my mandate.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honour and a privilege to rise in support of the motion so ably placed before this House by my colleague, the honourable member for the district of Trinity North. And I do so, Sir, without hesitation and with complete confidence in this Government's proposed program as outlined in the gracious Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Speaker, I have listened with intense interest to this Government's immediate plans for our Province and note with deep, personal satisfaction the intention of Government to initiate action on programs of particular interest to Labrador and of particular significance to Labrador West. We welcome, with eager anticipation, the full realization of these proposed programs. We also welcome the change of attitude of Government towards Labrador West, which has become increasingly apparent during the past three months and which I am convinced will continue in the years to come.

I would impress upon Government that Labrador West as indeed the whole of Labrador is a part of this Province and not apart from it. We want to feel that we are one with you, during hard times but also during good times, and not just an inconvenient appendage which seldom comes to mind except as an afterthought.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Mr. Speaker, since the towns of Labrador City, Wabush, Churchill Falls and Twin Falls were incorporated into the district of Labrador West, some ten years ago, we were under the distinct impression that we were becoming part of a 'give and take' proposition, and it was welcomed by all. However an imbalance has been created and we find, through long and bitter experience, that 'give and take' for Labrador West has been interpreted to mean that we do most of the giving and government does most of the taking. One exception to be noted is the air subsidy rebate and the travel and exchange programme both of which I urge the government to continue in its entirety.

Mr. Speaker, the question could justifiably be posed, "just what does Labrador West want?" We feel this to be a fair question.

First of all, we are not asking for a disproportionate share of government monies or services -- we are fully willing to share our good fortune with the rest of the Province and we do so, enthusiastically.

We are not for one moment suggesting special concessions or special status for Labrador West. We fully realize that there are forty other districts in the Province which also have their needs and aspirations. And we recognize their needs and aspirations are as important to each of them as ours are to us.

What we are asking, then, is equal status with the remaining forty districts in our Province -- and equal opportunity to share in the progress and prosperity of our Province. Nothing more, nothing less.

Mr. Speaker, our needs and aspirations in Labrador West are not excessive. We are not asking Government to legislate happiness for us. It is not the office of Government to confer happiness but merely to provide the opportunity for its people to find their own happiness.

MR. ROUSSEAU:

And this, then, is the sum and total of our request to Government.

Tangible evidence of the Government's response to reasonable requests of this nature can be found throughout the gracious Speech from the Throne.

The commitment of Government, Mr. Speaker, to follow through on the policies and programs outlined in the gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the 36th General Assembly with the vigour and determination that our people expect from this Government is welcome news to the people of Labrador. It is the assurance of the Government's commitment to the Trans-Labrador Highway, a first class dirt highway from Happy Valley in the East to Labrador City and Wabush in the West. It is our hope that extensions to this highway will provide access both to the island and to the mainland.

The commitment to create a favourable working and leisure time atmosphere is of particular interest to the people of Labrador West.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment of Government to provide adequate health and dental facilities for all of our people is an item of the highest priority to the residents of Labrador City and Wabush. We will follow, with deep interest, developments in this regard. And here we compliment the Government on steps already undertaken to help alleviate the present situation. It has been a source of great anxiety to the residents of Labrador City and Wabush.

We will also follow, with deep interest, other developments in Labrador relative to mining, tourism and forestry.

And further, Mr. Speaker, we will follow with intense interest all aspects of the Government's immediate plans for our Province. We feel that every item in the gracious Speech has as much implication for the mainland portion of our Province as it has for the island portion. We are, after all, one Province, and all

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areas stand to gain or lose to an equal extent at all times.

For we believe and believe strongly, Mr. Speaker, that Labrador will provide for much of the future development of this great Province. Its great potential must never be underestimated nor any part of it sold out again. It is incumbent upon us as a government to ensure that this vast storehouse of still undetermined resources be held in trust for the people of our great Province, to be used by them and for them with all benefits accruing to them.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is with high spirits and an optimistic outlook that I second the motion that a Committee of this House be appointed to draft the Address in Reply to the gracious Speech from the Throne.

