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Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Premier.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, the situation in Wabush between the union and the company, and the issue involved is something that concerns the government for two reasons. The first one- both being different, I suppose- the first one being the business of the company having shipped out equipment to be repaired in Seven Islands, as I understand, with the reasoning being given that the maintenance shop was blocked at Wabush, and in that regard I would suggest that if the maintenance shop is that busy that the company should look at the possibility of building new facilities. But in contact with both groups by the Manpower and Labour Department, first of all the company was advised, said they wanted the union to repair these but would need overtime to do it and were refused. In the meantime, when the union was approached they were advised that they had never been asked about overtime and that they would have welcomed it. Now the fact is that it was obviously a very bad breakdown in the communication between the two here.

Now before getting into that particular issue, I would like to say and repeat very firmly that this government believes in local preference where it can possibly be done whether it be in Wabush or any other part of the Province. The fact is that the company will be notified as such that if facilities are not available certainly we would encourage the facilities be made available whereby

DEPUTY PREMIER: any servicing work, or maintenance work or any other type of work that can be done in this Province be done within the Province by our own people. But secondly, Sir, I would also like to say at the present time there is not only a wildcat strike in place but also injunctions have been served on the union, and equally the government does not stand by law breaking of any sort and what I would suggest is that, as soon as the union goes back to work, Manpower and Labour have had instructions to have their people there immediately to try to overcome this unfortunate impasse and try to bring some solution out of what is a very difficult situation.

MR. SPEAKER: Before recognizing the hon. Leader of the Opposition, I would welcome to the House on behalf of all hon. members Mr. Roger Tamraz, President of the First Arabian Corporation, and a number of his associates.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. W. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, my colleagues will have some questions to address to the Premier and the Minister of Labour, if he is in his seat, concerning the statement made by the Premier and of course other matters surrounding the unfortunate events in Wabush.

For the moment, Sir, just let me say, of course, nobody can condone illegality, but, Sir, there is a far larger issue here. I believe the larger issue is that following the Bartlett Report, the report by Judge Bartlett as a result of his enquiry a year ago now, the report itself stated that there should be a concerted effort made by the government to make sure that as much of the servicing work and supplying be done in Labrador, be done within this Province. The reason, as I understand it, why there is an altercation going on now in Wabush is that there is servicing which could be done in Wabush being done in fact on the

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MR. N. FOLLE: other side of the border in Quebec,
perhaps in violation of the union agreement. But even if it is
not in violation of the union agreement, Sir, it should be
considered to be in violation of everything

MR. W. N. ROWE:

which this House of Assembly should stand for and which the Government of this Province should stand for, namely, that all servicing, without accepting any wishy-washy excuses about it at all, all servicing and supplying, wherever humanly possible, should be done within this Province - in Labrador, if possible, and certainly within this Province, if possible.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. W. N. ROWE:

And, Mr. Speaker, it is a little alarming, certainly dismaying and certainly alarming, to realize that since the Bartlett report was made public some months ago, as I understand it, this government has done little or nothing, I would say nothing, to implement its priority recommendation or its priority concept of servicing and supplying of industries and mines and various industrial enterprises going on in this Province being done within our Province itself and we should stop this practice of servicing and supplying being done outside this Province simply because it suits the company's interest to do so.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. W. CARTER:

Mr. Speaker, within a very few days now, one of Newfoundland's most respected Roman Catholic priests will be celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination into the Priesthood. Reverend Father George Badcock, a native of Brigus South on the Southern Shore, was ordained in St. John's on December 21, 1918. Father Badcock served for a number of years as parish priest on Bell Island and in the Lamaline/St. Lawrence area. For forty-six

MR. W. CARTER: years, Mr. Speaker, Father Badcock served in the parish of St. Vincent's, which of course is in my district, St. Mary's-The Capes, a parish that was founded by him and where he remained until his retirement a few years ago. My hon. colleague, the Premier just reminded me, too, that more than any other Newfoundlander, I suppose, Father Badcock can claim credit for having arranged to have the bridge built that prior to that time was serviced by a ferry crossing Holyrood Pond. So Father Badcock will be remembered in that respect as well. The good father is now retired and living at St. Patrick's Mercy Home. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that this hon. House would want to convey to Father George Badcock appropriate recognition on the occasion of this every important event, his sixtieth anniversary, and in appreciation of a long and distinguished career in the service of his church and this Province. I do not know if a motion is in order, Mr. Speaker, but if it is I will certainly move that such a communique be sent to Father Badcock.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: If the hon. gentleman is making a motion, Sir, we would have no hesitation at all on this side of the House of seconding the motion. As it so happens the Rev. gentleman in question is a very good friend of mine. I believe he is from the Southern Shore by the way, from Brigus South. I know the whole family and I have had occasion to be in touch with the Rev. Father since he went into St. Patrick's Home, a very good friend and a very loyal supporter, I believe, a very loyal supporter. And, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the minister for raising this matter in the House. I think we should be doing more of this. This is a very big milestone in the history of Father Badcock's career and so therefore we have no hesitation at all, Sir, in congratulating Rev. Father Badcock and no hesitation at all in seconding the motion so ably moved by my hon. friend, the Minister of Fisheries.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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MR. SPEAKER:

I am pleased to welcome to the gallery of the House of Assembly the National Chairman and one of the founders of the people to People Committee, Mr. McNutt from Prince Edward Island. He is accompanied by one of the members of the St. John's Committee of that organization, Mrs Teresita Williams.

Mr. Speaker:

I know hon. members join me in welcoming these people to the House of Assembly.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PRESENTING PETITIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for St. George's.

MRS. MCISAAC: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present a petition on behalf of 269 residents of the district of St. George's; in fact, they are members of a youth organization. The prayer of the petition is: "We, the youth of the district of St. George's, hereby petition the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to make available the necessary funding to enable commencement of a stadium for the district of St. George's. The stadium will provide much needed recreation to the area from the Highlands to Gallants. The district of St. George's Stadium Committee has requested and received \$130,000 Canada Works funds and has requested the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Department of Recreation to make available the balance of funds. This is the third year that Canada Works funds have been made available and it is our hope that funds will not have to be refused for the third year in a row.

"We hereby request that our M.H.A. present this petition to the departments concerned with the hope of getting full financial support for this much needed recreational facility in the area."

Now, Mr. Speaker, in speaking to that petition, this is something that I brought up a couple of days ago in the House of Assembly. There are only 269 names on this but there are other sections of the petition floating around which would total 670, and this is youth only. I support the petition. I am sure I do not have to tell anybody that. I proved that on Thursday. But I am just wondering what is happening to this project, and just where it sits? The Stadium Committee and the town of St. George's have been trying in vain

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Mrs. McIsaac: for the past number of years to get a stadium for the area, and I cannot understand why they have not succeeded. Now the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Minister of Recreation can stand and tell me

MRS. WISLAAC:

until they are blue in the face that they have not received all the information that they needed or that they were in need of from the town of St. George's or the stadium committee but it seems to be a game of. just a runaround game, 'send the fools further,' because they request a bit of information today and next week or next month they come back with another letter, they need something else; they get that then they need something else and it is just a continuous thing. I mean if there is a certain requirement or a certain package required, well, if the town is requested to submit that or the stadium committee, well why not request the whole works at one time instead of dragging it out, this year you need one thing next year you need something else. And now I am told that the \$300,000 that was available from **the Recreation Department -** and in fact just as recently as this Spring I visited the Department of Recreation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and we were told at that time that the \$300,000 was still available - now I am told by the Department of Municipal Affairs that the money had to be returned to the treasury, so they had to go through the process of getting that \$300,000 made available again. And it was sent over to **Recreation** and they were doing as much as they could and trying to process it as quickly as possible. Well, I know that it sat on one desk for five weeks. I cannot understand why, if this project is not being delayed for some reason or another - I cannot say 'deliberately delayed' because I think I would be out of order, but I can think what I like I guess. But in the meantime, if there is no reason to delay this project any longer then why cannot it be forwarded to Cabinet for a decision, hopefully approval, but at least a decision. We have the Canada Works money available, it is being made available, and we have until early in January to accept the funds. If the project is not approved, we have to refuse the funds again for the third year in a row. And definitely we need a stadium, we need recreational facilities

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MRS. MCISAAC: in St. George's, in St. George's area. ~~This~~ is not a town of St. George's thing; it will be serve the whole district from the Highlands to Gallants. I feel that our children in that area are being deprived of facilities that are available in just about

MRS. McISAAC: every other district in this Province, and I fail to see why. And I beg the government to take a look at it, try to get this thing funded, try to get it to Cabinet and either get it approved or disapproved or whatever, but certainly have the decency to let us know where we stand on this project and to have the project approved in time to accept Canada Works funds instead of having to reject them again. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. WOODROW: Mr. Speaker, at the risk of sounding a little bit parochial, I would like to say that as a member of the West Coast I am supporting this petition. I am always happy to see any project going to the West Coast of this Province where I spent, in fact, a great part of my life. I am also supporting it, Mr. Speaker, because I have been and I am always impressed by the hard work of the hon. member. In fact, wherever you go on the West Coast you will either hear about something she is doing or you will hear some news releases over the various radio stations. And also, Mr. Speaker, this administration has placed a lot of importance on recreation. A lot has been done. And I feel sure that they will take a very close and hard look at this project. And finally, Mr. Speaker, I happen to know some of the committee members in charge of this project. They are young people; they have been working very actively for this project, and I understand they have a lot of money made by their own hard work and initiative already, so I fully support this project, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we could not let the opportunity go by without supporting our colleague.

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MR. NEARY:

Sir, who so ably presented a petition.

I understand we have visitors waiting, Sir. I understand that. Well, they can wait. We have the public business. We have to carry on with the affairs of State. The affairs of State come first before anything else. And I hope the Premier will get up and support this petition. It is a very significant petition, Sir, because hon. gentlemen will remember

MR. NEARY: a couple of weeks ago, I believe it was, before the old session of the House closed we passed a bill setting up a commission to run the Aquarona, the Summer Games Park and the Aquarena, and at that time I indicated to the House that there should be a policy of providing facilities and financial help and assistance to all parts of Newfoundland and Labrador, not just in St. John's. And hon. gentlemen did not heed my advice at the time and here we have an example now in this petition of where one part of Newfoundland, as a matter of fact it is the district adjoining my own, it is the district of St. George's, which is, as hon. members know, the boundary between St. George's and LaPoile district, my hon. friend and myself share these two districts. And down in the lower end of my hon. friend's district, down towards St. Andrew's and that area, it is pretty well close to the boundary of my own district and that is one of the reasons I want to support the petition because I know the desperate need for these facilities in the area. And the other reason is to try to impress upon the government the need to work out a policy for the whole of this Province and not just for the Avalon Peninsula and for the St. John's area. And so, Sir, I have no hesitation at all in supporting the prayer of the petition and I hope that the government will take note of the words of wisdom, the words of advice given by my hon. friend in the presentation of this petition and I hope that something will be done about it.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

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

MR. WOODROW: Mr. Speaker, I have a petition also, in fact I have two petitions, Mr. Speaker, and the first one is, the prayer reads, "We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Minister of Transportation and Communications to have us rehired for Winter Maintenance even if this means putting on a three shift system in the Bay of Islands area."

MR. WOODROW:

Mr. Speaker, I have eleven people who have - the eleven of them have not signed it but seven have signed, Mr. Speaker, and the others could not get to sign the petition because of Winter conditions.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, in commenting on this petition I would like to say that the men in question have been generally speaking hired for three Winters and with them this has become a way of life, working Winter maintenance with the Department of Transportation and Communications. They were not notified

Mr. Woodrow: Last March that they would not be rehired this year. They were given the regular layoff slip, but they were not notified that they would not be rehired come November or December. Unless, Mr. Speaker, these men are rehired, and incidentally they are all married men, these men have no other alternative but to go on social assistance. They are able-bodied men and they do not want to go on social assistance. And I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that some of the men who are now working from twelve to twenty-two hours they have complained that they are trying to work desperately too hard. And many complaints have come to me, especially on the conditions of the O'Connell Drive which is one of the important roads or arteries in the Bay of Islands-Corner Brook area. And many complaints have come to me, Mr. Speaker, from the main highroads on the North and the South shore of the Bay of Islands in my own district. And incidentally, Mr. Speaker, three accidents have been recorded on the North shore and on the South shore of the Bay of Islands. And this really concerns me very much, Mr. Speaker.

Now, if I have I have the time, Mr. Speaker, I could go on with the other petition or sit down -

AN HON. MEMBER: No, do it now. I will wait for you.

MR. WOODROW: Okay, very good. It is related to the same topic, and this one, Mr. Speaker, reads: "We the undersigned are interested in three shifts for Winter maintenance and petition the Department of Transportation and Communications to act accordingly." We have nineteen names from people who are already working in the depot at Wild Cove in the Bay of Islands area. Now the Bay of Islands area is probably plagued with more than any other area in the Province with snow clearing, and this is going on continually year in and year out. Now I realize that the government have made a rule on two shifts, but I think with the way that the snow is coming down at the present time, in fact, it was almost impossible this morning to get from

MR. WOODROW: Corner Brook to Deer Lake to catch their plane to be in here on time. It was terrible out there all over the weekend, so I am imploring the Minister of Transportation and Communications - I already told him that I would be getting this petition - I ask him and implore him to take a look at these positions and try to have a heart and get something done about it.

SOME. HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. member for Baie Verte-White Bay.

