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The House met at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please:

I would like hon. members to join me in welcoming to the gallery today, the Speaker's gallery the Hon. Hugh Planche, who is the Minister of Economic Development for the province of Alberta. Welcome.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: I yield to my colleague.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Premier in the absence of the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie). Mr. Speaker, according to the Indian Band Council of Davis Inlet a near crisis has developed in that small town. Could the Premier advise the hon. House if it is true what the Chief of the Indian Band Council has said in a telegram that was sent in to him and an official of his government this morning?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am aware that there is a problem right there now and we are looking into it as a result of the telegram. The Minister of Rural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) mentioned it to me a couple of days ago that there seems to be a problem. Is the hon. member talking about the Davis Inlet situation? Because there are a number of situations ongoing.

MR. WARREN: Yes.

PREMIER PECKFORD: If you are talking about the

PREMIER PECKFORD: Davis Inlet situation, I think, it is over funding and it is over the use of funding. Apparently the Band Council has somebody hired up there suppose to be looking after their funds. I do not know who the person is, but I think they have somebody hired. I heard - I do not know, this might be just a rumour - I heard that the person is getting paid \$40,000 or some strange figure to look after funds for the Davis Inlet council or Band Council. We have had some problems in the administration of that fund and I think that is the reason for it. Now the exact, specific details will have to wait until I check with the minister, but in pursuing it in the last couple of days, amongst other things that I pursued I did find out that there were some problems there with the administration of the funding and that the department was in fact in consultation with the Band Council to try to resolve the problem that they have. So hopefully over the next day or two, Mr. Speaker, we will be able to resolve the problem that has arisen there over funding to the Band Council and the administration of that fund so that ongoing work can be completed in that community.

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. WARREN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My supplementary - probably I will paraphrase a telegram that was sent to the Premier and myself and other members yesterday. It says, 'situation now grave in Davis Inlet. Fourth week, no pay for village workers. They will have to go on welfare. Bath house closed two weeks. Cut off from Hydro. Rural Development withholding \$100,000.'

Mr. Speaker, if this be the case, as coming from the Chief of the Indian Band Council in Davis Inlet, would the Premier authorize - maybe the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) can answer now. Could the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development have an immediate investigation into the spending of those funds so that the Indians in Davis Inlet -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: - will not be deprived of a reasonable and decent living?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Well, the minister is here now and he can answer, but that is not the full story. I do not know, perhaps the hon. the member does not know the full story about the situation down there; and if he does, then he is only telling part of the story by reading out the telegram. So he should tell the whole story when he asks that kind of question because he can leave the wrong impression. But I think the department - and the minister can answer the question now - was waiting for some justification for funds already spent. But the minister is better able to answer it than I am.

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

MR. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker, there has been some confusion, controversy, discussion about funding being provided to the community of Davis Inlet for a couple of weeks now and I have a list here - it is much too long to read - having to do with the amount of funds expended this year past. The year before - or provided to the community - a list of funding which is presently being held in the division of Northern Development out of the Goose Bay office, held in trust for valid reasons, as far as I can determine. The bath house has presented a problem. One of the problems associated with the lack of operation of the bath house in the last number of days was that two days ago we were informed as a division that the community had run out of the supply of propane gas to heat the water. We have made arrangements, and propane gas will be in there by Saturday, but I hasten to add that we were only notified of this two days ago. In any event, that is being taken care of. But no address the whole general problem itself, or the general controversy of funding, how it is used and how it should have been used - because that is a very moot point - some of the funds that had been provided to the community over the last year were not used for the purposes for which they have been intended; therefore, other programme areas have fallen short because of that. But in any event, I directed my deputy minister and assistant deputy minister yesterday to get into the community of Davis Inlet as quickly as possible and try to resolve the situation.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary to the minister is in view of the fact that his deputy and his assistant deputy are going into Davis Inlet at the nearest opportunity, could the minister also take immediate steps to have an audit completed into the whole affair of the funding that has been allotted to the Band Council, as presently many services have been curtailed? So could the minister

MR. WARREN: immediately take steps that an audit will be done and if there are problems with the Band Council or with this department at least let us solve the matter and make sure that this population of Indians who are in Davis Inlet will be treated fairly?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Rural, Agriculture and Northern Development.

MR. GOUDIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the hon. gentleman for his question. An audit will be done within the next couple of weeks; that is the timeframe in which we are talking because, again, the audit itself is not a particular issue, but the issue under discussion here at this point in time is whether or not the community of Davis Inlet will eventually have control of monies allocated them on a yearly basis especially when the new native people's agreement is signed, hopefully before this month expires.

The intent of the audit is not only to indicate how money has been spent and how perhaps it should have been spent in the last year, but to indicate to the division whether or not the measures taken by the community of Davis Inlet are in such a manner as to indicate to government that they can indeed handle their financial affairs responsibly. The audit will determine that. And if that is the determination, that they can responsibly handle their financial matters, then they will obviously then gain control of the funds allocated to them on a yearly basis.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I want to raise some questions about a matter that I am sure they do not have a problem with out in Alberta and that is basking sharks.

I had a number of calls from fishermen on the Southwest Coast today, especially in my own district, and they tell me they never saw sharks as plentiful, they are getting entangled in the nets, destroying the salmon

MR. NEARY: nets and the fixed gear of the fishermen in that part of Newfoundland. Would the minister tell the House if it is legal for a fisherman to catch basking sharks in

Newfoundland waters?

MR. POWER: Not while they are basking.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms!): The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, it is obvious, I guess, that the hon.gentleman, although the federal Minister of Fisheries is now in the Province, that he cannot contact him to ask him that question because it is a federal matter. The federal minister is now in the hon. gentleman's riding on the Western part of the Province.

I sincerely hope, Mr. Speaker, that the sharks are not going to cause similiar problems to the problems caused by whales in the last couple or three years -

MR. BARRY: Or federal politicians.

MR. MORGAN: • - whereby fishermen are having thousands of dollars worth of damage to their fishing gear caused by whales. And now in some areas of the Provine there is some damage being caused by sharks. And in both cases these nuisances are federal jurisdiction.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MORGAN: And, Mr. Speaker, they are nuisances to the fishermen and they are a real problem to the fishermen because of the fact they are causing so much damage -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. MORGAN:
to the fishing gear.