MR. E. M. ROBERTS: (LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION): Mr. Speaker, my first words must be words of congratulations to you on your re-election to the Speaker's Chair. I hope your tenure will be at least as successful during this House as it was during the last. I have no doubt it will be a little longer, Sir. It will be a little while yet before, like Mr. Speaker Clarke, you are hung. I am glad to see he is there in all of his ready glory joining Mr. Speaker Courage and Mr. Speaker Sparkes, the men who held your office since we became a Province.

May I also congratulate the two members who in the tradition of this House quite ably moved and seconded the appointment of the committee to draft the Address in Reply. I believe, Sir, we are the only House in the British Commonwealth that actually appoints a committee and then at a subsequent stage moves in to debate on the Address in Reply. It is an interesting anachronism and I hope we will keep it. There are many things unique about this House. This is one of them.

I have heard during my years in this House a number of members move and second the Address in Reply. I think the hon. gentleman from Trinity North and the hon. gentleman from Labrador West discharged their duty ably and I do congratulate them on behalf of all of us on this side and I think I can speak for all of the members although perhaps the gentleman who will follow me may say a few words on behalf of his colleagues as well.

I was particularly taken Sir by the speech of the hon. the member for Labrador West. Let me take a phrase from the Throne Speech, "all serious-minded people". I think all the serious-minded people in this Province for the past few years have become increasingly concerned about the fact that in every part of this Province there are growing feelings of almost quasi-separatism and I do not use that in the sense of separatist, but in the sense of every part of this Province feeling that, well, Sir, a lot has been done but, Sir, nothing has been done for us.

MR. ROBERTS. I ran into it in recent events, I am quite sure the Premier ran into it and I am quite sure that any man who campaigned in any part of this Province ran into it. The feeling is more prevalent in Labrador, Sir, than elsewhere and perhaps with more reason. I think the hon. member, Sir, spoke well when he spoke of it as somebody who believes that one of the chief tasks facing all of us in this Province is to develop a feeling of unity and coherence throughout the Province. I commend him because he did not cater to any separatism tendencies, he spoke as a Newfoundlander, he spoke as one who is concerned with the entire Province. I hope that augers well for the future.

Well, Mr. Speaker, it all seems so familiar, does it not? Because we have been through it recently. I sometimes think that we have that, we have almost made a practice of dressing up, we all look so handsome in our morning suits and so noble. Perhaps, we should do it all of the time. Certainly this has been an unusual year because this is the second time, in just seven weeks, this speech tells us, that we have had an official opening, that we begun a new session.

There is quite a tale in that. I was intrigued by the reference in the speech to "(I jotted down the words)"events subsequent to the most recent opening". There will be a time and a place to go into that and like the hon. Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, I think, there is a great deal to smile about.

I feel a lot happier now than I did on the other occasion when I stood in this House to speak in this debate. I think that - well let us let the past die until there is a time to exhume it, have a look at the corpse of our dear departed brethren.

AN HON. GENTLEMEN: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: There are so many of them, Sir, there certainly are. Some of them we buried, others of them, Sir, will rise again. I will not go on. There are other analogies I could make to that thing, the jingle gangle of little bits of silver and things like that. We

MR. ROBERTS: can have some fun on them. We will. We will.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. ROBERTS: Not as much as we will, I think. Not as much.

What counts though, Sir, is where we go from here. The Throne Speech, well it is a guide, at best it is a guide. Newfoundland faces very serious problems and I suppose every politician said that time and time again. Every politician believes it. But, Sir, we have got to face up to them. We have come in this Province for at least twenty years through a revolution. My party happened to have been in office and that had a certain affect on it, some of it good, some of it bad. But, Sir, I think we are approaching a watershed in Newfoundland. I suspect that when the Minister of Finance brings in his Budget Speech and we go into it and the debate following it the details of providing the people of this Province with the public services we now have let alone with improving them and providing them with the revenues that we now have and the revenues that we could obtain, go into the problem of improving the quality of life in this Province, Sir, I think we are going to find that this Province is facing a very real, a very serious, a very great problem.