MR. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker, I rise to say a few words in support of the petition presented by my friend from Bay of Islands. I congratulate him, Sir, for having the courage and the fortitude to bring in that type of petition, especially sitting on that side of the House, because it does not make life any easier for the Minister of Transportation and Communications. But having said that, Sir, which the minister deserves to hear, and I hope the minister will rise in his place after I sit down and give the members of this House and the people of this Province some indication of what he is going to do about the deplorable conditions in the Winter maintenance service of his department. Mr. Speaker, his department this year, for some crazy reason, some crazy scheme has been perpetrated on the workers and on the people of this Province; he has insured that workers are on call for twelve hour shifts, twelve hours a day, but the government will only pay them for eight. They can stay home if they wish and be paid for eight hours but they must stay home for twelve hours. It is wrong, Mr. Speaker, it is absolutely wrong. On top of that, Sir, they are leaving those workers home, they are leaving the workers home and arranging for the foremen, and the foremen work in units, but they are arranging for those foremen to go out cruising the roads equipped with mobile telephones to call the workers in from their home or call them into the depot any odd hour at all in the morning. It is crazy, Mr. Speaker, it just cannot work, it cannot be done. On Sundays it was snowing to beat the band in Fleur de Lys but sixteen miles away in Baie Verte there was not a flake falling and

MR. RIDEOUT: because the foreman would be down cruising the Burlington Road or some other road, nobody goes over to Fleur de Lys road. It is a crazy, intolerable situation. What the member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Woodrow) brought before this House is a very serious problem, and I hope that the Minister of Transportation will do something about it. It is obviously an effort, Sir, to save a few dollars by keeping the men on call for twelve hours and only paying them for eight, and by laying off or not hiring back the seasonal workers that the member referred to. It is a crazy policy that the government is perpetrating on the people of this Province.

And the other part of their crazy policy, Sir, is this; they appear

MR. RIDEOUT: to have an ice control system for every different road in this Province. If you live in Nipper's Harbour then the orders from the unit foreman is to sand every inch of the road. If you live in Ming's Bight the order is sand the hills and the turns. Now what is the difference between one road and the other road? One is equally as bad as the other. I would submit, Sir, that the Ming's Bight road is worse, more hilly, more turns and so on. And the people who work with this minister's department, Mr. Speaker, will tell you this type of thing. Now how can you go to the people and attempt to justify when they ask me questions when their own workers are telling them this is the orders they got from their boss - sand all of one road but only sand the hills and the turns on another road. Now what is the minister up to, Mr. Speaker? I would hope that the minister will get up and let us know what he is up to in that department. We had our first snowfall out in my district two or three days ago, the first major snowfall for the winter. It is nothing compared to what we are going to get after Christmas or in another month or so, and the 'phone is gone mad with people calling complaining about the service that that department is providing to them. And they are not unreasonable calls, Mr. Speaker. If they will send a sand truck out to get a load of herring out of Pacquet but they will not send a sand truck out to make sure the road is in proper condition it is time that the minister - there has been one incompetent minister after the other, Sir, in that department, and it has been let drift too long. And I would hope that the hon. Pleasantville lip will do something about it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!
I would require the hon. gentleman to withdraw the last remark. As hon. members are aware, they refer to other

MR. SPEAKER: hon. members by the district from which they come or their function in the House but not in other manners.

MR. RIDZOUT: Most assuredly so, Sir.

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

MR. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the petition presented by the member for Bay of Islands (Mr. Woodrow), and I am sure all outport members here today will support him, because the outports are the ones that are mostly affected. City members do not have too much to worry about here. They have their own council and things are taken care of.

I certainly would support the government in trying to save dollars here and there, but in a time of great unemployment and the private sector falling down on the job, I do not think we should be pinching pennies there. Placentia district has been hard hit by this cutback and I am surprised that the unions in Newfoundland have not stepped in and said there is no more of this twelve hour crap, eight hours is long enough for any man to work. So I would recommend that the highway system be maintained on a three eight-hour shift, not a two twelve.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for St. George's.

MRS. McISAAC: Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise to support the petition presented by the member for Bay of Islands. I think the West Coast

MRS. MCISAAC: seems to be the area that is in the most difficulty as far as road conditions are concerned. When I stood here the other day and asked the minister a question about the district, the Highways district, I think we are in district four, and it takes in the section of the Northern Peninsula, well the Baie Verte Peninsula, the Northern Peninsula, the South Coast of Labrador, the Port au Port Peninsula, all Corner Brook, Stephenville, right down the coast, Port au Basques and Burgeo. That is all one district. And I am safe in saying that it is double the mileage that is in any other district. And we are certainly in an area where we get, I believe, a lot worse weather than you get here on the East Coast. And, for instance, as was stated by the last member who spoke, St. John's does not have too much of a worry as far as the Department of Transportation is concerned because the city takes care of it.

AN HON. MEMBER: They have twelve 'TA's too.

MRS. MCISAAC: The town of Corner Brook does not have all that much problem but they do have a lot of their roads cleared by the Department of Transportation.

But in the meantime I think that the Highways Department, or the Highways district at Deer Lake, has too much to handle. I do not see any way in the world that one district office can take care of an area as big as that. And I suggested here the other day or asked the minister would he give some consideration to spreading that area into two districts. I am sure that we would get much better service if the area was divided into two districts, two depots, whatever, not sub-depots but two main areas.

We have got the same problems out in our areas and I am sure that the same thing exists everywhere. In the Codroy Valley especially, in that area between St. George's and

MRS. MCISAAC: Port aux Basques, I think you need a district there alone to take care of that stretch of highway. And in the Gallants area there are transport trucks off the road, jack-knifed, all kinds of traffic off the road. It seems to me as though they go out with the salt when the road is clean. If the road is as clean as the floor you will see them out salting. If the roads and hills are icy as can be and everybody scratching on the hill to get up there is not a vehicle on the roads. They seem to think that if there is a snow fall they have got to give up and go in.

MR. CALLAN: The member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan) introduced that policy.

MRS. MCISAAC: If they are not out to work when they should be working - the time to have the crews on the road is when the storms are on and not when they cannot see, not in blinding blizzards, but at least there are people caught on the roads. I know people who have sat in their cars on the roads until one and two o'clock in the morning and I know people who sat there all night because the crews were not on. It was too stormy for the Highways people to get out and do the road.

So I mean I do not think for one minute that the people on the East Coast or Central Newfoundland would put up with what we are

ORAL QUESTIONS

- MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.
- MR. W.N. ROWE: A question, Sir, for the hon. the Premier. Before doing so let me welcome the Premier back. He is looking as fit as a fiddle there today. Obviously, a week in bed does him good. He should do it more often.
- MR. S. NEARY: Especially when the House is sitting.
- MR. W.N. ROWE: Especially when the House is sitting. Although, Mr. Speaker, when the Premier is away the mice have a tendency to play. He might have noticed that himself.
- MR. SIMMONS: Even the rats.
- MR. W.N. ROWE: Even the rats have a tendency to play. Sir, what I would like to do is ask the Premier one or two questions regarding the proposal of First Arabian Corporation. Has the government assumed a position yet regarding the proposal of First Arabian Corporation to take over the operation of the Come by Chance oil refinery?
- MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Premier.
- PREMIER MOORES: The government had an opportunity this morning, Mr. Speaker, to have a very worthwhile, a very instructive and, I think, a good meeting with the principals of First Arabian Corporation and the support people they had with them. There is a great deal more information available now than there had been some-time ago. There is still, obviously, a considerable amount of work to be done, a lot of work to be done. The government welcomed the presentation this morning, it is the first time we have had an opportunity to have a full discussion with the principals of the Corporation. I understand they are also meeting with the Opposition to bring them up to date on the position as it presently is and I am sure that they will look forward to it as we did. Other than that, Sir, until such time as it is progressed further there is very little more the government can say.

MR. W.N. ROWE:

A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER:

A supplementary.

MR. W.N. ROWE:

I understand that the Corporation, First Arabian Corporation had a press conference at 2:00. I, obviously, was not there. I have heard some of the matters which were announced, but perhaps the Premier could elucidate some of the matters which had been announced or perhaps fill in one or two gaps in matters which have not been dealt with publicly yet. For example, as I understand it the proposal of the First Arabian Corporation is to pay off the first mortgagee, the amount owing to

Mr. W. N. Rowe: the first mortgagee, the first mortgage which amounts to—what?—Some \$110 million, or something around that figure, is the proposal also to pay off the Government of Newfoundland in full for its \$30 million or so which is secured by a second mortgage on the oil refinery?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: In the formula of the letter of intent, and this is still not finalized, Mr. Speaker, the methodology for paying off the first mortgagee is there, as the Leader of the Opposition has said, also a procedure to look after the second mortgagee further downstream. And also this morning, in conversation with Mr. Tamraz and his people, there was considerable discussion and a desire expressed by the First Arabian people that they wanted to work something out and they were very sympathetic to working something out, regarding the local unsecured creditors.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. W. N. ROWE: A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. W. N. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, in the letter of intent is there a timetable for the repayment of the government debt, the thirty-odd million dollars? I mean, is there a commitment? If the letter of intent were accepted today would there be a commitment by the First Arabian Corporation to pay the government back in full?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Industrial Development.

MR. DOODY: In answer to that question, Mr. Speaker, there is indeed a time frame established in the letter of intent. It is not unlike the original agreement with the original owners of the refinery in which the first mortgage gets paid down first and then the second mortgage gets paid down subsequent to that. The timetable is established and it is set forth in the letter of intent. I have no doubt at all that the representatives of First Arabian will be only too happy to discuss it in detail with the hon. Leader of the Opposition and his colleagues this afternoon. This is a very long, involved and legal

Mr. Doody: document which I have absolutely no intention of getting into here this afternoon. I will be most happy to have a precise done and have it distributed to anybody who is interested in looking at it. But I can assure hon. members that the interests of the second mortgage holder, of the Province are looked after just as they had been in the original agreement with the interest which has accrued up to the date of the closing of the agreement. I am just trying to grope through this huge legalese document here and I have not come across the appropriate paragraph, but I know it is in here somewhere and it can be made available as I said earlier.

MR. W. N. ROWE: A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. W. N. ROWE: The Premier indicated, not very specifically, but he did indicate something about the local unsecured creditors. Is there anything in the letter of intent, which goes somewhat beyond what the Premier had to say, something definite, something specific regarding looking after the local unsecured creditors who are owed money to the tune of some millions of dollars, Mr. Speaker? If not, can the government give an undertaking here that some such commitment, by this particular company or any company which may finally be accepted as taking over the Come By Chance refinery, some such commitment to pay back the local unsecured creditors will be entered into and insisted upon by the government?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing in the letter of intent, to my knowledge, pertaining to that. I would - after conversations with the principals this morning, or as the Leader of the Opposition says, whoever

PREMIER MOORES: finalizes any arrangement to reopen the Come By Chance refinery—I would like to think that the government will do everything possible and I would like to think the principals who are going to operate the refinery will do everything possible to have some mechanism to try to insure that the local creditors are looked after. We are talking about the small local creditors here in the Province as opposed to CN or someone like that, we are talking about the small local creditors. Certainly in the interests of the operator, in the interest of the government and in the interest of the individuals involved, it is of major significance, I think, to this House and to those I just mentioned.

MR. W. ROWE: A supplementary. A further supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition.

MR. W. ROWE: I realize that we will probably get all this information later on when we get a chance to look at this massive document which the hon. Minister of Industrial Development is looking through—could the Premier indicate now, Sir, what exactly is the proposal of First Arabian with regard to the oil refinery? What do they propose to do? Do they propose to use it as is and use it as an oil refinery? Do they propose to use it as some kind of storage area or mechanism? Do they propose to convert or reconvert or add to or reconstruct? What do they intend to do and what kind of a product do they intend to produce in that oil refinery?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Obviously, Mr. Speaker, that is a question that would take a very long answer and one that cannot be realized until the final documentation, when and if that is done takes place. The intention, as we were advised this morning and have been before, is to operate the oil refinery as an oil refinery with the hydrogen plant and the Isomax being repaired and updated so that it can be fully efficient, so that it operates as a refinery in a true sense. Regarding any expansion or whatever, that is something that, I would suggest, is further down the road although it is something that has been discussed and will be discussed, I suppose, with individuals who are involved in reopening the refinery. But certainly this

PREMIER MOORES: government has gone on record, Sir, and we went on record very clearly and very definitively before, in that there is no way that we would go along with any proposition whereby the refinery was just being used for storage because that would not warrant, not just the risks exactly, the environmental risks or the other risks nor the employment opportunity, I do not think there is any future in that for this Province, I do not think any government would go along with that and the proposal, as we understand it, is to operate the refinery as a full refinery.

MR. W. ROWE: A further supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition.

MR. W. ROWE: I realize, Sir, that I am asking a lot of supplementaries but it is an important area affecting the Province. The Premier seems to be very vague about all of this. I do not mean to insult the hon. gentleman, Mr. Speaker, but we are trying to find out some information for ourselves and for the public about what this proposal is all about. Would the Premier indicate what the time frames in the letter of intent may be with regard to the takeover? If the proposal were accepted by this government or by any other people; the court here, for example, and this government, what are some of the time frames involved? When would the construction if any start on the oil refinery and when is that expected to be concluded if, in fact, it goes ahead? When is the refinery intended to be in full operation and anything else along those lines that might occur to the Premier, Sir, as far as the start up and the full operation of this refinery is concerned under the proposal by the First Arabian Corporation?

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, I might say it is not what occurs to the Premier, what comes across my mind, it is what is in the final document that still has to be signed between the first mortgagee the British and the First Arabian or whoever the case may be and who starts up the refinery. Whilst I can give the opinions, while I can give the impression and the statements that were given to us today, the fact is

PREMIER MOORES: until there is a final document signed, obviously, no one can be specific. A few minutes ago the hon. the Leader of the Opposition said I was not being specific and that I said they were going to operate as a refinery. Now I do not know, Sir, how specific you have to be when you say you are going to operate it as a refinery. I do not know if I would have misled him if I had said a sawmill or something like that, but the fact is it is a refinery that they are talking about. The deadline has been mentioned in this House many times before, **between** February 15th and April 15th. **Now**, maybe that is not very specific, Mr. Speaker, but to most people it is. Now, what time of the day on February 15th or April 15th I do not know, but it is next year, 1979, between February 15th and April 15th. The one bit of information I can pass on that we were advised of this morning and not before, is that the time frame would be between eight and twelve months, hopefully, to be in operation, that means a post construction period.

MR. W. N. ROWE: One final supplementary, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: A final supplementary, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. W. N. ROWE: The Premier should not get mad, Sir, I am just trying to find out what is going on here.