- they are causing so much damage

MR. BARRY:
federal policies?

Are they doing more harm than the

MR. MORGAN:
harm as the federal government policies, almost. But, Mr. Speaker, to answer the question in a more serious way, there are fishermen this year hoping to get involved - the university is doing some studies with them - and they are hoping to find a market for the shark meat, and the university thinks it is a possibility. I have my doubts about it, but the university -

They are doing almost as much

MR. WHITE:
audible).

The Minister of Fisheries (in-

MR. MORGAN:
used to be yapping.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Lewisporte (F. White) is always yapping when he is not supposed to be yapping.

MR. CALLAN:

You tell him, 'Jaws'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN:
could be some potential for sharks, maybe there is. I know there is not much potential for whales these days only to cause damage and to hurt the fishermen, but if there is a potential there we will pursue it vigorously.

Mr. Speaker, the fact is there

MR. NEARY:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):
for LaPoile.

A supplementary, the hon. member

MR. NEARY:
Mr. Speaker - no wonder my colleagues would laugh! - it is so obvious that the Minister of Fisheries (J. Morgan) has not got the foggiest notion what he is talking about.

MR. MORGAN: The hon. gentleman should know all about sharks - he is a shark!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: The hon. gentleman is not up on what is happening regarding sharks in this Province. Well, let me ask the hon. gentleman - I might say, by the way, for the benefit of the hon. gentleman, in case he does not know, there is no restrictions on sharks in Newfoundland.

MR. MORGAN: I did not say there were.

MR. NEARY: No, but the hon. gentleman again said it is a federal matter. Well, let us talk about processing. That is a provincial matter. Would the hon. gentleman tell us if there are any plants processing sharks in Newfoundland?

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

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, we will be glad to pursue the idea of putting a manufacturing plant in LaPoile to manufacture sharks any day of the week.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Again, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman has shown his ignorance to this subject. Would the hon. gentleman tell the House if it is possible today for fishermen who capture these sharks, if it is possible for them to market any parts of the sharks? For instance, is there a market for the fins, is there a market for the liver or is there a market for the flesh - could the hon. gentleman give the House that information?

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

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman should be aware by now that the species commonly know to fishermen in our Province as dogfish is also a shark species and that species has been somewhat utilized, in fact -

MR. NEARY: Oh, oh, oh!

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MR. MORGAN: - the hon. gentleman may laugh, but dogfish is now a very important species to the fishermen of our Province because of the initiatives taken by this administration.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN: And as a result of the success of that initiative, we will embark on any initiative that will help further shark species become an asset for fishermen.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. S. NEARY: A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A final supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. S. NEARY: This gets more amazing all the time, Mr. Speaker. It is absolutely incredible, the answers we are getting from the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) who should know everything about the fishery of this Province. Well, would the hon. gentleman tell us if there is anybody in Newfoundland at the present time, if he knows of any firm in Newfoundland at the present time that is processing shark liver?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Any further questions?

MR. S. NEARY: No, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman does not know the answer!

MR. SPEAKER: Another supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. S. NEARY: Can the hon. gentleman tell me how much -

MR. J. MORGAN: I do not know yet.

MR. S. NEARY: Well, I know the answer or I would not have asked the question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

MR. S. NEARY: Would the hon. gentleman tell the House what price Newfoundland fishermen can get for shark liver?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Any further questions?

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, this is the first time -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

A final supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. S. NEARY: It is the only time in his life, Mr. Speaker, that he has not been vocal in this House because he does not know what is going on in the fishery. Well, let me ask a final supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: A final supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. S. NEARY: I have no choice, Mr. Speaker, but to put this on the Late Show. It is absolutely incredible! And I would like to ask the hon. gentleman if there is any assistance or will there be any assistance available from the hon. gentleman's department to help fishermen get the required equipment to prosecute the shark industry in this Province?

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

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, if we had the jurisdiction right now we would have assistance for the fishermen on the Southwest Coast who are denied assistance from the federal government for a drift net salmon fishery, refused compensation by the federal government the last two weeks. Refused! No compensation because they cannot fish for salmon on the Southwest coast of the Province. We would put in place a compensation programme for the fishermen who had their fishing gear damaged by whales within our waters. These two major programmes right now ^{are} ~~if we were~~ under federal jurisdiction; we would compensate if we had jurisdiction and help the fishermen. Rightly so, also, if we had jurisdiction we would get involved in providing all the necessary incentives and assistance to make sure the fishermen who want to get involved in

MR. J. MORGAN: the shark fishery, who want to get involved, we will help them get involved.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the answer is absolutely incredible! Incredible! It is incredible the fool the hon. gentleman has made of himself! And I give notice that I would like to debate the matter during the Late Show this afternoon.

MR. T. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. T. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe). I am tempted to ask the minister how he plans to transport the money to the Terra Nova district for roads this year but I will leave that for a later time.

MR. F. ROWE: Piggy-back.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. T. LUSH: I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if the minister can inform hon. members whether or not he has received the report from the CN Committee on intra-provincial ferry service within the Province and, if so, when he plans to make that report public?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the report has been received. The report was initiated by an inter-departmental committee that was put up some time ago and subsequently employed CN to do a study on the intra-provincial ferries. That report has been completed. It is now back in the hands of that inter-departmental committee for assessment and as soon as that process has been completed, I have indicated to the ferry operators some time ago that I would be sitting down with them and discussing the recommendations from that report and when we have decided as a department to go ahead with, and what recommendations we may be going ahead with, the report will be made public.