There are many questions that we have got to look at. I do not propose to go into them now. There will be many opportunities during this session. The Speech from the Throne and I say it quite candidly, had a lot of very good phrases in it, a lot of very general plans. I would not expect to see anything more in a Speech from the Throne, Sir. The Speech's function is to outline in a general way what will happen. But, Sir, those phrases can mean everything or they can mean nothing. Only time will tell. We will be sitting here in this House and we will be able to see what the Government bring before us, because it is the Government's job to bring legislation before the House and they will. We will see what their plans are and we will see how they are going to finance them and we will see how they will implement them and we will see how they will administer them. It is going to be a most interesting period of two, three or four years whatever the time between

MR. ROBERTS: now and next we go back to the people.

There were a few things in the Speech I would like to touch upon very briefly. I am delighted that the Development Corporation has now come to the point where given a month or two it will be in operation. They say it has taken a long time is to understate it, Sir. It has taken seemingly forever. The corporation actually goes back about two years, if the records are to be searched and the first working papers are produced.

I am disappointed in the references to education. I think that we have not faced up to this in Newfoundland. I will be talking about it at greater length, but I think that the references in the Throne Speech indicate an attitude of just scratching the surface. I think, Sir, the kind of cliché "the time has come" when we must do a root and branch job on education and by that I am not speaking of the denominational system. I am speaking of the whole purpose of our educational system and by the educational system I am including not just the academic schools, I am including the vocational schools, including the university, including all of the institutions which provide our people with training for life.

I do not think we have faced up to it, Sir. I do not think we have and I think we must and I think it is one of the problems that Newfoundland must face in the seventies.

I welcome the news of redistribution. We will have the 1971 census available fairly shortly, the first accurate figures that have been available since 1961 on where our people live. I assume we will have legislation on it, so we can debate it at length. A point that we will be making there is that a redistribution commission, an independent commission here as elsewhere in Canada where this is being done, should report to the House and not to the Government.

I fear in the past and I think all parties have been guilty of this here and elsewhere throughout the world, redistribution by a government in power has often tended to favour the government in power. I suppose that is a natural feeling. I have never been involved in a

MR. ROBERTS: redistribution myself, Sir, but I think that most people would agree that it is now appropriate and now accepted that redistributions here should be done by an independent commission that answers to the House much as in the Ottawa precedent. The reference in the Speech may not have been a precise work of art, it may just have been a general reference. I hope so.

I am pleased to learn The Conflict of Interest Legislation is finally coming. I will be delighted to see it. I spent a fair amount of time at University in studying some aspects of it, Sir. I will be interested to see what the Government propose because I know of no jurisdiction yet that has been able to work out adequate conflict of interest legislation. Perhaps we can do some pioneering here. We should also go beyond the elected men. Sir, it is not enough to say that elected members should not be guilty of putting themselves in a situation where their public duty and their private interest conflict that must apply, Sir, to the public service.

MR. ROBERTS: We have a good public service in Newfoundland. It is getting better all the time but, Sir, I think that they must be placed in the same position as the elected members. The elected members answer directly that is the intent. Once again the Speech could have been worded a little more carefully. The hon. gentleman had a little more time on it this time but it is right that it should be the intent.

I am also pleased, Mr. Speaker, that we are going to get a crack at the Stephenville project. I suspect the attitude my colleagues and I will take on this may not be the attitude that many people in Newfoundland would expect us to take. I will say quite candidly I think the government have done the right thing to take over this project. We will go into it at greater length. I will be most interested in the terms on which they have taken it over. I have some very strong views on that and during the months in which I was a Minister of the Crown I, willingly or not, was quite involved in a number of aspects of the problem. I have some strong views as to what should be done and I think some of my colleagues who were also ministers at that time also have strong views.