MR. NEARY: We thought he was well rested and here he is, right up-tight.

MR. W. N. ROWE: We thought he was well rested, his blood pressure was down, that he had come back full of vim and vigor, so he should not get mad. But, Sir, one final supplementary on it. I understand from the press conference that one of the technical gentlemen, I believe an engineer accompanying the First Arabian Corporation people whom we have the pleasure of having in our gallery today, indicated that the replacement value of the

MR. W. N. ROWE: Come By Chance oil refinery might be somewhere around \$400 million. I cannot swear to that but I did hear that from a newsman. Could the Premier give some idea based on what his own technical people in the government, engineers and architects and so on, whether that figure accords with the government's figure as to the replacement value of the Come By Chance oil refinery, some \$400 million?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, first of all to the Leader of the Opposition and the hon. House Leader opposite, I am totally relaxed. I feel absolutely fine.

MR. NEARY: Well, you could have fooled us there a few minutes ago.

PREMIER MOORES: I am sorry about that. It is just that after spending one week with the wife, talking to her all the time, maybe I am more aggressive than I normally would be among all these polite -

MR. NEARY: And Stephan.

PREMIER MOORES: That is right, and Stephan, who talks back.

MR. NEARY: Why did you not call him Steve instead of Stephan?

PREMIER MOORES: Well, we have to draw the line somewhere, Mr. Speaker.

But as far as the replacement value of the refinery is concerned, Sir, we have not bid on one recently, we have not designed one. What we are interested in is the market value of the refinery and not the replacement value of it.

MR. SIMMONS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. the member for Lurgan - Bay d'Espoir, the hon. the member for LaPoile after.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Speaker, a couple of supplementaries for the Premier on the same subject.

MR. SIMMONS: He has indicated in his initial answers that the session this morning with First Arabian was instructive. Apart from that, Mr. Speaker, would he indicate whether any concessions were sought by First Arabian? To put it another way, is the First Arabian proposal predicated on receiving any concessions, monetary or otherwise, from the government?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: I think it is fair to say, the detail of the final agreement was not gone into, Mr. Speaker, for obvious reasons, but certainly to this point in time the answer is no, there have not been any concessions requested, as such, in the normal context.

MR. SIMMONS: A supplementary, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. SIMMONS: The Premier was doing well until he added at the end, 'in the normal context'. I must ask him one more time whether in this morning's meeting, or at any time up until now in his government's dealings with First Arabian, whether any concessions have been sought or is he under the impression that the First Arabian proposal is in any way predicated on First Arabian receiving certain concessions

MR. SIMMONS:

from Government?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Premier.

PREMIER MOORES:

Mr. Speaker, when the hon. member says from government -

MR. SIMMONS:

The provincial government.

PREMIER MOORES:

The federal government there has to be concession regarding the wharf. There may be others as well. But this government has made its position clear right from the very beginning. As opposed to the previous policy that went on for so many years, no, there will be no sales tax concession, no, there will be no corporate tax concessions. In other words, all the giveaways that the hon. member remembers so well will not happen in the future.

MR. SIMMONS:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A final supplementary, then the hon. member for LaPoile followed by the hon. member for Windsor-Buchans.

MR. SIMMONS:

The Premier came in relaxed, this afternoon. He should not let his blood pressure take control, Mr. Speaker. He should not get excited about this.

MR. W. ROWE:

Try to be rational about it.

MR. SIMMONS:

We are asking him some fairly sensible questions, Mr. Speaker, and we would like to have the answers without all the locus pocus about ancient history and all that, when he and a lot of them over there were Liberals like the rest of us are.

MR. NEARY:

He had better speak to his colleague there to his right.

MR. SIMMONS:

Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary for the Premier. During this morning's session with First Arabian or indeed any time up until now, has the provincial government made

MR. SIMONS: any commitments of any kind, any commitments to First Arabian - perhaps I will leave that - has the government made any commitments of any kind to First Arabian? What I was thinking about adding, and perhaps I should is, I am not thinking about the normal commitment in terms of being co-operative and that kind of thing but are there any firm commitments to First Arabian as part of their involvement or their proposed involvement with the oil refinery at Come By Chance?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, if I was not very definitive a few minutes ago, or I was accused of not being very definitive, I certainly find that question very indefinite as well. The fact is the only commitment we have with First Arabian is one that we will continue to listen to their position as they progress. We hope it progresses well, we hope that they get it in a position that we can fully support it, whatever the case may be. There is no specific commitment as such, the only commitment is to co-operate and to listen as the position is developed. I resent this remark, Mr. Speaker, about I am not relaxed, I am uptight, and now I got an accusation about blood pressure. My problem, Sir, is that I have, unfortunately, gained a bit of weight lately which, whilst it relaxes me in some ways it has made me a bit uptight in others, uptight like, for instance, I cannot get into my three piece suit. Sir, I am doing the best I can. I am going to try to lose some of that over Christmas, which is unlikely.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NLATT: Mr. Speaker, I want to change the subject for a moment, Sir, I want to get back to this explosive situation in Wabush, which the hon. gentleman thought was of such importance that the hon. gentleman came in with a ministerial

MR. NEARY:

statement this afternoon.

Sir, in view of the explosive situation that has taken place down there, and in view of the fact that we have had a commission of enquiry report that has been in the hands of the Newfoundland Government for some considerable period of time, would the Premier indicate to the House just what action his government have taken on the Bartlett Industrial Enquiry as far as contracting work out is concerned? What action has been taken to remedy this situation to date?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Premier.

PREMIER MOORES:

Well, Mr. Speaker, first of all the companies were advised, while they had access to the report itself. the companies were advised specifically after that report came out as to what the

Premier Moores: obvious recommendations of the report were and what the obvious desires of this government were. We have not brought in legislation to this effect in the House and I am not sure it is something that you can bring in. I would like to think you would have full co-operation from people who understand the position. As the hon. member knows, for instance, in the Lower Churchill Development Corporation all the local services and so on were written in. The same with Linerboard; all the services and people will be written into that, very specifically. In the offshore regulations the people of the Province and the service industry of the Province are fully protected.

Now when you take companies like IOC or Wabush or whoever they may be, you can tell them and you can repeat it and, hopefully and normally people will and companies will adhere to this sort of representation. There is one thing that has got us very worried and very worried in the context that if the shop was full and if it is going to be that way over any period of time, why should there not be an expansion of that facility in Labrador to ensure that the work can be done there? When we say that we should legislate or pass Order-in-Councils regarding people having a work permit like we had in Quebec there for a while which has now been, I understand, cancelled because of the Ontario pressure, when we talk about servicing having to be done in Newfoundland this becomes very difficult, Sir, when you consider that the mobility of the work force in Canada, whether there are so many Newfoundlanders working at Fort McMurray or whether there are some other people from other provinces, to a much lesser degree, working here, it is a very difficult thing to be parochial and legislate parochialism. But, certainly, patriotism is a very different thing, and when we are talking about first consideration being given to Newfoundland companies, particularly in a place like Labrador which is isolated and has its own in-built society as I told the hon. member, we told the companies before, we are telling them now and in even stronger terms, as a matter of fact, we are telling them in very strong terms.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, in the hon. gentleman's answer, Sir, there were a lot of words there, and there was some reference to patriotism and there was some reference to the tarsands, Alberta and so forth, but I am not sure, Sir, if I got the answer or not, there was an awful of malarky in there. Would the hon. gentleman tell me, tell the House, and tell the people in Wabush where you have a very explosive situation, what follow-up, was there indeed any follow-up on the Bartlett report apart from what we are getting in this House today? Who followed it up? When was it followed up? How was it followed up? Let the Premier tell us what has happened to this report? Has anything been done about it? Or has it just been thrown on the shelf and forgotten about?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Well, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman should watch his blood pressure. It is something that one has to watch in this House, so I have been told this afternoon. And certainly, when it comes to recognizing malarky the hon. gentleman is a master of that, so I will not argue that point with him. The fact is that yes, the companies were advised; yes, the Department of Manpower and Labour and others, Mines and Energy were in contact with the companies; yes, they will be in touch with them again in a more forceful manner than before. It is not a matter of not wanting this, and the hon. member knows that full well. I know it is an explosive situation up there, but I will also say, Sir, at this point in time, that whilst there is an explosive situation to it there, the answer to it is not a wildcat strike with an injunction and a defiance of the law. I am saying that if this is going to be worked out that the union should go back to the job, we will send in people immediately to identify the problem so that three parties can work together and hopefully with a solution rather than from a confrontation position.

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

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to answer what the hon. gentleman said, the whole incident would never have happened and we would not have had this confrontation if the government had a full time Minister of Manpower who was responsible and responsive to the needs of the people in that area, -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: - and had followed out the recommendations of the Bartlett inquiry. So will the Premier tell the

MR. NEARY: House if and when we are ever going to get a full-time Minister of Manpower in this Province to deal with these kinds of situations that we are faced with today and not just come out and condemn the workers who have been driven to desperation and frustration in this strike. The Premier can condemn them all he like but where is the Minister of Manpower when this is going on? I am asking the Premier when we are going to get a full - time Minister of Manpower in this Province?

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, we have a full-time department of that. The hon. member knows full well that I did not come out and just condemn the union. What I did come out and say was, 'Uphold the rights of justice.' And also what I did, probably more forcefully was, if there was condemnation, which is the wrong word, condemn the company for not having made arrangements to have done this work in Newfoundland. I am not saying there is any two rights in this thing, I am saying that possibly we are working towards two wrongs and they do not make a right. What I am saying, Sir, is that this thing has got to be put back into perspective whereby the company is encouraged in every way possible to do all the work they can within that area of Labrador, where the people who are presently on the picket line feel at home and can work comfortably with that company.

MR. NEARY: A final supplementary and then I will recognize the hon. member for Windsor-Buchans.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, just for the benefit of hon. members, Sir, in the Bartlett Report to quote it is talking about Sept Iles, "It is this thriving townsite of Sept Iles that appears to have benefited most from the exploitation of the iron ore deposits in Labrador. With no ore body of its own, Sept Iles is known, ironically, as the mining capital of the North, - I do not know if the Premier is aware of that being in the report - "and in the opinion of this Commission the ever growing list of unemployed workers in Labrador City - Wabush may, in large measure, be attributed to the absence in Labrador of the many spinoff industries normally associated with major industrial complexes."

MR. NEARY: For the benefit of the hon. gentleman, Sir, what I said was the union told me they could not contact the hon. gentleman. I do not know if it is true or not. The hon. gentleman should listen to what I am saying and listen to what other people are saying. But I am going to ask the Premier again, Where do we go from here? What is now going to be done to try to resolve this very, very serious confrontation that is going on in Wabush in Labrador West?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Minister of Manpower and Labour and the Minister of Manpower and Labour have both been in touch with both groups today. The fact is that the government will not get officially involved whilst there is

MR. NEARY: Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the hon. gentleman in all seriousness, Sir, because this as I say is a very serious situation, the union have been in touch with me, the union members have been in touch with me since Friday almost on a continuous basis and I realize the seriousness of the situation and this House should realize the seriousness of it and I want to ask the Premier now where do we go from here? We do not have a full-time Minister of Manpower, we have an inexperienced Minister of Manpower, where do we go from here? Is the government just going to sit back and not intercede? The member cannot be contacted, the government ministers are not returning phone calls.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

I must ask the hon. gentleman to take his seat. I want to point out that questions should not be prefixed with argument or matter for debate and would also point out that in supplementary questions, really, preamble should be quite brief.

MR. NEARY: What I want to find out, Mr. Speaker, and I think this is a very, very serious matter, Where do we go from here?

MR. ROUSSEAU: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.
MR. SPEAKER: A point of privilege.

MR. NEARY: Oh, the hon. gentleman is back in his seat.

MR. ROUSSEAU: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for La Poile (Mr. Neary) suggested that the union was not able to contact me. I have been in contact with the union and I am now presently trying to contact the company, so I would appreciate it if the hon. member would retract that statement.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! It is not a matter on which, obviously, I have any decision to make, it is a difference of opinion into which the Chair will not enter.

The hon. member.

PREMIER MOORES: **an illegal** strike taking place, nor should they get involved where there is **an illegal strike** taking place. What will happen is when the strikers go back to work we will immediately go in and try to resolve the differences between the group, but, Sir, I do not think anyone who looks at this rationally would suggest that government should become involved in a situation that is illegal.

Secondly, I would like to say, Sir, when we talk about the prosperity of Sept-Iles, the responsibility of why Sept-Iles is so prosperous as it is, I would suggest, rests as much with the previous governments of this Province as it did with anybody else. And that is why we are talking about Port Labrador, why we are talking about the development of the power in Labrador for Labradorians so that we can do the job for Labrador that should have been done twenty years ago.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: I had indicated that I would recognize the hon. the member for Windsor - Buchans next.

MR. FLIGHT: I will yield to a supplementary from the hon. member.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! I will recognize the hon. gentleman, but just so that our principles or our procedure will be straight here, the hon. gentleman may yield, but I do not think the hon. gentleman can then sort of determine whom the Chair will recognize.

The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, a question to the Premier with respect to the Wabush situation. I think there is a definite procedure to be followed within the collective agreement with respect to contracting out. Now I do not know whether this particular case was an exception.

MR. LUSH: Can the Premier verify that?
There is a definite procedure in the collective agreement with respect to contracting out, and I do not know whether this particular case was an exception or whether it applies to everything, whether companies contracting out have to follow procedure irrespective of what the contracting-out deal is?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER MOORES: Mr. Speaker, I am advised that this was an exception in that the work could not be done in a given period of time, and that is where that overtime thing that I mentioned earlier came into play where one said one thing and one said the other. And that is something that has obviously got to be checked into and followed through with. But the answer to the hon. gentleman is I am not sure, and that is one of the things we are trying to ascertain now.

MR. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker.

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MR. FLIGHT: Over already?

MR. SPEAKER: Unless you want to have a second Question Period. The thirty minutes have expired.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: Order 1.

The adjourned debate on the Address in Reply.

The hon. the member for St. George's.