MR. LUSH: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, no doubt the minister is aware that it has been two years now since there has been any substantial money spent on the improvement of these intra-provincial ferries throughout the Province. Last year the department set up its own in-house committee. That in-house committee recommended the setting up of this CN committee. Now we have their report in, so can the minister indicate in any way whether or not he anticipates any expenditures for the improvement and upgrading of these ferry services in this fiscal year?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, prior to that agreement a number of years ago when the Province was in the process of taking over the operation of the intra-provincial ferries, one of the processes that were agreed upon was that the federal government would become involved with the Province in the

MR. DAWE: completion of a number of terminals as it related to the ferry services. We had hoped that this agreement and the financial arrangements could have been made with the federal government by this time so that the construction of these ferries could have been ongoing at the present time. To date that agreement has not been signed. The Province has its money in place and it is just waiting for the federal government to come across with their money. As soon as that happens, hopefully this year, we will be able to go ahead with improvements to the ferry services.

MR. LUSH: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A supplementary, the hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, that being the case, it is my understanding that the terminals at St. Brendan's in particular, these have been completed, and have been completed a year ago. So does that mean now that the Province will put money into a new ferry service there, upgrading and modernizing the ferry itself?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have already indicated that when the report is assessed fully by my department and by the various officials that are going through it now, a decision will be made as to our approach to any improvements that may be necessary in the ferry system.

MR. LUSH: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I gathered from the minister in the previous answer that he was saying that he was waiting for some agreement from the federal government with respect to the completion of terminals.

MR. LUSH: I have indicated that with respect to the ferry service at St. Brendan's in particular that the terminals are completed, so does that mean now, that in this fiscal year the minister will be looking at putting monies into improving the ferry itself, modernizing, upgrading that ferry itself?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, there are two things in question here. One is the terminals associated with the ferry services around the Province, which is an integral part of providing an adequate ferry service, and the other is the necessary improvements that may be necessary to existing ferry services or new services as the case may be. As it relates to St. Brendan's or any other ferry service around the Province, the report, once it is assessed, some of the implications, administratively and financially may be able to be implemented this year and others may not. But at this time, until the complete report is assessed, I cannot say whether any specific expenditures will be spent on St. Brendan's or Gaultois or any other area.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary. The hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Can the minister then verify again, because the minister seems to be confusing me, Mr. Speaker--

MR. MORGAN: It must be easy.

MR. LUSH: Not nearly as easy as it is to confuse the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan). Now if the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) would just answer the questions that he is asked, that would be fine.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. LUSH: I am not asking the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) the question. He cannot answer those asked him, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please! A supplementary.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I find that the minister's answer is a little baffling. The minister on the one hand has said that whether or not any money will be spent on the upgrading and the improving of ferry services is contingent upon certain agreements with the federal government, re: the construction of terminals. I have indicated where terminals are completed; and now he is saying - he is skating around the issue again - saying no monies will be spent until the report has been studied. So which is which? Are we waiting for the report? Are we waiting for the federal government? Where are we?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, the answer to both is, yes.

MR. LUSH: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary for the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe). It concerns the ferry terminals that he is relocating on Fogo Island, eventually, I hope. As the minister knows when that happens the people of Fogo Island, if the roads are left in the same condition they are now from Rogers Cove to Farewell Head and from Stagg Harbour to Seldom, they will have to travel over gravel roads, which is not the case now. My question to him then is will he now give a commitment to the people of Fogo Island, the 5,000 residents there, that when the ferry terminal is completed the road will be paved and that they will not have to revert from travelling over paved roads, as they do now, to gravel roads?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, as it relates to water transportation, the ferry service in this Province, as it relates to land transportation and to other forms of transportation as the case may be, this government is committed to provide the best services possible to the residents of this Province and will continue to do so.

The people of Fogo, the people of St. George's district, even the people of LaPoile, will be subject to the benevolence of this government as funds become available.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. TULK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. the member for Fogo.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

MR. TULK: I have a supplementary for the minister. It concerns the same road, Mr. Speaker.

I am under the impression that the Premier gave a commitment to the Gander Bay - Hamilton Sound Development Association that the road from Rogers Cove to Fogo or across to Boyd's Cove would be completed within the span of the Five Year programme and we now have at least one year gone in that Five Year programme. Could he tell us in what particular year he intends to see that that road is paved?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, I have already indicated and I will reiterate again that this government is committed to provide the best service possible for

MR. DAWE: the residents of this Province and we will continue to do so. As funds become available and as projects are warranted, we will continue to provide services and transportation needs of the people of this Province.

MR. TULK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A final supplementary; the hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, the question that I asked the minister, in case he did not understand me, was what year of the Five Year programme that the government now has in place can the people of Gander Bay and Fogo Island hope to see that road paved? The Premier made the commitment, I did not.

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

MR. DAWE: At the earliest opportunity, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WHITE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Lewisporte, a supplementary.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary is for the Minister of Transportation. And I am sure he will recall that a delegation accompanied by me from the Stoneville area appeared before the Cabinet in Grand Falls when they met there, and subsequently a commitment was given by the Premier to those people that the road would be done next year. So I am wondering if that is still the case, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, to my recollection, that indeed was not the case at that meeting.

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AN HON. MEMBER:

Hear, hear!

MR. WHITE:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

A supplementary, the hon. the member for Lewisporte.

MR. WHITE:

I did not say, Mr. Speaker, that the commitment was given at that meeting. The commitment was given in writing subsequent to that. I do not have the letter, but I can get it from the people concerned. Now, I just wonder if that commitment remains in effect?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, I cannot really comment on that. I am not aware of any such letter so it would not be responsible of me to comment on it.

MR. WHITE: I will get it for you, 'boy'.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary for the minister and it concerns the roads in the Province again, particularly in my district. When the present Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) was the Minister of Transportation, he guaranteed the people of the communities of Ladle Cove and Aspen Cove that their roads would be paved before the Bonavista North loop road was completed.

MR. MORGAN: I guaranteed it be paved sometime.

MR. TULK: He guaranteed them that it would be finished before the Bonavista North loop road was completed. That road has now been completed. When can those people expect to have their roads paved?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: At the earliest possible opportunity, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Lapoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, my -

MR. MORGAN: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - question is for the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook).

MR. MORGAN: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: The Minister of Fisheries, all of a sudden he becomes lippy, he could not answer my questions a few moments ago.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!
MR. MORGAN: Wait until 5:30 and the Late Show.
MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.
MR. NEARY: Then go out now and try to get the information.