Now, Sir, the 24th. of March which the hon. gentleman from Trinity North said will live, I could make a reference, I will not, but he might when next he does research look up President Roosevelt's speech on the eight day of December 1941 to the joint House of Representatives and Senate of the United States. It was a Sunday, a most unusual day, but most unusual circumstances. There were references there to a day, I think it is the first paragraph or two in the speech. The hon. gentleman might want to look at that. Sir, on that day the people of this Province gave the present government a tremendous mandate. You could argue as to why they did it or why they did not do it, but you cannot take away from the fact that the people by quite overwhelming majorities chose this party or the party opposite to be the Government of this Province for the next four or five years.

It may surprise many people, Sir, it maybe very surprising indeed, I for one do not think the results of the election are any cause for gloom

in my party. The people who think that the only goal of politics is to win elections, get into office, will doubtless feel I should not say that. Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not think that winning an election or getting into office is the only goal, the only ambition and the only aim of a politician. I am not going to get sloppy and talk about serving people and loose generalities but, Mr. Speaker, a politician's goal is to stand for an idea and for a principle in which he believes, to take that cause to the people and let the people decide.

Winning elections is important, because winning an election gives one the executive power to implement ideas but, Sir, it is not everything. Let me go further, again some of my friends and supporters may not agree with this, Sir, but let me say that I think the 24th. day of March will be the making of the Liberal Party in this province. We had a good run. I can remember my dear friend the late Bill Keough pushing back his chair one day at Treasury Board when we were deep in the estimates two or three years ago. The Minister of Finance will know what I mean when I say that it had been a rough session. Once again we were trying to put a quart of milk into a pint bottle - balance revenue and expenditure. He pushed his chair back and mopped that massive brow of his and said "well we have had a good run at it." It was a good run, Sir, the fact that during all those years we had only one leader, a remarkable man, a unique man. That too left its mark. I think the people who served in the cabinet over the years, who served in the House on the Liberal side, people who were part of the Liberal Party can take great pride in the accomplishments of those years.

I believe that Newfoundland is a far better place than it was, a far better place for all Newfoundlanders. Sir, the Liberal Party badly needs a period to rebuild and to reform. I think we have to rethink our directions and I can tell you, Sir, that that cannot be done in office. The hon. gentlemen opposite who have just assumed the burdens of office with the exception of the two or three who have been in and out in one party or another over the years will not follow me when I say that the burdens of office can become very heavy. You so not get time, Mr. Speaker, to sit back and think

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through the longer range problems, to try to assess where one is now and where one should be. You do not get the opportunity to take the long range view and the more philosophical view that must be taken.

One of the strong points of the system which we have in Newfoundland and we have throughout Canada, the so-called Parliamentary System, is that in the natural

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course of time every party gets a chance on that side and every party gets a chance on this side. I welcome our opportunity to be on this side. I do not plan to spend all that long here, Sir. At my age, I feel I can possibly put a few years in. The Premier is not an old man but he is considerably older than I am so we will let him have his turn first. If he should remember, as I know he does, "The faster the pendulum swings one way, the quicker it comes back." I did not get terribly far in high school physics but I got that far. What was Newton's third law: "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction."

So, Sir, I do not think that the 24th March was the end of anything. I think it was the beginning of the struggle. I do agree with the hon. gentleman said that this was a new age in Newfoundland politics. We got new men, new ideas and new problems. The government won a great majority but that was yesterday, Sir. They won it mostly because people wanted to see what they could do. I think many, many people in Newfoundland said, in effect, well we know what you fellows, meaning what the Liberal party can do. We have seen you for twenty-three years. We know what you can do and we know what you cannot do. Now we will see what the other crowd can do and so there they are.

Now they have to earn their victory, Sir, and that is a great task. They are on trial. The people of this Province are expecting an incredible amount from them. I wish them well, not in any partisan sense, I wish them nothing but bad luck in a partisan sense but as they wish me nothing but bad luck in a partisan sense. But, Sir, for Newfoundland's sake, I wish them well. They have a great opportunity but they have an equally great danger. History is filled with examples of massive majorities that in a very short time have become minuscule minorities. I could say that when I came into this House first, six years ago, there were one-third as many men on this side as there are today on this side. The hon. gentleman from Green Bay who occupies the outer seat, outer guard you might almost call

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him, is in the centre of things compared to where my friend the member for White Bay South was when he occupied that seat. If the hon. gentlemen want something of their own political persuasion, they might consider the case of Mr. Diefenbaker who in similar circumstances in 1958 won a massive victory from the people of Canada and in 1962 was awarded the Royal Order of the Boot.