MRS. McISAAC: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. MCISAAC: I will try to pick up where I left off Friday evening, Mr. Speaker, I only have five minutes then, so I will get away from that little bit of rolling around in the mud that I did Friday evening and get down to the problems of my district now. And I do not have to worry about which one I am going to hit because you name them and we have them, in all departments. So I think I will start off with the Department of Fisheries, fisheries development, as it applies or does not apply to my particular district.

We have in the district of St. George's, in the Bay St. George area, I think, a wonderful potential for fisheries development but it is neglected, it is not developed. I would like to know just how much money is being put into the fisheries development in the Bay St. George area by the provincial government. I know there is some being put in there by the federal government. I know that in the Codroy area, for instance, there is a \$78,000 Canada Works project going on right now, but I do not think that there is too much input by the provincial government, although I stand to be corrected on that.

The Bay St. George area is one of the bays, one of the areas where there is quite a bit of fishing done. We cannot prove that, as far as fish landings are concerned, and this is something that bothers me. Because the Speech from the Throne it states that the government will begin an engineering assessment of inshore ports to determine what facilities will be required and the emphasis will be on those ports which account for the major share of inshore fish landings. And if it is based on inshore fish landings then we might as well hang up our hats because there is no way in the world that we are going to qualify for any improvement, or any facilities if it is based on fish landings. I am not telling the minister anything. I am sure the minister realizes that

MRS. MCISAAC: in the Bay St. George area, I would venture to say, about ninety per cent of the fish that is processed or brought to the plants along the South Coast is taken from the Bay St. George area. There are quite a few quotas there and I think the minister realizes that. That is on page three if the minister is looking for it, and it is paragraph four.

This bothers me, because if we have to wait to get our facilities, or get fishing facilities in Bay St. George, in St. George's area and in the Robinson's, Heatherton, Fischells and Crabb's area, based on fish landings, then we are finished. Because, as the minister knows, the landings are down but certainly not because the fish is not being taken out of Bay St. George. It is taken from Bay St. George and it is brought around the coast. I have been talking to so many people and all these longliners in storms - we have got a beautiful port there in St. George's, a beautiful Harbour, one of the six most natural in the world, I think it is classed. I know it is. And it is too bad that there is not something done with it. I know that we can get after the federal government but I think it should be a joint venture and I would like to ask the minister if he would get together with his counterpart. I have tried to get in touch with Mr. LeBlanc, in fact, he was here last week and I was very disappointed.

MRS. MCISAAC: I did not get to talk to him. I mentioned it to him the last time I met him here in St. John's, I believe it was last year. He was here again this year. I called his office after he went back and I was quite disappointed that we did not get to talk to him. It is fine for the people who have their fishing facilities available right now, or those whose fisheries are being developed, but we do not. And it is not because the fish is not in the Bay St. George. The fish is there, it is just a matter of having some sort of facility there so that the fish can be landed and processed there. There is no reason in the world why anybody in that area should be unemployed because there are hundreds - I will not say hundreds I will say dozens of fishermen along that coast who would just love to get involved in the fishery who have been, and their fathers and grandfathers before them were. But in the meantime, what do they do with the fish if they go out? If they get a load of fish they have to come out and peddle it door to door, there are no facilities, no storage facilities.

MR. W. CARTER: If the hon. lady will permit I would like to add to clear up that point.

MRS. MCISAAC: Yes, I would like to have it cleared up.

MR. W. CARTER: The Throne Speech did, in fact, mention that there would be an assessment made of fishing ports with particular emphasis at the beginning on ports accounting for major landings. But in our proposal, Mr. Speaker, we have clearly stated that all ports, those with fishery potential, development potential will be part of that overall assessment programme. So certainly the port out in St. George's with its great potential will fall within the guidelines that have been established whereby this assessment will be undertaken.

THE SPEAKER: The hon. member,

MRS. MCISAAC:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for that. I think that that is good news and I am sure the people of the Bay St. George area will be happy to hear that. Because we definitely have the potential there it is just a matter of getting it developed. I cannot understand why all the fish has to be taken from the Bay St. George area and taken all around the coast or taken to Port aux Basques or further than this, along the south coast and in some cases to Sydney. All the boats have to come in. They come in and tie up at the wharf in St. George's in storms or when there is a wind forecast and on numerous occasions the men have told me that there is no way that they could keep the fish, they sometimes end up having to dump a whole load of fish because they cannot get to the facilities. If we had something like that in St. George's area - I am not saying right in St. George's, maybe somewhere in the Robinsons area, I do not care where it is, but I certainly see the need for it there and I am glad the minister recognizes the need and I hope that something will be done. So since I have some assurance from the minister that we will not be left out of this engineering assessment or whatever he proposes to call it, well then, I will probably drop it right there. Now I did see that it is planned to construct several new facilities at strategic locations. I hope that we are one of the strategic locations, I think we are.

We have problems in the area, not only with the fishery. We have an area, a beautiful agricultural area, an area that is underdeveloped mainly because of lack of policy on the part of the government. Maybe there may be some little thing that the farmers can do too to help and I am sure that they are not against chipping in and doing their part. They have been farming all their lives, they know what is required and it is just a matter of getting together with government and trying to encourage young farmers and the farmers that are in there now, in fact, to stay in and

MRS. MCISAAC: along with that encourage new farmers, young farmers to get involved, new involvement. Because this is one of the areas where we have, I would say, quite an acreage of farmland, maybe some of the best farmland in the Province. But again there is very little mention, as far as agriculture is concerned, in the Speech from the Throne, very little and the farmers are having

Mrs. McIsaac: problems. They last Summer, invited the Minister of Agriculture out to have a meeting. In the meantime, they presented all their proposals to him, and the minister came back with a bunch of proposals from the farmers and the farmers in the area have not heard tell of him since.

Mr. Speaker, I guess it is not customary for the person who is speaking to call a quorum, but I do not intend to stand here and talk to myself so I would like to call a quorum.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (MR. YOUNG): A quorum is called.

I will ask the Clerk to count the House?

We have a quorum.

The hon. member for St. George's.

MRS. MCISAAC: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is nothing as aggravating, when you have as many problems in a district as I have, as to stand here and try to bring the problems of your district to the floor of the House of Assembly and to look around and see nobody in their seats, to stand here and talk to the four walls.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Dock their pay that is the proper thing to do with them.

MRS. MCISAAC: And as far as I am concerned this is probably why we are in the position we are in. Because when members are up speaking and trying to pass on the problems of their districts hon. ministers are out in the corridors or off doing other work and they never find out what is going on. They are certainly not going to read Hansard. They do not know what is going on in my district, they do not know how neglected it is and they do not care.

MR. NEARY: That is right.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. MCISAAC: And I do not intend to stand here and put up with that kind of stuff. I came here and I intend to pass on to every minister what is needed in my area, or my views of what is needed,

Mrs. McIsaac: and if the ministers are not going to listen to it well then I just might as well go on home and forget about it and go visit my district and walk around and talk to the people in my district -

MR. NEARY: Right.

MRS. MCISAAC: - and tell them, what point is there in coming into this hon. House of Assembly and standing here yapping for forty-five minutes when nobody is going to listen to you.

MR. NEARY: Right.

MR. HICKMAN: There are only six over there.

MRS. MCISAAC: They cannot do anything about it, while they should be here to support me, they cannot do much about my problems. But the hon. members across the way, or ministers of this Crown -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. MCISAAC: - if they know the problems they can certainly look into them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. MCISAAC: It is good to have moral support, but I think we need more than moral support, we need our views heard in this House and that is what we are here for. But I thank the hon. Minister of Fisheries for sitting in his seat until I was finished on the fisheries bit, and he enlightened

MRS. McISAAC: enlightened me a little bit and then he left. Well, that is fine, I said what I had to say on fisheries and I thank him. I do not know what I was on now, I think I was on agriculture. And as far as agriculture is concerned, it again, is neglected. And it does not make any difference that that particular minister is not there because it is falling on deaf ears anyway. I have yapped for three years now about the agricultural problems in the district and the minister just sits there and he does nothing about it and he does not even have the courtesy to answer the farmers in the area when they put proposals to him.

MR. NEARY: They cannot even get their limestone on time down there.

MRS. McISAAC: In fact, right now in the Robinsons area they have a \$90,000 Canada Works project. And the Minister of Agriculture is not here, but the Acting Minister is here and I would appreciate it if maybe he would hear what I have to say and maybe there is something that he can do to help the farmers in the Robinsons area.

MR. NEARY: Hear, hear!

MRS. McISAAC: There is a \$90,000 Canada Works project approved in that area for a holding facility and, of course, again it is the same problem as the stadium in St. George's, they have to start work in January. They have requested some land. They have storage facilities out there now and they have been looking for this land which is supposedly under the control of Newfoundland Farm Products. They have gone to Newfoundland Farm Products and asked them if they could put that building on that site or on that block of land and Newfoundland Farm Products said the responsibility is with the minister, you have to get permission from the minister. So they have requested

MRS. McISAAC: permission and they have not received permission. The minister is not here, and this project is supposed to start in January. Now what is going to happen? Are we going to lose another \$90,000 in St. George's in the Robinsons area because nobody can say, 'Go ahead and put that holding facility on that land? I do not know if it is leased or granted or what to Newfoundland Farm Products. And Agriculture knows the problems, they know that they do not have facilities for vegetable storage or holding facilities, whatever you want to call it. They are encouraging on the farm storage. I know one gentleman out there who went along with this project. They can get up to \$10,000 for on the farm storage, but they cannot get it until the building is completed. He has his building completed. Where is his \$10,000? He cannot get it. So if he does not get \$10,000 he is licked next Spring. He has the facility, but that is all he has because he will not be able to afford to put a potato in the ground unless somebody gives him a few bags for seed.

It is about time that that department got organized and set their priorities straight instead of trying to downgrade the agricultural industry in that area and trying to run the farmers out of business, that they get together with the farmers and try to help them.

And the Speech from the Throne does not say all that much about agriculture. And I do not think that anybody in government is that much concerned about it, because they seem to think that it is a petty little thing, just a back-garden affair. But it is not a back-garden affair, it is a bigger affair than that, it is an industry. We could provide as far as the West Coast

MRS. McISAAC: is concerned, three times the produce that they are providing if they had a little bit of assistance from government. But as I said before, they cannot even get any answer from the Minister of Agriculture. I do not know what he has against that area. He went out there last year, they put forward their proposals which he was very happy to accept, and they have not heard a word about it, and, of course, they have been trying now to get this bit of land that Newfoundland Farm Products do not seem to own. As far as Newfoundland Farm Products are concerned, the government own it; as far as the Department of Agriculture is concerned, the Newfoundland Farm Products own it. Now who owns the land and why can the farmers out there not get that land to put that \$90,000 facility there? It is a job creation thing, it is Canada Works money, they are not asking for one cent from the Provincial Government - \$90,000 federal money, and all they need is a little piece of land to put it on. **The land is there, they** have holding facilities there now and they need another one. And here are our farmers who cannot produce up to capacity for the simple reason that they do not have holding facilities. Now if **somebody** is not going to come to their assistance, well then, we just might as well wrap it up and everybody go and just line up at the Social Services office.

Mrs. McIsaac: There are enough people in Bay St. George on social assistance right now. And the farmers in Robinson's area and in the Codroy Valley area and everywhere else have been hard working men, and their fathers and grandfathers before them, and a lot of them are proud people - and they do not want to end up on social assistance. But as a result of lack of policy and just, I do not know, it seems to me as though they are being completely ignored, and this is what is going to happen to them, they are going to end up in the ranks of the unemployed, the lines of social assistance going for handouts, and they do not want to do it, and I do not want to see them do it.

So I am asking the Acting Minister of Agriculture if I cannot get answers from the Minister of Agriculture - I have tried on several occasions and I have not gotten any direct answers from him. He skates around a little bit and gives you an answer that YOU have to pick apart and when you finally get it picked apart it does not make sense any way. So maybe the Acting Minister can work on that one and see if it is possible to get that piece of land for the people of Robinson's, for the farmers of Robinson's so that they can start construction on that building.

And then to go back to previous Speeches from the Throne; last year, anyway and the year before - oh there was a big write-up there a couple of years ago and big plans for a purchasing and marketing agency for the farmers of Newfoundland. What happened to that? If it is a reality I do not know about it. I do not know anything about a purchasing and marketing agency for the farmers. It was in the Speech from the Throne a couple of years ago. And, of course, it is still going to come through some time, but I do not know when. By that time all of the farmers will be out of business. So now we find out we have something set up out there and I do not even know what it is, the farmers do not know what it is, and I doubt very much if the government knows. I asked a question the other day, I did not get the answer. It is called - well let me see what it is called now, I have it here somewhere - Vegetable Associates Limited or something like

Mrs. McIsaac: that - I will find it in a minute- but I do not know what it means, and I am sure that the people of the area do not know what it means. And I am sure that they are not happy with it, when they sell about \$1,300 worth of vegetables and get about \$700 for the \$1,300 worth vegetables that they have passed on. I do not know what is happening to their money or what kind of a percentage they are paying, but as far as I am concerned if they sell \$1,300 worth of vegetables and they end up getting a cheque for \$700. I would like to know what is happening to the rest of the money. There is a 10 per cent holdback. What is this Vegetable Marketing Associates Limited? Does anybody know? Does the minister or the Acting minister know?

AN HON MEMBER: I never heard of it.

MRS. MCISAAC: There is a Vegetable Marketing Associates Limited they have their headquarters in Botwood.

MR. F. ROWE: Who is the Acting minister?

MRS. ISAAC: I do not know what the story is on it. I do not know if it was set up as a result of this -

AN HON. MEMBER: - set up for Wooddale and that area.

MRS. MCISAAC: For Wooddale area? Well, it is also accepting produce from our area. The farmers from our area are taking their vegetables there, and there is a 10 per cent holdback on it. I do not know what is happening to the rest of the money or how much they are charged for having their vegetables marketed, but I do know and I saw some of the statements where one farmer shipped \$1,300 and something dollars worth of vegetables, and I have the slip, there is a 10 per cent holdback, but there are also other charges, I do not know what they are, but he ended up with, well, less than \$700. So I think something like that should be investigated. And the farmers in the area, are from what I can understand from speaking to them, thought that this was associated or this may be the purchasing and marketing agency that government has been talking about for so long. I do not know if it has any connection at all with government. I would also like to know how much, if any, government money went into that Vegetable Marketing Associates Limited?