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Would the minister inform the House if she has received a letter or telegram of resignation from the Town Council of Burnt Islands in protest over the government carrying out a commitment made by the Premier in 1979 to install water and sewerage in the community of Burnt Islands?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MRS. NEWHOOK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have received a message. I think it came in this morning or late yesterday evening, but it is on my desk right now.

MR. NEARY: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Would the hon. minister tell the House how many letters or telegrams of resignation the minister now has on her desk as a result of the government playing politics with the road programme and with the water and sewer programme in this Province this year?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: None, none.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MRS. NEWHOOK: I did not quite get that.

MR. NEARY: How many more telegrams from councils resigning or mayors resigning as a result of the government playing politics with the water and sewer programme this year?

MRS. NEWHOOK: Well, we do not have any with regard to playing politics.

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SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

The hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY:

Certainly the one from Burnt Islands is as a result of the government playing politics with the water and sewerage. The hon. minister should read the telegram in the House. Now will the hon. minister tell the House how many telegrams of protest or letters of protest she has from town councils because they were left off the list?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MRS. NEWHOOK: Well, Mr. Speaker, I do have a telegram from the Council of Summerside because they did not get their approval for funding for their project, their water and sewer this year. And I am sure that the hon. member cannot say that that was playing politics.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, would the hon. minister now inform the House what she intends to do about the Burnt Island situation where the community is now left without a mayor and council? What does the hon. minister intend to do about this situation? Is the hon. minister -

MR. MORGAN: Who led them to resign?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) is breaking the rules of the House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member has about twenty seconds to complete his question.

MR. NEARY: So would the minister tell the House in twenty seconds what she intends to do about the crisis in Burnt Islands?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MRS. NEWHOOK: Mr. Speaker, I regret very much the decision of council to resign. I think in these circumstances it is very important for the council to continue its responsibilities and to look after the concerns of the people who elected them, and to ensure that the present services continue and to stay on in office and to keep on pushing for the additional services that they are requiring.

MRS. NEWHOOK: And I regret that Burnt Islands is not in a unique position. We have seventy-five other municipalities that are just as disappointed as Burnt Islands, And if they chose to resign well, regret it very much, I am sorry to hear it, but I cannot prevent them from resigning, I will be in touch with Burnt Islands and as a matter of fact there is a telegram on the way to them right now.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The time for Oral Questions has expired.

PRESENTING PETITIONS:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Burin-Placentia West.

MR. HOLLETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of ninety-five voters who are property owners on the Salt Pond-Winterland Road.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order!

MR. HOLLETT: This road is located in the district of Burin-Placentia West.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

MR. HOLLETT: Mr. Speaker, the prayer of the petition is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, are very concerned over the deplorable condition of the road from Salt Pond to Winterland. The blind turns, narrow points, sight limiting underbrush, excessive speed limits near residential areas, careless and speeding drivers, heavy trucks

MR. HOLLETT: and above all the blinding, choking clouds of dust combine to keep all of us constantly worried about the health and safety of our families, frustrated in our attempts to repair and maintain our properties, and generally wishing that we could somehow haul our homes elsewhere.

"How much longer must we wait for pavement? This route along which we live is one of the busiest on the Peninsula or most parts of rural Newfoundland, especially during the Summer months when tourists have to travel on the Winterland Road to reach the Golden Sands. The route needs to be paved not only for us but also for the benefit of the hundreds of motorists who use it daily.

"We do not understand the type of neglect which forces to live under such conditions. If we cannot have pavement right away, then certainly something can be done to alleviate the situation.

"We propose the following temporary measures: one, upgrade the road by straightening the blind turns, widening the narrow points and removing the underbrush which limits the view of oncoming traffic, children at play, etc. Two, lower the speed limit near the residential areas to 30 kilometers and enforce them with frequent RCMP patrols and speed checks. Three, reroute heavy trucks around the area. Four, post signs near residential areas denoting children at play. Post signs at each end of the routes denoting rough, dusty roads. Five, dust inhibitors, suitable for use near residential areas, should be spread at the beginning of May, mid-June and again in August.

"We believe that the five proposals we have put forward should be put into effect without delay. They have all been requested or suggested by some of us to the Department of Highways, the Town Council, our local member, etc., but it seems that the voice of the individual, ordinary

MR. HOLLETT: citizen has little effect and we can only hope that this more formal request will bring our plight to the attention of those responsible for the improvements we are requesting."

Mr. Speaker, just briefly speaking to the prayer of the petition, I would like to point out that this particular road links Fortune Bay, Winterland, Grand Bank, Marystown Highway to the Burin region. And literally there are hundreds of people daily commute to work in the Burin region from Frenchmen's Cove, Garnish and this area, plus the fact that we have the Golden Sands on one end, which the total population utilize at some time or another during Summer months, from the Burin- Marystown region. And conversely, of course, the residents of Grand Bank, Fortune, Garnish, the Western side of the peninsula, use our great provincial park at Fresh Pond which is on the opposite end of this road. And those residents - they have built lovely homes there in good faith. The intent was to upgrade and pave this road some years ago. Most of them have municipal service in relation to water and that and they are very very disturbed this year because there is not even any calcium chloride spread there yet -

MR. HOLLETT: I am not sure, I understand there is not any in the Province yet even. I certainly support this petition fully.

Mr. Speaker, as I have already said I support this petition fully and ask that it be laid on the table of this hon. House and that it will be referred to the department to which it relates.

Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (SIMMS): To the petition, the hon. member for Grand Bank.

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise and support the petition so ably presented by my colleague and friend for the district of Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Hollett). The particular stretch of road that my hon. friend refers to, I believe, is travelled and used probably as extensively by the people living in the district of Grand Bank as in the district from which the petition originates. There is a great deal of traffic over this road and not only tourists in the Summer and the people who come from the St. Lawrence, Little St. Lawrence-, Lawn area, Garnish, which use this particular road. School buses travel over the road, it has been in the works now I believe, for paving for quite some time - oh, a number of years. I do not know. How many years?

MR. HOLLETT: Ten years.

MR. THOMS: Ten years ago. It has been talked about, it is an extremely important section of road on the Burin Peninsula that has not yet had a coat of paving.