So, Sir, I tell this government now (I think they are aware of it) that they must watch. They have a massive majority, thirty-three can out-vote nine every time. Even the hon. member for Gander has discovered that, Sir, miracles will never cease. His deputy minister has obviously briefed him well, Sir, and that is one of the advantages the hon. gentleman has being a minister now. But, Sir, how they use that majority will the question the people of Newfoundland will ask and the standard by which they are judged. The jury is still out, Sir. It is going to be out a long time. Then they will bring their verdict in.

As for us, well Lord Randolph Churchill said it all, he was a member of the fourth party. The hon. Minister of Finance will be delighted to know that there was a fourth party. He had a third-and-a-half party at one stage in this House. He is now leading by my calculation the second largest party in the House. When Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir, was in the fourth party he -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. ROBERTS: I am sorry. I did not hear the hon. gentleman's interruption. Mr. Speaker it is far better to be a doorkeeper in the tents of Our Lord than to dwell in the seats of the mighty, as the hon. gentleman will find out in due course. I may have misquoted it, Sir, but the thought is a good one. However, Lord Randolph Churchill said that the duty of the opposition is to oppose. We are going to do that but not for the sake of opposing. Our job is to try to help the government and in our humble way we will to see that the programmes and the policies they bring in are those best suited to the

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Province. Where we believe they are right, Sir, we will have no hesitation in saying so. Where we believe they are wrong, we will criticize as hard as we can with as much vigor and determination as we can, not for the sake of opposition, Sir. I never again want to see in this House what went on during the past two or three years. I am not blaming any one personally. The hon. gentlemen who are new might well applaud, I agree with them. I never again want to see it. I am not blaming any one person or any one group. But, Sir, that is over now. I want to see a House without personalities where the issues are debated hard, where the members sent here by the people of Newfoundland work together for the benefit of the people of Newfoundland. We can differ on issues. We can differ on platforms. We can differ on programmes. We can differ on policies. But, Sir, let us not have what we had the past two or three years. If anybody thinks that the people of Newfoundland do not feel strongly about this sort of thing be reminded that there are only four men sitting in this House, Sir, who have been here longer than I have and I came here in 1966. There are only four men: the hon. Minister of Provincial Affairs, the gentleman from Fortune Bay whose tenure was interrupted but he is back with us for the time being, the hon. member from Fogo, the dean of the House and the hon. member from Bell Island. The other men have been here six years or less. I think there are only five or six of us, Sir, who have been here since 1966. It is almost a complete change. I think that anybody in politics in Newfoundland should take a very clear message from that. I think we are in a new era. How we conduct ourselves will determine what kind of political world we live in and how long we are in it.

As I said, Sir, I am proud to lead this opposition. It is an honourable office. We are not too many in number but I think we make up for that in quality and we will show it. The member for Twillingate, Labrador North, my friend and colleague from White Bay South, the member from Fogo,

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the member from Bell Island, the member from Bonavista North, from St. Barbe North and the gentleman who sits without the bar but hopefully on Friday afternoon or on Monday morning or Tuesday, if we are not sitting Monday, will sit with us, the gentleman from Labrador South, assuming Her Majesty's judges, in the recount, confirm the election night turn-out. They will make themselves heard, Sir. I think in a phrase of Shakespeare which is a very good one: (used to describe us now) "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers." You will find that in "Henry V" Sir. There is another verse in their that maybe I could close with. The King said it before the walls of Harfleur before he set forth to do battle. It is a well-known speech. It begins: "Once more into the breach dear friends, once more; Or close the wall up with our English dead." Mr. Speaker when Henry lead his men into the breach at Harfleur, he was leading a fight against hopeless odds but, Sir, he won. So I say to my own colleagues, "Once more into the breach dear friends, once more." Thank you.