MRS. MCISAAC:

The minister is writing it. Vegetable Marketing Associates Limited, Box 460, Botwood. From what I can understand there are farmers on it. Now, if the farmers are on it I do not know what it is. It may be set up by government, I doubt it very much. But I certainly think that it should be looked into because the farmers are losing far too much money

MRS. McISAAC: and if they have to give away the cream of the crop - and when you sell \$1,300 worth of vegetables and you get back \$700, the cream and more than the cream is gone, you only end up with half the skim milk there. So that is going a little bit too far, and I think that if we want to get our agricultural industry developed and we want to keep the farmers interested in it and develop new interests then we have to do something.

I would like to know what happened to the purchasing and marketing agency that was going to be set up by government. I hope that this is not it, because if it is, it is ridiculous and I cannot see government even going along with something like this and putting money into it or passing it on to somebody else and saying, 'We are not going to do it, you go ahead and do it,' and loaning them money to do it, because if so, I think there is something wrong.

Now I cannot say anything more on this because I do not know what the story is, but I did see enough when I attended a meeting with the farmers in Robinsons area to find out that this thing is happening and I do not think they are happy with it, because they would be far better off - and I think that they are bound in some way to stick with this for a certain length of time or lose the 10 per cent holdback along with the rest that they are losing. I have not been able to get any information on it. So I will ask the minister (acting) if he will look into it and try to find out what the story is.

The potential is there. We have the beautiful farm land, as I said before, and I cannot say it often enough that it is one of the best agricultural areas in the Province, but yet it is not developed and there is no encouragement for development and the farmers are

MRS. McISAAC: eventually going to say, 'So much for that, we just cannot keep going,' because they are not making any money on it. And somebody - possibly I should not make this charge - but I think that somebody is involved in this outfit who is making the money, money that should be going back to the farmers. There is 10 per cent holdback and if there is a 15 per cent or 20 per cent charge or whatever, maybe, for handling it, all right, fine, but this is almost 50 per cent, this is going up to 45 per cent that the farmers are losing on their vegetables. Now I do not think the department knows anything about this, but they know now. And I would also like the minister to look at this situation here where the farmers have \$90,000 Canada Works money and cannot get the land to put the building on, and Newfoundland Farm Products say the government own it and the government say it is turned over to Newfoundland Farm Products. Now I will leave both of these in the hands of the minister.

We have our forestry resource out there, we have people who worked in the forest industry for years and years who are not working right now simply because there is a freeze on the land, on the timber blocks, and I can understand this to a point. I know that if the Linerboard, or whatever you are going to call it from now on, opens up again two or three years down the road or whenever, that it is going to be necessary to have pulpwood - I can understand that. But I cannot understand why the freeze is on the saw log operation, or the saw log blocks. There are acres of saw logs in that area and the saw logs are just getting cut up and sent to the paper mills. There are sawmills in the area that are crying for logs and trying to get blocks of timber so that they can cut logs for their operation. I know one gentleman in particular

MRS. McISAAC: who has not cut a log since July. He was in an area where a bridge washed out. It was not his fault the bridge washed out, this just happened to be where his block was located. And I certainly did not expect the government to go in and build a new bridge to get him back into that one area, but I certainly think that they should have located another area and made another area available to him. He did not want to get back in - he did not request that the government replace the bridge so that he could get back into the old area, all he wanted was an area where he could go in and cut saw logs. And there are lots of areas out there, there were areas, in fact, selected

ITS. McIsaac: for saw log operators and there was no reason in the world why he could not have a block of that timber and if he can not have it and those saw logs are going to the pulp mills then there is something radically wrong with the operation as far as the forestry is concerned. Also last year or the year before in one of the Speeches from the Throne that was a major concern, that the pulpwood would go to the paper mills and that the saw logs would go to the saw mills, but that is not happening. Beautiful stands of saw logs being slashed down and chopped up and sent out for pulpwood and here we are in a position where we have to import all kinds of building materials - lumber, when we have it, being sliced up and sent to the pulpwood mills. So I think it is time that the Department of Forestry got out and walked around the woods a little bit and decided just which areas should be designated for saw log operators and which areas should be designated as pulpwood areas. And this was two years ago that this was in the speech from the Throne but it has not materialized, it is still going on, saw logs are still going to the pulp mills and will continue to unless somebody takes the bull by the horns and goes out and does it. You talk about a policy, government policies, forestry policies, agricultural policies, fisheries policies - I do not know where they are. As I have said I have gotten good satisfaction from the minister today, he is going to take a look at our fishing potential out there and see what can be done. Now, I hope that the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture (Mr. Maynard) will also take a look at what is going on as far as agriculture and as far as forestry is concerned. We have people in the area who are drinking contaminated water and I do not see any excuse in this world today why people should be without the basic necessity of life. All we have to do is turn on the taps in St. John's, in Corner Brook, and in St. George's, all the bigger communities. Thousands, millions and millions of dollars come down the drain - there was enough money spent on St. George's water and sewer alone to put water in seven communities out there in my district -

MRS. McISAAC: simply because it was not supervised, simply because the consultants just let the money go down the drain and they drained us dry. There was enough money spent on the central area of St. George's to do the entire town and more besides. We do not have water and sewer right through the town of St. George's and we want well over the \$3,000,000 mark and we have only gotten the central section of the town done. And it has got to be lack of concern on everybody's part. The consultants are doing just as they please, I think it is time to take a look at what is going on with the consultants. I do not know where the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Windsor) is right now but I think that it is about time that somebody took a look at that department to see what is going on with the water and sewer facilities and in selecting consultants. The town of St. George's had a consultant, they were told to get rid of him and get another one. They got another one and they paid through the nose for it and they have had problems ever since and the system is not complete. If it had been handled properly there was money enough to do St. George's water and sewer system and, as I said, seven other small communities in the area besides that. There are holes drilled all over the place. The West Coast is so full of holes that if the water ever starts bubbling up we are all gone.

MR. NEARY: It is a wonder she does not sink out there, there are so many holes.

MRS. McISAAC: It is a wonder she does not sink. There is not one community that does not have at least seven holes drilled for artesian wells.

MR. NEARY: No pumps.

MRS. McISAAC: And no pumps.

MR. HON. WEDDER: They did not hit oil did they?

MRS. McISAAC: No. Well, if they drill a little bit further they may hit oil, I wish they would and hit something, at least they would do somebody some good. But the holes are there and they are just holes in the ground.

MR. NEARY: We got one down in Grand Bay West. In 1975, before the election, it was sunk down and was not even capped.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

AN HON. MEMBER:

Not only this administration.

MRS. McISAAC:

No, it is not only this administration.

I know that this administration is not responsible for all the holes that are drilled in the ground out in that area because it was done by the previous administration too. But the thing about it is, I am not blaming - you know give credit where credit is due and the blame where it lies, the previous administration did the same thing, went out prior

MRS. McISAAC: to an election and drilled holes all over the place. This administration did the same thing, ran out and drilled another bunch of holes, instead of taking and hooking up the holes that were already drilled because you cannot - them wells, they are holes right now, they are not doing anybody any good.

MR. MORGAN: As long as there is no water they will drill.

MRS. McISAAC: No, there is water there. They have had them tested, the capacity is there. There is lots of water there, so why can we not have them hooked up? But instead of that, no, there is all kinds of money for everything else, there is no money for drinking water. There are people with contaminated wells. And I have to remind the Minister of the Environment that last year when I presented a petition here in the House - this was to do with salt in the water in one area and this was, you know, drainage from the highway - the Minister of Environment spoke to it and he said that they would be able to help, not right then but not in the distant future; not too far in the distant future, they would be able to help people who had problems with this type of thing with the drinking water. The Department of Municipal Affairs told me the same thing, but it does not help to put it on paper, that is not helping the people in the area when they have got to take a bunch of plastic pails and buckets and pots and pans and everything that they can find and go miles and miles to the spring or to a tap that may be outside the town office in one of the communities and haul water home in pick-ups, in trucks, in all kinds of containers for household use, for flushing the toilet, for washing clothes, for all household needs, for drinking water, for baths. It is fierce and nobody knows how the people out in the outports are living or trying to live and nobody seems to care. Because I think that if we get our priorities straight that there is one thing in the world that people are entitled to it is clean, decent drinking water. If something happened to the water system in St. John's or in some of the larger communities where you had to carry water the way that the people in my area are doing it, then you would hear the outcry, then you could find out that you cannot

MRS. McISAAC: do without decent drinking water, but if the people in my area can do without decent drinking water the people in the City of St. John's can do without it or the City of Corner Brook or anywhere else. I know what it is like to have carry water in buckets because my well went dry too when they were putting in the water and sewer system and I lugged it in five-gallon pails and I know what it is like, but most of the members on that side of the House and a few on this side of the House too probably do not know what it is like but most of us do. But the thing about it is it is nothing but lack of concern. We do not have to do it so we do not care who else ends up dragging water or how they get it. But if we had to go out and live in those communities, just stay there for a week and carry water for your household needs for families of six and seven and eight and nine and ten youngsters, then we would know what it is all about and then maybe we would have a true appreciation of the problem, and that way maybe some of the people in the area may get drinking water.

Mr. Speaker, since I am here I do not know how many petitions that I presented for a decent water supply and I do not know how many times I have gone to Municipal Affairs with problems to get artesian wells. We have ended up with a couple, but most of them that were started were never completed. I think it is much better if you are going to do one to drill the hole, then put the pump there and the pumphouse and at least a dozen or fifteen or twenty families will be able to take advantage of it rather than go all over the West coast and drill holes all over the West coast and nobody can take advantage of it, all that is there is a bunch of holes. Now, the people on the west coast in my district do not deserve that. They are hard workers or they would like to be harder workers if government was not putting a stumbling block in their way. Everywhere they turn there is a stumbling block. They have run into a brick wall as far as agriculture is concerned, as far as forestry is concerned, and a water supply. You name it and they run into it. Now sure, there is a water supply - there is water in the Codroy Valley area, now they are putting in a system to a fish plant out there. I think there is \$76,000 Canada Works money going into it, but in the meantime, there

MRS. McISAAC: are also applications in here from the immediate area where that trunk line is going down to the fish plant and the people could not get even a few hundred feet of pipe to be able to hook onto that trunk line, so they had to get together. They are sick

MRS. MCISAAC:

and tired of waiting to hear from Municipal Affairs, from Water Services Division about whether or not they are ever going to get water in that area. so they have gotten together now and they are putting in their own water system, their own water supply, paying for it out of their own pockets and they should not have to do it anymore than the people in any other area.

MR. NEARY: Right!

MRS. MCISSAC: But it seems as though nobody knows what is going on on the West Coast. And I would like to invite every minister on that side of the House to come out to the West Coast and run through my area and just see what problems the people in that area have.

MR. NEARY: Right. The Trans-Canada Highway is a good example.

MRS. MCISSAC: Yes. And live in the areas. Get out and live in those communities for a little while and carry the water for the people and then you will have a different tune.

MR. NEARY: That is right.

MRS. MCISSAC: And I will bet you that when election time rolls around everybody will be out yelling out, oh there are water systems going here and water systems going there and somewhere else and the minute they lose in that area so much for the water systems.

AN HON. MEMBER: The member for St. John's Center does not know what you are talking about.

MRS. MCISSAC: They were promised water supplies - yes the member for St. John's Center (Mr. Murphy) knows what I am talking about because he knows what the story is as far as contaminated water is concerned. He knows there is an area out in the Codroy Valley and he said last year -

MR. NEARY: He knows about the garbage.

MRS. MCISSAC: - that he was going to look into it and see what he could do. I sent a telegram in here to three ministers, to the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking them if they would get together on the situation out in Woodville. Well fine, I got a reply to the telegram from the Minister of Health. I got a reply. They were going to try to get together from

MRS. MCISAAC:

what I could understand and set up a meeting and discuss the problems out there. And the problems have not been discussed and the people are still, not drinking the contaminated water but are using it for household needs and then they have got to carry water for drinking purposes.

The dumps are still in the same condition, the waste disposal sites. I have talked to the minister about that and I am hopeful that he is going to try and get an incinerator in that area. Possibly somebody will get that area cleaned up and give the people out there decent drinking water. When you have had decent drinking water and it is becoming contaminated because of neglect on somebody's part, it is a lot worse than if you never had it before because if you did not have it you do not miss it. But a lot of them had it and now it is contaminated.

So I can go on and on. That is only a few of the problems.

AN HON. MEMBER: The artesian well water is contaminated?

MRS. MCISAAC: No, they are shallow wells. They are wells. There are no artesian wells there but there are wells drilled in the area, it is only a matter of completing them. If Municipal Affairs or Water Services Division would make the money available to the water committees in the different areas then, you know, everybody would have decent drinking water. And if I could see that only in my district -

AN HON. MEMBER: \$100 per family.

MRS. MCISAAC: There are so many problems in the district that you know it just turns your stomach and makes you wonder, well what am I doing in here. I am not accomplishing a thing by coming in here and crying about the problems in the area.

MR. MORGAN: Well have they formed water committees and made applications.

MRS. MCISAAC: The water committees have applications galore in here. They are down in Municipal Affairs that high.

MR. MORGAN: \$100 per family -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MRS. MCISAAC: But in the meantime, the applications that are in to water services, that is not helping the people. But if I could

MRS. MCISAAC:

see decent water throughout my area, if I could see the people who are lugging it and hauling it now in five gallon pails, if I could see them with water that would be one accomplishment and that would be something.

All right the farmers can get organized and the fishermen and the woodsmen and they can continue to fight. Eventually, maybe, we will get something, but water is something that people should not have to wait for and if you had to wait for it in this area, in St. John's, like I said, there would be a public outcry. And in my area I would venture to say that about 75 per cent of the people have not got decent drinking water.