MR. L. THOMS: There are a lot of people, a lot of Newfoundlanders particularly who use this area, as my friend pointed out, in the Golden Sands area, it is used by a lot of people from my own district, and I think it is about time that some thought was given to paving this particular section of road.

I certainly hope that my friend for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Hollett) has more luck than I am having with the Loop Road, but I think it is about the same distance really, It is what? An eight or nine mile stretch of road there. I fully support the petition and I hope that this administration finds time to keep off the talking about oil and gas and try to do something for the people of this Province. They deserve, after waiting for ten years, they deserve that this particular section of road be upgraded and paved. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. J. DINN: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): To the petition, the hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. J. DINN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to just say a few words about the Winterland Road. I have travelled over it many times. I have gone down to Golden Sands. And the road, as a gravel road, is a good gravel road; it is a sandy road and I am sure if the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) were here he would have a few words to say about it so that we could get some grading on that road. The road is not really a bad road, it is a pretty fair gravel road in the Province. I am sure that the minister has some calcium chloride to control the dust - because lots of people use both parks. I know I have often used the Golden Sands facilities down there

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MR. J. DINN: and thousands of people go down and visit that area. So, if the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) were here, I am sure he would stand up and support this. I cannot say whether it is in the programme or not but certainly it is a petition well presented by the hon. member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Hollett) and supported

MR. DINN:

by the member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms), and I am sure that the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) will seriously look at that petition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 3, Bill No. 31.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Establish The Newfoundland And Labrador Youth Advisory Council," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper. (Bill No. 31).

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 4, Bill No. 35.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Public Libraries Act, 1975," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper. (Bill No. 35).

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 5, Bill No. 10.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Mining And Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1975," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 6, Bill No. 9.

On motion, a bill, "An Act Respecting The Garnishment Against The Remuneration Of Public Officials," read a third time; ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 7, Bill No. 7.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Local School Tax Act," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 8, Bill No. 8.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Teachers' Association Act, 1974," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 9, Bill No. 16.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Judgment Recovery (Nfld.) Act," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 10, Bill No. 53.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Attachment Of Wages Act," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 11, Bill No. 51.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Enable Insurance Corporation Of Newfoundland Limited To Become A Federal Corporation," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 12, Bill No. 27.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Repeal The Income Tax Discounters Act," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 13, Bill No. 26.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Change Of Name Act, 1978," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 14, Bill No. 23.

On motion, a bill, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Human Rights Code," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. MARSHALL:

Order 15, Bill No. 22.

On motion, a bill, "An Act Respecting Private Investigation And Security Services," read a third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Motion one. The Committee of Ways and Means, the Budget Debate. The last day we were debating the amendment which was proposed by the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary), and debate was adjourned by the hon. member for St. Barbe (Mr. Bennett), who had one minute remaining. He is not here. The hon. President of the Council (Mr. Marshall).

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, this is the adjourned Budget Debate, and we are now discussing an amendment to The Address in Reply, an amendment proposed by the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) which proposes that the Address in Reply be amended by striking out all words after "that", and substituting what amounts to a non-confidence motion regretting that - so that the House can pass that there is regret, and express its regret, of the Province not having control of its public debt, the public debt - given that the debt has tripled over ten years. And of course we have heard the member for LaPoile on this and we have heard members with respect to it.

I would hope, Mr. Speaker, that perhaps this motion may come to a vote today but if it does not I think it is a - a non-confidence motion is just as easy a way to debate the Budget Debate as the Address in Reply itself is.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the budget generally and with respect to this budget that is brought in, I think it is worthwhile to note at this particular time that putting together a budget in this Province becomes more and more difficult as the years go by. And as a result of having to cut in areas where no government wishes to cut, there is a certain amount of groaning that you hear, and legitimate groaning, from various sectors of the public when services are either not increased at the rate that they think they should be increased, or, as in some cases, certain services perhaps have to be curtailed.

MR. MARSHALL: Although we have managed, Mr. Speaker, we have managed in this administration, and it has been extremely difficult, it has been a real tussle, not to cut services to any great and measurable degree. But, Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt about the fact that as the years go by, unless this Province can increase its revenue base, and unless it can increase its revenue potential, that this groaning is going to become more pronounced and the Province is going to go through much greater agony than it has at any time certainly in contemporary times.

We already, as we know, have the highest retail sales tax in this Province. We have the highest personal income tax in this Province. When this administration, that is the Peckford Administration, was elected one of its many promises were - one of the many promises, all of which it has kept, but one promise that -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: - one of the many promises that it made was that there would be no increase in retail sales tax. And there would be no increase in personal income tax.

MR. TULK: (Inaudible).

MR. MARSHALL: Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to try to talk over the hon. the member for Fogo (Mr. Tulk). All he can seem to do is make little grunts and laughs from time to time, but he can have his opportunity to partake in the debate.

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, that was an undertaking, and that undertaking

MR. MARSHALL: has and will be kept. That particular undertaking of not increasing taxes has made it very difficult - the budgetary process is extremely difficult. So there is no doubt, Mr. Speaker, that in the future in this Province there has to be an increase in revenue and that increase in revenue cannot come from increase in taxes, either retail sales tax, personal tax or any other type of tax, because our people are already overburdened with tax and taxed more than the rest of Canada.

I do not propose to get into the standard items as to where we can get our taxes. They are quite evident, particularly to jurisdiction in the offshore and particularly through the transmission of our hydro power. That has been debated and debated quite extensively in this session and in other sessions, but it certainly needs to be mentioned that these are the areas and unless we get increase in revenues from these sources, Mr. Speaker, there are going to be extremely and increased difficult times ahead for this Province.

This is why - and I have to point it out - I just cannot understand how Newfoundlanders, no matter what their political stike may be, and I deplore the lack of support that comes from certain quarters in this Province, particularly from the hon. gentlemen there opposite, with respect to the urgency of the need to establish the jurisdiction in our offshore and the absolute urgency of having the right to be able to transmit hydro power and thus gain our rightful revenue from our resources.