MR. MOORES: Mr. Speaker, I feel as if I should almost start by saying as I was saying on March 1, before I was so pleasantly interrupted. However I am glad since that auspicious day to see the seating arrangements back to normal in the House and like my hon. colleague across the floor I would like to congratulate you on obtaining the office of Speaker, but unlike my colleague I hope the term lasts somewhat longer than he intimated.

I would also like to thank his honour the Administrator today for presenting so ably the gracious Speech from the Throne and also my colleagues from Trinity North and Labrador West, my colleagues who admirably moved and seconded the motion.

I would also like, Mr. Speaker, to welcome the many distinguished guests we have here today particularly those representing foreign countries and the clergy, a very, very major part of our society in this Province and one which will always be a very, very major part of our social development in our Province.

Regarding a few of the remarks that my friend the hon. Leader of the Opposition had to say, Mr. Speaker, he mentioned the fact that the pendulum when it swings, swings fast, though I sincerely hope he does not plan to wait for twenty-three years for it come back the other half way again.

MR. ROBERTS: We will not have to.

MR. MOORES: Well you are working at it.

One of the problems, Mr. Speaker, of the past years has been the economic addition of certain people and I have got to come to the defence of my friend from Gander, the member for Gander who made a comment and the hon. gentleman said, "thirty-three to nine," I am sure what the hon. member meant in this expression was thirty-three to eight at the present time.

Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to congratulate my hon. friend, the Leader of the Opposition, I think for a very excellent speech, a very co-operative speech in setting a mood for this House of Assembly. I think basically a very constructive speech because I think that is the mood that we have to talk about as we progress into the affairs of our Province.

In the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Speaker, the word "planning" was the watch word. I think all of us in this House, certainly on this side

MR. MOORES: the watch word, the first word and the last word as we progress in the affairs of our Province must be planning, planning into the long term where we look before we leap. We have an awesome task ahead as to where we are to go as a Province, where we are to go as a people and it is the responsibility that we plan and plan well. The past is irrevocable, little can be said about what was done and what was not done. We can only use the past as a guide line for where we are going to progress

in the future with planning and proper programmes in the implementation of those we will be able to lead this Province into the seventies in control of our own destiny in a manner which I hope those who will follow will be proud of. We have responsibility and we realize it Mr. Speaker. I will not restate the policies and the two speeches from the Throne and the immediate past. But those speeches basically only laid down the priorities of what we believe in as a Government. Programmes will take time, they will not be accomplished next month, six months from now or even this year all the things that want to be done that were mentioned in the speech from the Throne. It will take study. It will take effort. It will take planning. Mr. Speaker, it is the intention of this government that it will be done.

I would for a moment like to explain the philosophies of this government, which prompted our policies. I have stressed planning as a tool we will use to interpret our philosophies and policies into realities. But there is another word that is much more important than planning to this government. That Mr. Speaker, is people. Because people really is what it is all about. It is for the benefit of our people that we as a government and my friends in opposition must work for our Province so that people can benefit.

We have heard His Honour tell this hon. House today that we hope to enhance and prove and improve our quality of life. These words by themselves are impressive. but are not worth the paper they are written on unless we as a government plan to put them into effect for the welfare of the people which we serve.

My Government commits itself totally to that purpose, Mr. Speaker. If I were to say to you today that we have all the answers it would be a betrayal of the very premise of our being elected. We do not have the solutions yet, but we have started on the path, the right path in finding the solutions that are so badly required.

Again those solutions will involve people. This time the help in

formulating the direction our Province will take will flow from people to the government. They are confident that our stated policy of decentralization of the government function whereby we take departments of government out to the people is the answer of communication and dialogue with the people.

In other words Mr. Speaker, we are saying no matter what outport you live in, no matter how remote, the services of our government will be available to the people who live there. It will take co-operation and it will take involvement. The advisory councils we have started, a few have been set up, a great many more need to be set up.

They are set up Mr. Speaker, to establish a two-way dialogue, a two-way street between the people and the government. This is the way it has to be; what we know, when we know what people want, it is only then how we will know how best to serve them. We will have well founded programmes but they will be programmes based on the knowledge of the problem that the people in the various parts of our province have.