MR. NEARY: Hear, hear!

MRS. MCISAAC: And this is a disgrace and as far as I am concerned the administration, everybody over there should be ashamed to say that they are part of a government that would deprive the people of decent drinking water.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. MCISAAC: And that is what I feel, that the government is depriving the people because the government is the only one who can say, the money is available, there it is. I can go on. I have got other ones; the stadium - I have a million but I will get a chance at the rest of them later.

MR. SIMMONS: The member for Ferryland.

MR. H. COLLINS: (Inaudible).

MRS. McISAAC:

Pardon?

MR. H. COLLINS:

(Inaudible) water in St. George's when I was in Municipal Affairs and you were the Town Clerk over there.

MRS. McISAAC:

Right.

MR. H. COLLINS:

I thought that was a great job that they did there.

MR. NEARY:

Thanks to Alex Dunphy.

MRS. McISAAC:

Yes, right. We got water in St. George's but only in the central area of it. There was enough money, if it had been handled properly and it was not the member who did not handle it properly, I held up the receipts, the invoices from Gorman Butler for seven or eight months, eight - nine months, I think, and would not even sign one, would not even make out a cheque, I held them up because I figured they were improper and that they were claiming for things that were illegal or improper and I held them up and when I left the town of St. George's they were paid.

MR. FLIGHT:

Now!

MRS. McISAAC:

I am not saying that it is the department's fault. Yes, we have water, but we should have water throughout the town and it is because of the consultants that we do not have it and that is what is happening. And I think probably in incorporated areas that that is where the problem lies, the consultants have a free hand -

MR. NEARY:

Hear, hear!

MRS. McISAAC:

- and they should be rapped on the knuckles and maybe the water line would stretch further down the road. I think my time has expired. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: (Mr. Young) The hon. the member for Bonavista North.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CROSS: Mr. Speaker, like other government members who have spoken in this House on the Speech from the Throne, I would like to congratulate the hon. member for Kilbride (Mr. Wells), who moved the Address in Reply and also the hon. the member for Grand Falls (Mr. Lundrigan), who was the seconder, two good speakers, may I say, who waxed eloquent in both content and delivery. And although I have congratulated in person the hon. the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie) and the hon. the member for Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor), let me, for the record, congratulate them again on their newest appointments to Cabinet. I wish them well. Knowing them, I feel quite sure that they will give it their best and do a good job.

Mr. Speaker, before I get into my few remarks on the Address in Reply, I want to speak about the positive aspects of the Speech from the Throne. For a moment I would like to digress.

I listened to the programme, In the Public Eye on Friday past. Certainly, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition was the guest on that programme, and during the course of the programme one question was asked him, and the question was, Should a P.C. Government be elected in Ottawa in the election that will take place next year, would it have any effect on the outcome of a provincial election? His answer was no. He did state that while we had a P.C. Government in Ottawa we had seven Liberal members from Newfoundland, and he did say that we got as much from the P.C.s then and more than we had gotten before. But he also said that it would not make any difference if we had a P.C. Government in Ottawa and

MR. CROSS: a Liberal Government in Newfoundland. I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that this is not what the hon. the Leader of the Opposition thought only a year ago, because for a moment I would like to quote two paragraphs from a letter that was circulated in the Twillingate district during the by-election in December of 1977. And this is what the two paragraphs say: "During the next year or two most of the government money to be spent in this district, Twillingate, will be money from the federal Liberal Government in Ottawa."

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CROSS: And the second paragraph, and I quote: "It is important," and the 'important' is in bold type, "that you have a Liberal provincial member," and that is in bold type, blacker type, "who can work with your Liberal federal member to make sure that Twillingate district receives even more money to meet the many needs of the district."

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CROSS: By reading that and listening to the hon. the Leader of the Opposition on Friday night past, I think I can say that

MR. CROSS: that shows, and the word has been used in this House before, that the hon. leader was speaking with a **forked tongue**. One year he says one thing because it is politically expedient to do so then the next year he will say the exact opposite, there is no **consistency**.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please! The expression **forked tongue** has come up, I think in ordinary parlance this is considered to impart an impression of hypocrisy or that type of connotation. I would ask the hon. member if he would withdraw that particular term.

MR. CROSS: I will withdraw, Mr. Speaker, but I will say in my opinion there is **inconsistency** in what the hon. member says, in my opinion or it seems that way. I am not certainly saying anything any harsher, Mr. Speaker, than has been said before. I think, Mr. Speaker, - I have to say this now and perhaps I will get a little bit more harsh than I intended to but nevertheless the Opposition reminds me of a little story I will relate. Back when I was a boy in school there was an old gentleman in Valley Field who always liked to tinker with things and try to invent something and he thought he invented the telegraph system. He lined up a lot of tin cans, milk cans, soup cans and fishing line and so on and so forth and began to tap out with a little instrument and he said: "I have got a wireless apparatus." He said: "I can send but I can not receive." And I believe the Opposition is something like that, they can send but they cannot receive, they can give but they cannot take. Mr. Speaker, the hon. member from St. John's West (Dr. Kitchen), when he spoke in the address to the Speech from the Throne, stated in his address that the Speech from the Throne had little to do with the people of Newfoundland, it had little to do with the hopes and fears of the people of Newfoundland and had nothing to say, and several members have said this as well, about unemployment. And other members did say also, that the Speech from the Throne says nothing about unemployment, **But does it say** quite a bit about unemployment. The Speech from the Throne does speak about our program for the fisheries, it does speak about the improvements in rural Newfoundland, it does talk of the development of our **offshore**

MR. CROSS: oil and gas and the exploration program that will take place, it does speak about increased emphasis on agriculture, it does put forth some of our policies on tourism in the future and certainly these positive things can only increase employment in our Province and naturally have a decrease in the unemployment rate. The hon. the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) in his address, certainly spent some time on one paragraph in the Speech from the Throne, paragraph 1 - or paragraph 4, rather on page one - and I am going to read most and maybe all of that paragraph: "Six years ago my government accepted the challenge of building in this Province a sound economy within an equitable social fabric. My ministers can be pleased with the progress. Per capita income in 1977 was \$5,348

MR. G. CROSS: over twice the figure of \$2455 for 1972.

MR. NEARY: It is only the cost of living.

MR. G. CROSS: It says, 'Retail trade figures show that our people at this Christmas season have more spending power than ever before. Our children have better clothes. Our youth have better educational opportunities. There are more refrigerators per capita, more telephones per capita and more washing machines and more automobiles.' There, Mr. Speaker, there the hon. member from Terra Nova (Mr. T. Lush) ceased. Certainly, maybe enough has not happened in the last six years, but certainly these facts that are stated there do denote progress and maybe although we are not satisfied, the facts are there to be read and are there for all to see that progress has been made. But, Mr. Speaker, for the time at my disposal, the time remaining now, I would like to talk a bit about the district of Bonavista North and as I do to finish paragraph four on page one.

If one would listen and give heed to Opposition members, you would be led to think that nothing positive has happened in the last six years, that all our dollars have been wasted. They tell us over and over again that no jobs have been created. They tell us over and over again that no resource development has taken place. They tell us that no roads have been built, upgraded and paved, no water and sewer facilities provided and so on. Well certainly, page one of the Speech from the Throne refers to improvements that have come about during the past six years. The words say we have more miles of paved roads in Newfoundland today than we did six years ago. That is the truth and there have been as many miles of roads upgraded and paved in that six years comparable to any six-year period before in the history of Newfoundland. I will not say twenty-three, but I will say take six years of the last administration and take six years of this administration and we will find that the number of miles of roads upgraded and paved have exceeded any six-year period of the past administration.

MR. G. CROSS: So, we have more paved roads in Newfoundland, but I can say we have more paved roads in Bonavista North. Certainly I am proud to relate that the Loop Road has been completed. Certainly Bonavista North has not been left out of the picture. Mr. Speaker, as late as 1974 there were 110 miles of the Bonavista North Loop Road unpaved. At 5:20 p.m. on October 23 the last truckload of asphalt was spread on the Loop Road; the pot holes, the dust, the narrow winding roads and blind hills are no more. I may say that 80 per cent of the distance of the road that has been completed is a new road. The old winding road that was built by the former Liberal administration is no more. The distance from Indian Bay to Valleyfield by the old road was 25 miles; the distance by the new one is only 13 miles - 12 miles saved, and dollars saved because of the miles that were cut off, Mr. Speaker. Oh yes, I will give credit where credit is due. Our government will give credit where credit is due because on page two of the Speech from the Throne there is a little paragraph there that reads this: "My Government wishes to acknowledge the important role of the Government of Canada as partners with us in social and economic development. We particularly refer to the manner in which the Department of Regional Economic Expansion has been responding to provincial priorities." So here, Mr. Speaker, I will, the Government will give credit to DREE, to the Government of Canada for what they are doing, but certainly we deserve in Newfoundland Liberal dollars from Ottawa; we deserve their dollars; of course, we do.

MR. CROSS:

We pay our taxes. We only get what we pay in, in fact, if we see it that way. That is the direct part of it. My remarks are these, Mr. Speaker, that directly we get from Ottawa, directly we give to Ottawa; indirectly we take back, and, indirectly also - and what the people do not know - is that we give far more than we realize we are giving.

Mr. Speaker, in 1975 not one single community in the district of Bonavista North had any municipal roads paved. To date paving has been completed in three communities and work is ongoing in six more. Mr. Speaker, before I have to give an account of my stewardship municipal paving will have been completed in nine out of the eighteen communities in Bonavista North. All the branch roads but one have been upgraded and I live in hopes that these left unpaved will be completed in another working season.

Mr. Speaker, the Speech from the Throne speaks of more houses with indoor plumbing. Again we have water and sewer projects ongoing in three communities, namely, Middle Brook, Dover and Trinity, and a water system for Greenspond is progressing - more indoor toilet facilities in the district of Bonavista North. And I would like to think, and I know for sure, that Bonavista North is not the only district where water and sewer facilities are being given by this administration. The Speech from the Throne speaks of better hospitals. A new clinic and waiting room has been constructed at Brookfield Hospital and renovations have been made on the hospital to improve services and give better health care to the people. At present a new two-apartment doctor's residence is under construction. Again, Mr. Speaker, that is great progress.

Mr. Speaker, we talk of the better schools. Better schools are being built in Newfoundland, better schools are being built in Bonavista North. Again, all the new schools are not being built in Bonavista North. Only a couple of weeks ago, to be exact Friday, November 24, a new elementary school, Bay View Heights Academy was formally opened in Middle Brook. Two week prior to the opening of that school classes began in a new elementary school in Dover. Let me say, Mr.

MR. CROSS:

Speaker, that a new all grade school for Greenspond that has been given the name Heritage Academy - what a nice name! - picked by the people of Greenspond, that name, because Greenspond does have a great historic tradition and a great heritage and that school is nearing completion. We will have three new schools formally opened in one year. Progress, Mr. Speaker, great progress!

Then we go on to more homes with electricity. This is not because electricity came to all of the district of Bonavista North since the P.C. administration took over, no, but certainly there have been many new homes built in the last six years. This past Summer alone - this gives us an example of how the economy of rural Newfoundland is growing, growing because we have a positive fisheries programme - the coastal communities of Newfoundland, the fishing communities in the fishing districts of Newfoundland are moving ahead by leaps and bounds. This past Summer fourteen new homes constructed. Four new mobile homes purchased in one, just one municipality-or one rural district. Eighteen homes in the rural district of Badger's Quay-Valleyfield-Pool's Island, where I happen to live. It is because there is a vibrant economy in Bonavista North and in the district that this is taking place.

MR. CROSS:

It did not happen ten years ago, Mr. Speaker. I would say they would have taken eight or ten years for eighteen or twenty homes to be built in one single municipality. But this year, like I said, eighteen. And listen to this, Mr. Speaker, twelve or fifteen more requests to council for building lots that they cannot come up with yet.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Where is that?

MR. CROSS: Badger's Quay-Valleyfield-Pool's Island. So again, progress brought about because we do have a programme for the fisheries that is making not only that municipality viable as far as economics is concerned but many other communities in Bonavista North as well. The future is good, Mr. Speaker. You can travel the old north shore of Bonavista Bay and in every community you see new homes being built, old homes being renovated. That is a sign of the progressive times in rural Newfoundland, Mr. Speaker. This is why I quote some of the things that have happened in my district. It is a rural district and rural Newfoundland today is alive and vibrant.

I might add, Mr. Speaker, that during the Summer I did a little travelling. I did not go outside of Newfoundland. I did not go to Mainland Canada. I did not go to Europe or Florida or anywhere like that. I stayed at home, not at home in Bonavista North but at home in Newfoundland and I did visit the district of Twillingate. My father-in-law and I covered every inch of Twillingate Island this Summer. I visited some of the friends that I made in Bluff Head Cove and Ragged Point a year ago. I can also say that I have visited the district of Lewisporte, the district of Exploits, the district of Green Bay, the district of Fogo and in all of these districts there was a look of prosperity and an air of optimism and vibrancy, Mr. Speaker, and they are all rural districts moving ahead because we do have a policy and a plan, Mr. Speaker, to develop the resource materials that we have.

New senior citizens homes talked about in the Speech from the Throne. A new senior citizens home has been approved for the district of Bonavista North to replace the old three story structure presently in

MR. CROSS:

operation. Mr. Speaker, the Speech from the Throne stresses the fact that the government believes that the resources of the sea will be the mainstay of our economy. The government does put forth its plan for further development of the fishery. The fishery has been and will be the most important single industry in our Province.

AN HON. MEMBER: Go fishing.