By the same token, I would also like to underscore again how much I deplore statements made by people in this Province. There was one I heard today from a person, who was a former member of this House for a long period of time, deploring what amounts to be the local preference policy of this government which has caused there to be a lot of jobs

MR. MARSHALL: provided for young Newfoundlanders who would not otherwise be available. And the way in which that particular policy has been distorted by those who wish to distort it for their own purposes is regrettable indeed because, Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter remains it is only through that policy that a lot of our young people are ever going to be able to get the opportunity to be able to get those jobs. And this business of trying to equate it with anti-Canadianism and what have you is rather sad indeed and it points , as far as I am concerned, to a complete lack of understanding on the people who put forth these positions of the way in which Confederation works, the way in which federal/provincial relationships work. It is a product, Mr. Speaker, of the outlook that Newfoundland's position in Confederation, when it joined Confederation, that we should be grateful for everything we get from Ottawa, that we are getting more from Ottawa than we put out, and that is not the way in which we have to look at it, Mr. Speaker. We are obviously grateful for the equalization payments and the social security benefits and the security which has come to our people as a result of our joining Canada, but it has not been a one-way street, as has been amply indicated by the statement that was given by the Premier the other day in this House as to the comparative benefits between Ottawa and St. John's , that they flow from Newfoundland - the benefits that the rest of Canada get from Newfoundland exceed what we get from Ottawa.

So it is rather deplorable, Mr. Speaker, that the Uncle Toms of this world in this Province will do what they are doing, make the statements that they are making and derrogate positive policies that have been

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made by this government for the employment of younger people. I also, Mr. Speaker, in connection with this and in connection with this whole need for revenues and our jurisdiction on the offshore, I also put a little caution in the way of our businessmen in this Province. Traditionally, many of our businessmen have been only really concerned, because of the depressed economy in which we live, in the short-term dollar, and they would like to see, and understandably, construction jobs begin so that it will be a short-term impetus to the economy such as we saw with respect to the Upper Churchill development. At that particular time there was much stimulus to the economy through construction jobs and what have you, but we have seen what remained afterwards. What remained afterwards has been this scandalous \$600 million a year which is flowing westward from our Province and there has been no lasting benefits. And this is why, as far as I am concerned, the business community, some of whom, not all, but some of whom like to put pressure on one way or the other to get this jurisdictional battle, as they call it, resolved so that we can get on with it.

It is an understanding sentiment, Mr. Speaker, but it can lead to great danger to the future of this Province to jump in immediately, just for the short-term advantage, and thereby deprive the people of Newfoundland of their legitimate rights in the long-term.

Now, back again, Mr. Speaker, to the non-confidence motion, for just a moment. I find this rather ludicrous that this non-confidence motion would be brought in. First of all, by the hon. gentleman there opposite decrying the amount of the debt, the indebtedness of this Province, it is true that this Province has to borrow each year in order to

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MR. MARSHALL: keep afloat, much more than it should have to borrow, much more than the government would like to borrow, but it is a fact of life in order to keep the bare minimum of services at the present time that borrowings have to be.

We hope in the future, through our policies, through the policies of this administration - there are already indications that these policies are working, because the economy is getting healthier - but the fact of the matter is we are still now

MR. MARSHALL: having to borrow more than we should and we will for a long period of time. But it seems to me a little bit ludicrous that a resolution like this would be brought in by the Liberal opposition. The start of the borrowings - the borrowings started, Mr. Speaker, by the administration that took over here in 1949 and was here until 1971. We all know what bill-payer loans are and really what in effect this administration and the previous PC administration have had to do is really get bill-payer loans every year in effect to pay the interest because when we took over in 1971 there was approximately \$1 billion in direct debt alone in this Province and we all know what 10 per cent, or in those days even 8 per cent interest was applied to that every year. So every year from 1971 you had to borrow \$80 million, and the next year when the interest went up \$90 million and \$100 million a year just to pay the interest on their debt. The hon. gentlemen there opposite would like it to appear that when they stopped, the interest on the debt which they strangled this Province with stopped, but unfortunately that is not so.

Mr. Speaker, just for the record I happened to come across in my records - unfortunately there are some people there opposite who would like to destroy records of things, but it was sort of whimsical really in a way that when the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary), who was a member of that administration, brought in his non-confidence motion that I came across in a few records that I keep this little booklet which was delivered in the House of Assembly - and what it was, it was Premier Smallwood's speech delivered in the House of Assembly on June 1, 1964. I know the hon. member for St. John's North

MR. MARSHALL: (Mr. Carter) has it written in his heart. Anyway what was it on, Mr. Speaker? What was this on? It was on the subject of the Budget Speech at the time and especially on the subject of the public debt. And it constituted an apologia, Mr. Speaker, for the public debt at the time and a rationalization of the public debt which had then comparatively speaking grown to enormous proportions. It incidentally was published by the Liberal Party of Labrador and Labrador and sent out to their supporters around. This document itself indicates where the debt came from, so it is rather -

AN HON. MEMBER: Read out some.

MR. MARSHALL: No, I would not, really.

AN HON. MEMBER: Just read a little bit.

MR. MARSHALL: No, I would not, really.

MR. MARSHALL: Well, there was one humorous one here and I do not want to get on to that, I really do not. There was one here about the style of the hon. gentleman, which was a very engaging style, I must say, about, you know, asking questions, what would we do, etc., etc. And he started talking -

AN HON. MEMBER: Table it.

MR. MARSHALL: I do not need to table it because it is part of Hansard. Actually it is part of the Hansard -

MR. THOMS: You are reading it in to the Hansard.

MR. MARSHALL: No, no. It is part of the Hansard. It was the speech given at the time in the House. And that is rather interesting because that Hansard, by the way, has not been published Hansard was suspended somewhere in -

MR. THOMS: He is trying to (inaudible).

MR. MARSHALL: - in 1957 when somebody got up on a point of order in the House type of thing, or somebody in the government did something - we cannot find out the reason why. But the hon. gentleman wanted an example.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) wrong.

MR. MARSHALL: Just a second now. In his own rhetorical fashion, when he is talking about who owns the schools and we have to have money for the schools, he said-

MR. LUSH: Look to the future.