When we do have these programmes, a great many of the programmes that we will be developing will have to be taken to Ottawa because we as a province do not have the resources to do what has to be done. A great many of our plans and programmes will have to be taken to Ottawa. Our approach to the Federal government should be not one of partisan politics, but it should be a very strong and a very determined approach Mr. Speaker, based on realistic, factual and worthwhile programmes. No longer should we as a province

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stand idly by and let the federal government make unilateral decisions that may or may not be in the best interest of this Province. We have to stand up for our rights whether it be the Continental Shelf, in the management of our fishery resource or whether it be oil resources on that same Continental Shelf. For whilst we can say that the federal government shall not control our destiny, because what is good for us as a province, Mr. Speaker, I would hope is also good for Canada as a nation. But we also have an obligation as a Government. We have an obligation not to go to Ottawa just to complain, just to ask, just to look. We have an obligation that we must plan properly and we must plan well. We know what our own needs are and we would hope that we will get federal (and as I am sure we will), and provincial co-operation to develop our Province and therefore let us make a contribution to the great country of Canada in which we live.

We have a job before us, The political turmoil is over temporarily and I would like to comment on one thing, Mr. Speaker, and that was the tremendously high turn out at the polls on March 24, which showed an interest by the people of this Province and also a mandate for the programmes that we have put forward. But now political partiality should end, at least temporarily. It should be put behind us because the needs of our people, the desperate needs of our people is the affair of all members of this House and all of the people of this Province, The opposition have a great responsibility, The opposition have a responsibility to make sure that this government does not run all roughshod over this House of Assembly. This is the people's House and the responsibility on the Opposition to negate the development of arrogance in government is very real indeed.

There will be ample chance to debate all the issues which are of concern to the Opposition. Amendments to Legislation will be looked

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forward to. Even private members' bill or legislation itself will be given a fair hearing and if it is to the benefit of the Province will be considered and voted for by the government side of this House.

Mr. Speaker, the big job that we all had to do, for which we are all responsible, not just in this House but really what I am saying is the people of this Province. We all, it is not the members on the government side, it is not the few people who are on the opposition side, it will take every concerned person in this Province to do the job that has to be done. The job ahead is a tremendous job, Mr. Speaker. It is a job that, as far as I am concerned, will take the full effort of every concerned person in our Province. It is probably cliché to say that our greatest resource is our people but it happens to be the truth and today we are losing our greatest resource, our people, faster than any other. Some 4,000 people, bright, young, partially educated, fully educated young people are leaving our Province each year. I think our educational systems, our economic development, our social development must be such that we make sure these people are encouraged to stay and help develop the things that we have to do in this Province.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to say just a few basic things. First of all, the development of our resource industries have been stated in the Speech from the Throne, they have been stated here previously and they will be stated ad infinitum, the main thing is that we start doing it. There are a great many things we will be looking at, Mr. Speaker, in the next few months, few years, that basically will be very unpopular if you are looking at it politically. Where we are going as a Province, where we are likely to go and how we are to get there is not going to be an easy solution or there is no easy road. Most of the problems that we will be facing will basically

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look insurmountable but we must overcome them. Our future is not so bright as that we do not have to face the hard realistic issues of a fact that we are very deeply in debt as a Province, that we have to make a very genuine, able and real effort to bring this Province into the Country and into the way of life that we as a people want it to become.

Mr. Speaker, there are a great many problems that we have and we could talk about them forever but that I hope will not be just the function of this House, I hope we can get on with the job that has to be done. The problems that we have are in the main very much social as well as economic. I hope that the day of political expediency is over, the day where we acted from moment to moment and day to day. We must now build our Province on sound principles, Mr. Speaker, and integrity. The problems facing our Province are ones whereby we as a people must realize what really matters and it is not all economic. The economic problem can be solved. That is the easiest problem to solve. The social problem is a much deeper issue. It is an issue where we are dealing with the lives and the spiritual well-being of people themselves.