MR. CROSS: Because of that fact we can never have - I can go fishing, Mr. Speaker, I heard that remark. Fishing is not new to me. I spent seven or eight years of my life in a fishing boat when things were not so good as they are now, but I am not ashamed, Mr. Speaker, that I was a fisherman and I would not be ashamed if I had to go back to the fishing boat and I think I could make a very good living there.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CROSS: Certainly because the fishery is the single most important industry in this Province, because of that fact, Mr. Speaker, we can never have a Throne Speech or a Budget Speech that does not place a major emphasis on the fisheries, that does not take up pages of any Speech from the Throne. The fishing industry is important to the district of Bonavista North as it is important to many of the rural coastal communities of our Province. Mr. Speaker, what has happened and is continuing to happen in the district of Bonavista North is indicative of what is happening in many fishing district of our Province. Let me tell this to this hon. House of Assembly, Mr. Speaker, let me talk of some of the improvements that have taken place in the fishery as proof positive to my former general statements that I made.

Last year in Valleyfield, Beothuck Fish Processors installed a second cutting line and also purchased a cod filleting and flounder filleting machine. Presently a new building is under construction there which will provide a cold storage place for an extra 3 million pounds of fish with space provided to install three new blast freezers. A small fish plant is under construction at Dover which will create twenty to twenty-five new jobs and that is a many coloured venture as far as dollars are concerned, Mr. Speaker.

MR. G. CRGSS: Mr. Speaker, we have gotten federal dollars from Canada Works, we have gotten provincial dollars from provincial Fishery, we are in the process of getting dollars from Rural Development, and so on. So, the federal government and the provincial government, like it should be, are certainly doing their work together.

An extension to the smokehouse at Greenspond is on the drawing board which will see more jobs created. Mr. Speaker, what has made these new facilities possible? certainly it is a very simple answer, a very simple answer, Mr. Speaker; the government saw fit to enhance, improve and develop the fishery, the new boats built, the new entries into the fishery are paying their dividends to the economy of our Province. This present years in excess of 2,000,000 pounds of fish were landed at Greenspond, treble the amount, Mr. Speaker, of four short years ago. Beothuck Fish Processors processed in excess of 7,000,000 pounds of finished product of fish, all species, more than 300 per cent than five short years ago, Mr. Speaker. Approximately 350 people found work in the plant this year, over 200 more than was employed there seven short years ago. Why? More boats, more new entries into the fishery, more jobs ashore for those who want to work there.

What is happening presently in the district? What will be happening there next year? Already I know of three new longliners that have been approved for Greenspond and that in total ten new boats will be fishing in the area bringing fish to land to be processed, and again more jobs next year than this year for the people of the district. Mr. Speaker, the hon. Leader of the Opposition in a speech stated that the policy of the Liberals will be to develop to its fullest potential the inshore and offshore fishery. Mr. Speaker, whose policy is that? I would say it is the present policy of this present administration. Do not the Opposition know that over 90 per cent of the fishing budget for 1976 was been spent on the inshore fishery? Mr. Speaker, I may be accused of over-emphasizing the fishery, all I can say is so be it. What

MR. G. CROSS: else has this government done to develop the resources of Bonavista North? Mr. Speaker, I must again make reference to the disastrous fire that took place in Bonavista North in 1961, a fire that burned from Traverse Brook in the South, beyond the boundaries of Bonavista North into the Fogo district and up till the time of that fire a viable logging industry was carried on from Indian Bay to Hare Bay and many people from these communities made their living as loggers and more than a few, Mr. Speaker, made a living or part of a living in the logging industry from the North end of the district. The economy of the district, Mr. Speaker, was built on fish and wood. After the fire of 1961, Bonavista North should have been declared a disaster area as far as

MR. CROSS: unemployment was concerned. But what happened? Was anything done to create jobs in the area? The answer is no. Three short years after the fire another resource, Mr. Speaker, became evident - blueberries! - that could have helped replace the lost logging industry. Was anything done about it to help develop that resource? And I do not want to say anything, but I will say next to nothing was done until the Liberals went out and the Progressive Conservative Party came into power in 1972. What has happened every year since, Mr. Speaker? The answer is dollars have been spent, not enough dollars - dollars do not grow on trees and are hard to come by-but each passing year more dollars have been spent to develop that resource. **Three** projects in the last three years **alone** to develop our blueberry resources; cleaning, burning and treating blueberry land. Mr. Speaker, I do not want to be too negative, I do not want to throw too many slurs or anything else, but I have to say this for the record: if we had gotten our just due from the Upper Churchill **development** we would have the dollars to develop that source. And what a pity, Mr. Speaker, that that the former premier did not see the contract that was signed, what a pity, Mr. Speaker. He says he did not see the contract, so he says, he did not see the contract signed for the Upper Churchill; neither did he say haul up your boats and burn them, neither did he tell the fishermen to go home and live on welfare but you tell some of the older people and the older fishermen in Bonavista North that and I believe, Mr. Speaker, that they would eat you, ears and all. Oh, yes, I believe we are on the move in Bonavista North, I believe, Mr. Speaker, we are on the move in Newfoundland. I said in the **byelection** of 1976 that I was fired to the eyes with resource development, I also said that I was dedicated to seeing the district I represent become a have district in a **have** province and I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we are going to arrive sooner than we think. Mr. Speaker, I have outlined some of the good things that have happened in Bonavista North in the last six years, I could go on, Mr. Speaker, I have not wasted the supply. I have not done this, Mr. Speaker, to brag but I have done it to use Bonavista North

MR. CROSS:

as an example to show that we have every reason to be optimistic, every reason, Mr. Speaker, to be optimistic for the future of rural Newfoundland. Mr. Speaker, those who are still good Liberals in the district of Bonavista North agree with me these days and say those who saw fit to vote for change in that district have no reason to be ashamed, **Action**, not words are speaking out in the district, **There** has been performance in the district where nothing was happening only a year ago. Oh yes, Mr. Speaker, the commitments are being fulfilled, the people know, the people realize that what is happening in the district now did not happen in Liberal times and many of the good Liberals are seriously considering changing their stripes. With these few remarks, Mr. Speaker. I thank you and sit down. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. member for **Burin - Placentia West.**

MR. CANNING:

Mr. Speaker, first of all listening to the hon. member who just sat down, I am wondering if the two of us belong to the same province. I am wondering if I am living in the province that he is talking about and I am wondering if all those changes he is talking about and all that the Tory Government did in the last few years compared to what the Liberals did before that,

MR. CANNING: I am wondering if I am in Newfoundland or where I am.

Mr. Speaker, first of all I would join previous speakers who have congratulated the mover and seconder to the Speech from the Throne. I would particularly congratulate the mover, Mr. Speaker, because, number one, he did a superb job of his speech; because never before did anyone who had to move the Address in Reply in this House have a greater task than he had on opening day here. Number one is, Mr. Speaker, I have great admiration for the member for Kilbride (Mr. Wells). To me he is a gentleman, he is a man of honour, he is a great citizen, he is a likeable person and he is a man who, I am sure, would have a future in the political life of Newfoundland if he had been fortunate enough to come to this House with a party that was going to be serious, get down to business and try to do something for their Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: He was chosen because he was one of the private members. I think it has been traditional and usual that two private members do move and second that motion on that day.

Mr. Speaker, someone has already mentioned it here why the two gentlemen were chosen. Mr. Speaker, first of all, never before did the Tory Government need some brains within it, need good men, or a good man, as much as they do at the moment, and it is just too bad that the hon. the member for Kilbride is not in there. But he is not in there, Mr. Speaker, because I suppose like all the rest of us, like I have said in this House before, when we had to change in 1971 I thought it could be for the better; I thought a crowd of young men

MR. CANNING: with new ideas would take over the Province of Newfoundland and get down to work -

MR. CALLAN: Sounded good, did it not?

MR. CANNING: - number one, be honest. Do you remember then when they came in? Tenders from now on -

MR. CALLAN: That is right.

MR. CANNING: - public tender, nothing going out without public tender, there was a restructure; they were going to correct all the mistakes of the past and set this Province on an honest, straight, hard-working course. Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman to whom I am referring, the hon. the member for Kilbride (Mr. Wells) certainly could have done that with twenty-five or thirty others or with a Cabinet of ten or twelve men - he could have done that if he had ten or eleven others like him. Mr. Speaker, he was in, I think, for a while when I was not around. He got out. I do not know, perhaps he was in the second time. If he was not it is too bad he is not in there. But he is outside because he would not go in there, he would not be caught in there, he would not be caught dead in the Cabinet today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: That is my honest opinion of him; it was my opinion of him the day I came into the House, it has been my opinion ever since and I have no reason to change it.

MR. CALLAN: 'John Carter' is a different story.

MR. CANNING: But anyway, Mr. Speaker, like I say, he made a superb job of the terrible task that he had to do. He had to take up this Speech from the Throne: number one, it was repetitious of all other Speeches; number two, it was additional, there was

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MR. CANNING: a whole lot more put in of
what we hope to do, what we plan to do and what we are
going to do. But, Mr. Speaker, the unfortunate part
of it

MR. CANNING:

was the hon. the member had nothing to work on what had been done. So what an awkward position for a member of that side of the House to be in, and he is not a hypocrite because if he were he would have gotten up like the hon. gentleman this afternoon who imagines that Newfoundland has forged ahead the last seven or eight years - the miles of pavement that have been done - all, you know, that has been done in his district and what not. What do they call it, 'blabberly'? Does he not know his history? Does he not know where Newfoundland was in 1949? Does he know there were kerosene lamps from coast to coast? Does he know that there was 4,000 miles of road built and rebuilt? Does he know anything about that? And where has he been? I do not know where he has been. Someone told me he has been teaching, but good God! If he has been in a school teaching school children and got up before the children and got up and made a display like he did this afternoon, well, God help that area! Mr. Speaker, look, when I came into this House first, I would not say what I am going to say now because up until 1949 the rural areas of Newfoundland did not have much opportunity, did not have much of an opportunity to get a good education. We did not have the schools we have today. We did not have the degrees we have today. When I went out in my district there was not one person in it with a degree, not a teacher with a degree, unfortunately. We had poor schools, poor facilities and what not, so I would not get up and say what I am going to say now. Mr. Speaker, I am shocked! I do not understand it! The ignorance of people who speak on that side of the House when talking about the problems, about our traditions, about what we had and what they have done. Look, Mr. Speaker, I am not going to go over that because if they are ignorant like that they should read the history, ask me or ask somebody else who is up in his fifties or sixties what was it like in 1949 and what happened before the twenty-three years. I will tell you, I will just give you an example; I will give you a few examples. In 1949 I went to a certain settlement in my district. I stood on the stage of

MR. CANNING: a dilapidated building - I mean a school that was dilapidated. It was raining; I had to move three or four times from under the drops coming down through the roof. There had never been a Grade X gotten out of that settlement up till that time. Talk about a degree, not a Grade X! I do not want to say where it was.

On another occasion I stood on the stage of a million-dollar or million and a half dollar central high school in that settlement, but since then men and women have gotten their degrees; they have got higher positions today. And then we get up and listen to this dribble-drabble-dribble from the other side and what happened in the last eight years! Now, Mr. Speaker, that came from that hon. gentleman.

MR. HEARY: Is the minister, himself a product
(inaudible).

MR. CANNING: Well, you just reminded me, I am just -

MRS. McISAAC: (Inaudible) sit down - it is embarrassing.

MR. CANNING: Anyway, I am going again to congratulate the hon. member for Kilbride (Mr. R. Wells), I think he made a marvellous job of it. But one thing he did not do, he did not say "We have built so many roads; we have done this; we have forged ahead". He said the potential was there - the potential was there. There was one thing, he had my sympathy because I would not like to have been in his position. He was better; he had a knack, he knew how to cope with it, but I would not. I think I would have spent if I were in his place and had that duty to do on that day after here sweltering in the lights for so long

MR. CANNING:

and the Lieutenant-Governor worn out reading what is in that. Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to be mistaken. That is a good Speech from the Throne. That is a good blueprint for Newfoundland, if the right people had it and the right people got down to work, the honest people got down to work and did it. - we have a great potential. I have all the faith in the world in Newfoundland. I had faith in it thirty years ago. I had a visa to go into the United States and I tore it up and stayed home. I had that much faith in it then and I can assure you that I have a lot more now. But, Mr. Speaker, the record of this government does not give me any hope that we are on the road now, all of a sudden we have broken loose and we are away to prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, I will come to the Minister of Justice.

When he made his speech he got up and he tried to persuade us Newfoundland was happy, everybody was enthused, there was great faith in Newfoundland, you can see it in the air. you can feel it, every move you make, the great faith in the Tory Party of Newfoundland. Well, Mr. Speaker -

AN HON. MEMBER: Psychology.

MR. CANNING: Psychology. The only thing that is wrong with his psychology, perhaps you could enthuse people twenty-five, thirty, forty years ago like that, perhaps you could. But he must remember today he is speaking to an educated Newfoundland.

MR. HICKMAN: Sit down now.

MR. NEARY: He cannot take it.

MR. CANNING: Well the best thing he might do is listen. Yes, everywhere he went everybody was happy and had such great faith in what was going on and faith in this here. Mr. Speaker, they have no faith in this. And I will give you an example of how much enthusiasm there is in my district this year. The morale of the people of Burin-Placentia West has gone so low that I had to beg them to apply for capital works this year. First of all departments had to write out. I got in touch with departments, and the Department of Municipal Affairs asked me, "will you try them, see will they get their applications in, their

MR. CANNING:

projects for this year?" Do you know why? Because time and time again since 1972 they have not had anything done and there have been promises and promises. It is not only the promises they made for elections. You almost accept that.

AN HON. MEMBER: Every year they are made.

MR. CANNING: Well, you should not. I do not make them. Never made one in my life and I do not intend to. But you accept that. But they promise annually. A group will come in and they will go down and say, "well, look, we are sorry, this year we did not have the funds, you know, and oh, there is inflation and whatnot, but now next year and the next year and the next year and the next year." This year they have just given up hope. Now if -

MRS. MCISAAC: They invited them to apply this year?

MR. CANNING: Well, I had to invite them to apply. They did. They sent out notifications, "Have in your capital expenditure, what you expect to have next year, have it in by November 1." They told me they sent it out. I do not know. Perhaps they did not. But anyway I did. I wired everyone of them and then had to get on the phone again and all they say to me is, "what is the good of it, Mr. Canning? We are asking and asking and asking. That crowd will do nothing and they are doing nothing."