MR. MARSHALL: - "So Newfoundland does not need ever again to borrow a single dollar. We could turn around and say to the churches, 'My dear Christian friends, you go out and borrow money and you build your own schools'".

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible)

MR. MARSHALL: So what the nature of the document was that the hon. gentleman was protecting his dear Christian friends. So, the poor Christian souls, Mr. Speaker, in

MR. MARSHALL: this Province, this is the point I am making today, have to pay for that with interest, that the debt in this Province has accelerated to \$2 billion as a result of the administration of which the hon. member, who now proposes the non-confidence motion, was a member. He himself is partly responsible for \$2 billion plus of the debt and he blames us for the debt. So this is why it is nonsense. I was also interested, Mr. Speaker, in seeing this - now, if this non-confidence motion is passed, if it is passed, if the House in its wisdom decides to pass it, this Budget which is being passed will not pass, Mr. Speaker, and the expenditures which are made in this budget will not be made.

MR. BARRY: The LaPoile Hospital.

MR. MARSHALL: Now that is the first thing I was going to take. The hon. gentleman there opposite, in this budget there has been provided \$1,065,000 for a start of a hospital. Where? In a Tory district in St. John's, Mr. Speaker? No. In a Tory district outside? No. In the district of the hon. member for LaPoile, Mr. Speaker. And not only that, Mr. Speaker, this \$1 million, when that is spent, as it will be spent this year, will result in another four or five million dollars next year until this hospital is built. Now, the hon. gentleman by proposing a non-confidence motion is in fact, and let there be no doubt about it, in fact, turning down and saying to this government that the people of LaPoile whom I represent do not want that hospital.

AN HON. MEMBER: That is right.

MR. MARSHALL: The same way, Mr. Speaker, with the hospital the hon. gentleman there opposite, the health clinics in Forteau and Petit Forte that are provided. If they are going to vote against that - and what is the member for

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MR. MARSHALL: Lewisporte (Mr.White) going to do?
Let us see; we hear an awful lot of moaning and groaning
about this government not doing anything except for Tory
districts -

MR. WHITE: I did not say that.

MR. MARSHALL: I know, but the hon. gentleman's
colleagues do.

MR. NEARY: I think (inaudible).

MR. MARSHALL: I will get to the hon. gentleman
after.

MR. MARSHALL: What the hon. gentleman from Lewisporte (Mr. White) says he does not no, he does not, Mr. Speaker, and he does not for a good reason. In the Municipal Grants Act - municipal grants tabled by the hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) for Campbellton - I believe it is the hon. gentleman's district, water and sewerage, there is \$500,000 there; that was in Municipal Affairs. Then we look over at Project Designations, 1981 - 1982; Municipal Capital Works programme, again for Lewisporte, for roads \$200,000.

MR. WHITE: (Inaudible).

MR. MARSHALL: The hon. gentleman says, no, he does not say it. No, he does not say it, but I am going to challenge the hon. gentleman now: Is he going to vote for this non-confidence motion? Because if he votes for it, what he is going to do is vote against these provisions that have been provided for his constituents.

MR. AYLWARD: (Inaudible).

MR. MARSHALL: If they do, Mr. Speaker, they will be voting against an amount of \$110,000 in Badger's Quay in the Leader of the Opposition's district.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: In Gambo, \$700,000 for municipal capital works programmes, in the hon. the member for Grand Bank's (Mr. Thoms) - not his home town but one of the towns that he has lived in for a long period of time. He is going to vote against \$700,000 for Gambo. And on and on, Mr. Speaker, you can see here, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition's district, in Wesleyville - there is an amount here for water out in Wesleyville. So let us be clear, Mr. Speaker, on this. This budget provides for these expenditures and anyone voting against this budget is voting against making these particular expenditures.

MR. MARSHALL: This is what they are doing. They will also be voting against the 10 per cent increase for social assistance recipients; they will also be voting against the increase in pensions for pensioners -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

MR. MARSHALL: - and on and on, Mr. Speaker, ad infinitum. And that is a reason to support the budget. I know the hon. the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Mr. F. Rowe) is not going to vote against it. He is not going to vote against these expenditures for these people. If he does, and if the Opposition vote against it, well, they are telling us that their constituents do not want it. The member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) is telling us that the people of Channel do not want the hospital. And we are under great constraints. We shall probably provide the hospital in spite of the member for LaPoile. Perhaps we will have to look at it if the elected representative of LaPoile turns around and tells us that the people whom he represents do not want us to make the expenditure and introduces a motion to try to bring down the government and defeat the budget. Obviously, Mr. Speaker, you are going to have to look a little bit harder at things.

The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, that this non-confidence motion indicates what games the Opposition are playing, have been playing and continue to play in this House. We saw it on Monday, Mr. Speaker, when for one-half hour the business of this House was suspended whilst members on the opposite side got up on points of order, challenged elemental rules that were provided under the Standing Orders and even went so far as to do what should be unprecedented in any democratic House, appealed the ruling of Mr. Speaker,

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MR. MARSHALL: who was in the Chair at the
time. And what happened to it?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: The hon. gentleman would know.
This is the problem with the hon. gentlemen. If they
would only read the rules they would find that this type
of action

MR. W. MARSHALL: is pretty well unprecedented. It is extremely unusual. If they consult their friends in Ottawa, Mr. Speaker, they will find it is rarely done in the House of Parliament in Ottawa. It is rarely done in other provincial Legislatures. But the hon. gentlemen there did it. And what was the substance of their bleat, Mr. Speaker? The next day they came into the House and the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) who was the architect of it all got up in the House and said, 'We are not re-searching what we did yesterday to see if we had a point first of all'. That is what he did. On that basis, Mr. Speaker, they were prepared to challenge the authority of the Speaker. So who is playing games in this House? The hon. gentlemen there opposite are playing games in this House and as I said yesterday or the day before when I was speaking - I made a brief illusion to this - what happened, Mr. Speaker, is we have had shot across this House from time to time, 'Oh, we are not going to get out of here until the end of the Summer. We are not going to get out of here until Christmas', etcetera. And at each and every time I say, 'I could care, you know, I could care less. As far as we are concerned, we are going to do the business of this House for as long as it takes. And this is the government's position.