When we talk about the sociological problem that is rapidly, possibly not rapidly but certainly developing in our Province we as a Government must have a humane approach, we must believe in developing those things that matter to people, those things that matter that do not necessarily have a price tag on them but, Mr. Speaker, which is real quality of life, the things that we as a Government have a very real responsibility for, as do the churches, as do others who genuinely care about the social needs of our Province.

Our responsibility is great, Mr. Speaker, accept it we must, accept it we will.

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

It is my pleasure to announce that the said committee shall consist of Mr. Charles Brett, Mr. Joseph Rousseau and Mr. H.W.C. Gillett.

Are there any other resolutions?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

HON. T.A. HICKMAN (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills; a Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Registration of Deeds Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend the Assignment Of Book Debts Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Direct Sellers Act, 1966." A Bill, "An Act To Amend, Revise and Consolidate the Law Respecting The Children Of Unmarried Parents." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Evidence Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Commissioners For Oaths Act, 1954." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Prison's Act, 1969." A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Registration Of Partnerships." A Bill, "An Act Respecting The Organization, Operation, Functions, Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges of the St. John's Fire Department." A Bill, "An Act To Incorporate The Newfoundland Family Guidance Association." A Bill, "An Act Respecting Petty Trespass To Property." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Summary Jurisdiction Act." A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Attachment OF Wages Act, 1966 - 67." A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Chattels Real Act."

HON. J.C. CROSBIE (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I am being cut off at the legs here. We are awfully crowded on this side.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. CROSBIE: You will never know.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions in relation to the granting of Supplementary Supply to Her Majesty for the financial year ending the thirty first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two. I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions

for the granting of Interim Supply to Her Majesty.

I give notice that I will on tomorrow move the following - ask leave of the House to introduce the following Bills; A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Pensions Premium Act, 1966-67," A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Contingencies Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Insurance Premiums Tax Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Agreement Entered Into, Executed and Delivered In Pursuance Of And In The Form Set Forth In The Schedule To The Government Newfoundland Cement Company Limited And North Star Cement Limited Authorization Of Agreement Act, 1959 And To Make Certain Statutory Provisions Relating To That Agreement." (It is going to be a long Bill by the title.) A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Agreement Ratified, Confirmed And Adopted By And Set Forth In The Schedule To The Newfoundland Fibreply Limited Agreement Act, 1963 And To Make Certain Statutory Provisions Relating To That Agreement." A Bill, "An Act To Ratify, Confirm And Adopt An Agreement Made Between The Government And Allied Chemical Corporation." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Provincial Parks Act."

HON. W.A.MARSHALL (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Acts; A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Pippy Park Commission Act, 1968." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Department Of Highways Act, 1966." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Highway Traffic Act, 1962."

HON. A.J.MURPHY (Minister of Provincial Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on tomorrow ask leave to introduce an Act respecting unsolicited goods and unsolicited credit cards. A Bill an Act, thank you.

HON. H.A.COLLINS (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on tomorrow I will ask leave of the House to introduce the following Bills; A Bill, "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting The Organization And Administration Of Community Councils." A Bill, "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Relating To The Establishment And Administration Of Local Governments." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Local Government Act." A Bill, "An Act To Repeal The Bowring Park Area Control Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The St. John's Metropolitan

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Area Act, 1963." Also, a Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, 1968."

HON. THOMAS HICKEY (Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation): Mr. Speaker,

I give notice I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills; A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Welfare Children's Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To amend The Corrections Act, 1953." A Bill, "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting The Welfare Of Children." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Maintenance Act." A Bill, "An Act Further To Amend The Social Assistance Act, 1971." A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Social Assistance Act, 1971." A Bill, "An Act To Amend, Revise And Consolidate The Law Respecting The Adoption Of Children."

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Premier, hon. Leader of the Opposition, members of the hon. House, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; it is my pleasure to invite you all to attend a reception to be held in the Sir Robert Bond Auditorium immediately following the adjournment of this House.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I do move that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow Thursday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m. and that this House do now adjourn.

On motion, House adjourned.