Mr. Speaker, I think the best thing for me to do, because I have not got very much time as my disposal, is to just take my district and that is typical of Newfoundland, typical of every other except one where they are into and they are piling the money in. But I can show you waste. I can show you scandal in the district. I can show you discrimination. I can give you examples of anything at all in my own district. And, Mr. Speaker, what a shame, because the day that I left that district in 1972, whatever time they got me out by a few votes - I would not have the recount. I did not cling on. I did not want to come back. Perhaps I would have been back here.

MR. NEARY: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING:

When I left that district, number

one there was no unemployment, and I mean none! None in my part of the district, but I have another part of a district now, a neglected part, that I have taken over. The shipyard was going - no, it was not going full blast, it should have been, because there were enough - yes, it was going full; I got mixed up with '75 that time. It was going what we call full swing for a shipyard that size. We had three, four or five draggers on the beards to be built, the repair and maintenance was fairly good, it was going full swing. And what happened? Those ships were built, those draggers were built, it went down and down and down. Two years and a half or three, whatever it was between the elections, when I went back the next time I went down to the shipyard, the number of men were down there but they were playing cards, they had nothing to do. They kept them on intentionally, not worried about how much they were going to put the yard in debt, until after the elections. Then less than two months after elections 130 men were on the street.

MR. S. NEARY:

Scandalous!

MR. CANNING:

Yes, there was scandal there because

they fired the manager and the first thing I was faced with when I came in here was a denial from the other side that the manager had been fired by letter. And the House was a little bit rough at the time and I would not take it up because I could have proven, and I could have brought the letter in here and I could have tabled it that he was fired.

Mr. Speaker, previous to this

administration we used to talk in terms of water and sewer but since they came in there is no sewer, there is water. Now I will give you an example of one settlement, Lewin's Cove; Lewin's Cove that was in the old district of Burin, a prosperous place - I believe everybody is employed there today - there was so many employed during the past few years that they could not qualify for certain grants, for labor incentive grants. They were promised a million dollars, one round million, no strings attached, no reservations; anything, one million to put water and sewer

Mr. Canning: through, they were promised. They have come in year after year since and every time they come in they are told: "Sorry". Last year I accompanied the delegation, five men of the community council - one of the best councils you could find anywhere; fine men, independent men, all highly paid men, gentlemen - came in to the then Minister of Municipal Affairs and said: "You know, last year you told us you would be able to do something this year, " and they ended up by saying: "Sorry, gentlemen, we have no money, " and then they go back home, no consideration given to it. I do not know if the minister knew exactly where it was located or not, it took him a long time before he did. Mr. Speaker, to me it looks sad; here was an independent settlement waiting and waiting over the years and why the hon. member who represented the district for so long had not done something there, I do not know. I do not know how he could neglect it, except I can tell him where it could have been done - in the opposite arm where two and one half to three million dollars went down the drain, given by the Federal Government, the full grant with no strings attached. And what did the Federal Government have to do? They had to cut it off, they investigated, the money

MR. CANNING: was being wasted. There was enough money there to do Lewin's Cove and Burin Bay Arm and other areas in Burin that were not done and some that are not done yet. But all I can see up there since this administration got in is a bit of pavement. Unfortunately it is paved over wet road, around points and over hills and it is all coming up in our faces up there. There has been very little water, very little sewer. The people are still carrying water in the dry time in Summer or when the ground is frozen in Winter in trucks in the town of Burin. Imagine! Last Summer in the town of Burin - my hon. friend represented it for years - the people had to bring water in trucks from a place called Bulls Cove, go off and truck water from somewhere. Out in Burin Bay Arm with this big Cadillac system you hear talk about with a new source of water - God only knows how much it costs - another pond with costly pumps and a water main line out to Salmonier and it is closed off. It is not even used. I made inquiries some time ago and asked them were they letting the electric motors go to ruin, was anybody maintaining them and they tell me they are, and I hope they are because it is costing hundreds of thousands of dollars and it is just there waiting to be hooked up to something while Bulls Cove and Lewin's Cove and the remainder of Burin out towards Winterland are waiting for water and sewer. Of course, it is only water, but water is all they are putting in anymore.

In Marystown I would not ask for a water line, I would ask for water and sewer. If I were not going to get the two I would say no, leave it alone. When I was defeated, the first thing they did was run a water line up the South side of Marystown through the most expensive houses, houses that cost anywhere

MR. CANNING: from \$40,000 to \$80,000/\$90,000, there was a water line up through there, and I will predict now that within fifteen years perhaps from now, or twenty years down the road, you will have a mess of pollution there, that the whole thing will have to be torn up and it will cost millions then and millions on top of millions to clean up. Anyway, Mr. Speaker, the situation with the district is that it has been neglected. What we have done we have done with Liberal grants, of course; DREE grants and other grants, we take full advantage of those. The by-roads and the roads through the towns are breaking up. In some places they will have to be dozed off and rebuilt and resurfaced. So I can assure the hon. the Minister of Justice that the enthusiasm and the great hopes, looking forward to the happy future under the administration that he is a part of does not exist in my district.

MR. FLIGHT: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: And it does not exist in his either. It does not exist on the Burin Peninsula.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: And he does not find any enthusiasm when he goes up there. He does not find any of those high hopes for Newfoundland. And there is nothing to point to up there only what was done before they took over.

MR. HICKMAN: How about the road over the Shore?

MR. CANNING: Wait now, let us see which road this is - road where?

MR. HICKMAN: The road from Fortune to Lawn, purely provincial, every shovelful put there before (inaudible).

MR. ROBERTS: If the minister had anything to do with it there were lots of shovels on it.

MR. CANNING: That is the one where you went up to some of the doors, the people who distributed the -

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SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. CANNING:

Mr. Speaker, what the hon.

member does in his district is this - he did it when the

MR. CANNING:

the highway went through. He just waits and waits and waits until Mr. Jamieson comes across with the money. When he sees the opportune moment or he is sure it is coming, he will come out and he will get up there and he will follow Mr. Jamieson and catch hold of his coattail and he will go in and say so the people will think, "I have been a part of this too, you know, I have been after Mr. Jamieson."

MR. HICKMAN: I wish Mr. Jamieson had put some money in that.

MR. CANNING: The only money that went into the Burin Peninsula since the Tories took over was federal money.

MR. NEARY: He hangs on to Don Jamieson's coattails.

MR. CANNING: Yes, that is what I say.

MR. HICKMAN: Oh yes, then you ride him in.

MR. CANNING: He turned up in St. Lawrence when the fish plant was announced.

AN HON. MEMBER: Like a parasite.

MR. CANNING: Yes.

MR. NEARY: He turned up, did he? They could not find him for two months.

MR. CANNING: He was there and I met one of his constituents in the evening and he said, "Why were you not up today? There was a crowd of them up", he said, "to St. Lawrence, up to our place." I said, "What crowd were up?" "Oh", he said, "Mr. Jamieson and Mr. So and So and Mr. So and So." He said, "You should have been up you know." He said, "Mr. Hickman, he was up. I do not know what he was doing up there. You should have been there."

AN HON. MEMBER: Right, boy.

MR. NEARY: They thought you were their member. They thought you were their member.

MR. CANNING: You know what they meant. They meant you had not done anything about it. He was not doing anything. He has done very little up there. The hon. member has very little on the Burin Peninsula to point his finger at.

MR. FLINN: But they have lots to point their finger at.

MR. NEARY: We put in the special fund down there. We did put in that special fund. The minister did nothing for St. Lawrence.

MR. CANNING: He has very little to point at. I tell you when I took over the part of Burin, the minister had left very little there to point his finger at.

MR. NEARY: He built a courthouse. What about his cousin's land in Grand Bank?

MR. CANNING: I do not know.

MR. HICKMAN: Housing in Black Duck Cove.

MR. CANNING: I do not know anything.

MR. HICKMAN: Paving the Loop.

MR. NEARY: What about his cousin's land?

MR. CANNING: What now until we see. Just listen. Let me hear it because I would like to know what he did. Where is the pavement?

MR. HICKMAN: Paving all the way up to Burin Bay. Paving to Kirby's Cove, all provincial. Paving to Port au Bras.

MR. CANNING: You did not pave it all the way up to Burin Bay because -

MR. HICKMAN: Housing in Black Duck Cove -

MR. CANNING: - when the hon. members took over the district the pavement was up as far as the hospital. You know, there is the way he goes on. He does not know the age he is living in.

MR. FLIGHT: He does not know the war is over.

MR. CANNING: He would almost try to persuade me now that he put all the pavement up to Burin Bay. He did not put the pavement up to Burin Bay.

MR. FLIGHT: He does not know the war is over.

MR. CANNING: There was pavement from Marystown to the Burin Hospital before the hon. member was even elected there.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: You may get off with that, you know. You may go to a place tonight and announce that. He may tell that and perhaps forty per cent of the people, they would not look it up. They might believe it. It is like when he was up making his speech. You know, the high morale of Newfoundland, the enthusiasm in Newfoundlanders today and never

MR. CANNING:

before did the people wait so anxiously in Newfoundland for an election.

MR. HICKMAN: Never.

MR. CANNING: Never before in the history of Newfoundland were they waiting to put them out. On the Burin Peninsula I have had not one person come to me but I have had forty people or fifty people in the last twelve months saying to me, "Is there any way to get rid of a government without an election. Have you got to wait for an election? I mean, is there any way to do it?" And I say, "No, I am sorry. You really have to wait."

MR. NEARY: There is only one way to do it.

MR. CANNING: The only way you can do it is revolt and we are not going to revolt but I think on the Burin Peninsula if they could revolt -

AN HON. MEMBER: They would.

MR. CANNING: And particularly the way they have handled the hospital, the way the hon. member has, his attitude towards the hospital, his share in it, what he has done about it.

Mr. Speaker, it is not my makeup to pick a man or pick a member, you know, choose a member or choose one and fire at him or bowl him out. I like to bowl out the policy, the overall policy but they have not got a policy. I mean to say if they have -

MR. FLIGHT: Cannot get at them.

MR. CANNING: So, what can I do? I am down to it now where I have to point at someone.

MR. HICKMAN: Down to the barebones now.

MR. CANNING: Mr. Speaker, he is cute, you see. I will use the word cute. No, he thinks he is cute. But they know him so well up there now. They have come to know him. They know him right well. They know him just as well as I know him. The regional hospital, I have tried to get him up in the House to back that up. I have tried to get him up on some other things, to commit himself. He will not commit himself. He is too cute for that. He is too cute for me to let them get him. But he will go up and this is what I do not like, this is what I do not do. When I go up, when I speak out it is

MR. CANNING:

spoken out for anybody to hear. But he will go up and he will use certain people. He will go to certain parts of the district and he will get a group together a

MR. CANNING: and he will use them and then he will tell them something like this "Well, look here, boys, You know, well really we cannot build a regional hospital now, you know, it is a big cost with inflation and all of this, But look, I think that what about settling for a lesser one? You know, instead of a 150-bed one, what about a 50-bed one? What about a 50-bed one?" Now the 150 is the one they have gone in on, or he went in on it. The other poor unfortunate fellow did not because he did not believe it. I think they got wiser in my part of the district just a little earlier than they did in the other part of the peninsula.

MR. NEARY: Who was that, the professor?

MR. CANNING: Now do not try to get me pointed at any people. No, the other unfortunate gentleman did not make it, he did not get in. They did not believe they were going to build a big hospital.

MR. NEARY: He is a professor now over at Dalhousie.

MR. CANNING: Yes, yes, that is alright. He is doing a good job over there. He is a good man.

MR. NEARY: Professor at law. You might have done him a favour.

MR. CANNING: He is a good man, a good honourable man.

AN HON. MEMBER: A landslide.

MR. CANNING: I did do him a favour because I think he was so honourable I am sure there are times since he said "Thank God Patty Canning defeated me, Sir, I got clear of that clique".

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: And if he has not said it, I am sure he feels it. He feels it -

MR. NEARY: He will run for us the next time.

MR. CANNING: - and I say to this - alright, perhaps his political career is not over, and I hope it is not, but I tell you this much if he ever comes back to the Liberal fold, he came to the Liberal fold, I think he is a Liberal anyway -

AN HON. MEMBER: He is a Liberal at heart.

MR. CANNING: Liberal at heart - If he ever comes back

MR. CANNING: and anybody asks him who did him the best favour from a political viewpoint he will say "Pat Canning, he got me clear of that crowd, yes Sir". We will say "The day that Pat Canning defeated me was a lucky day for me to get rid of them". I would not want to be here. I would not want to be over there those days with this inquiry going on down there and I am darned well sure he would not -

AN HON. MEMBER: Mobile mouth.

MR. CANNING: - because he is an honest and honourable gentleman.

MR. NEARY: I thought it was all John Doyle's fault.

MR. CANNING: He is an honest, honourable gentleman like ^{the} ~~you~~ member for Kilbride, who must be very unhappy over there -

AN HON. MEMBER: He is.

MR. CANNING: - and I wish that he could something with them to set them straight and get them working and get them moving and stop all this. You know, the time has come - I do not know if you realize it or not, but I can assure the Hon. Premier now and I will assure the Hon. Minister of Justice that they will not go back to this Province and fool the people.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CANNING: I have mixed around since the Speech from the Throne. I have been moving around. The people do not believe that you are going to do much about this, and worse than that the people do not think you are capable of doing it because you have not got the material over there. Mr. Speaker -

MR. NICKMAN: Now 'Pat,' how about adjourning the debate, old buddy?

MR. CANNING: Well, if you want to I will.

I have only spoken for fifteen minutes, have I? You give me a half an hour more tomorrow, give me a half an hour.

AN HON. MEMBER: Yes.

MR. CANNING: Mr. Speaker, I adjourn the debate.

MR. NICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I need help after all these body blows. Will somebody help me?

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that the remaining orders of the day do stand deferred and that this House on its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Monday, at three of the clock - Tuesday, you see I am all upset - three of the clock in the afternoon and that this House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded that the House adjourn until tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. Those in favour 'aye' - contrary 'nay'. Carried. This House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.