So the hon. gentlemen there opposite though many of them have come to me and they privately said - which is understandable come the Summer - You know, 'When are we going to get out?' They want to get out. I know there are perhaps other members in the House who want to get out as well. But they want to get out. So what they were trying to engineer, Mr. Speaker, and they were prepared to go against all rules of authority and try to take the House on their backs - and this is what I object to - what they were

MR. W. MARSHALL: really trying to engineer - because there were ample reasons why, if we wanted to, there were ample serious transgressions of the rules for members to be ejected. We have seen that happen in time past and I say that that is what the hon. gentlemen there opposite were trying to engineer. And in doing it they were prepared to turn a blind eye at accepted parliamentary practices. The next day, as I say, they come back in this House and they have the audacity without even - I am waiting, Mr. Speaker, to hear a public apology from certain members opposite not to the government but to the Speaker and to the authority that the Speaker represents. Because the next day they had the gall, the consummate gall to get up in this House and say, 'We are now researching the raucous and the ruckus that we kicked up yesterday to see whether we are right. I am still waiting to here about the point of order, still waiting to hear the point of order being researched and what have you and brought before the House.

And when it is, I would hope, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary), and the people that he so obviously leads, will get up in this House and convey their apologies to the Speaker and to the Chair for the derogation of the rules and authority of this House which was done in probably the basest way that has ever been witnessed in this House before.

Now, Mr. Speaker, back to the budget. As I say, this non-confidence motion is another example, is a patent example of the type of games that the hon. gentlemen are trying to play. In effect, when they are voting against it they are voting against not just one or two items but every item in it. They are voting against the expenditures that government have made in their own districts. And despite what the hon. member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) may say, or the hon.

MR. W. MARSHALL: member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hancock) may say, as far as this government is concerned there are ample monies given out. Not enough - ample means enough - I do not mean that. There is as much money given out as can be and it is fairly distributed. Over the ten year history you will see that all districts in this Province have been treated reasonably.

I happened to be down yesterday, Mr. Speaker, in St. John's East Extern and if they ever wanted to see an example - if they could look back as to the way St. John's East Extern was between 1949 and 1970 and what it is now. Between 1949 and 1970 there were dirt roads, there were country paths in the area, there was not an ounce of pavement! And why? Because St. John's East Extern had the audacity to return a Progressive Conservative member ever since Confederation. And when we formed the government, under the able direction of the present member for St. John's East Extern, the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Hickey), that wrong was righted. But, Mr. Speaker, when we did that, when we were doing that we expended monies in all districts in this Province. Not as much, Mr. Speaker, as we would have liked to. We would like to be able to spend a lot more money in this Province. And in order to spend more money in this Province, what we have to do is we have to increase our revenues.

MR. MARSHALL:

We cannot increase our revenues on the backs of the people of this Province through taxes. The people of this Province are taxed beyond endurance. They are taxed as much as they possibly can be. We can only then increase our revenues in this Province through our rightful ownership of our resources and the development of our own resources, our offshore resources, through the development and sale of power in our rivers, and through control of our fisheries in an effective manner.

Now, that is the only way, Mr. Speaker, that this Province is going to be able to get up off the ground. This is the only way, as I said when I spoke, that the groans which you hear from time to time from leaders in society are not going to turn to real agony. And it is agony, believe you me, that this government can share in. And anyone who has had the responsibility of putting together a budget in this Province and sees how increasingly difficult it becomes year after year after year, can fully appreciate it. But it is time, Mr. Speaker, that others appreciate it. It is time that leaders in our community appreciate it, be it the universities or be it the hospitals, or be it the school boards, be it whatever, it is all very well to talk about the needs - this government knows the needs of the university. It knows the needs of hospitals, etc., and it knows that there has to be much more provision for roads and other services.

But we also know it is not just enough to state the needs, you have to see the broad as well, Mr. Speaker, as well as the individual. You have to see the provision of clothes, for instance, for foster children. You have to see social services. You have to see the monies that are necessarily spent on vocational education. And on and on and on ad infinitum. That is the first thing you have to see. And

MR. MARSHALL: then when you see that you see how impossible it is to meet these needs with the revenue we have available.

So the only answer, Mr. Speaker, is to increase the revenue. The only way the revenue can be increased is through the development of the offshore. The only way that offshore can be developed is through us obtaining our rightful ownership. The only way that we can get our own resources in this Province is through development of our hydro power and the right to transmit it.

Now what in God's name is wrong with that? What Newfoundlander worth his salt is going to get up and challenge that? But yet, Mr. Speaker, time after time after time I see the hon. gentlemen there opposite, and their party, taking up the cause of those people who would continue to deny us our rightful place in Confederation.

AN HON. MEMBER : Lies.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: They, Mr. Speaker, are the Uncle Toms, they are the Uncle Toms of this world. We need, Mr. Speaker, a few more people around, I think, in this Province, like the member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Rideout) who had the courage and the gumption to take a stand which he took for the people of Newfoundland and a lot less than we have from the other hon. gentlemen there opposite, decrying, decrying our rights to ownership of the offshore, decrying our rights for transmission. Why are they not sending off as a caucus - why do they not send off a letter of violent objection to the Prime Minister of Canada of us being denied our rights for so many years to transmit our powers? If they want to do that they - you know that is something constructive the hon. gentleman can do. Why do they decry the local preference policy of this Province, Mr. Speaker, which has provided hundreds of jobs for young Newfoundlanders that would be denied them? Why do they do that? Why, Mr. Speaker, are they

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MR. MARSHALL: on the side of Ottawa which is trying to wrestle away from us our rightful ownership of our resources? And why, most of all, Mr. Speaker, play games in this House and lead forth asinine resolutions such as this,

MR. MARSHALL: to vote against a budget which provides as much as this Province can afford at the present time and amply and in equal sharing with the hon. gentlemen's districts there opposite? Now, how come, Mr. Speaker, a member can introduce a resolution like this when in effect the hon. gentleman, as I say, tells us when he introduces this that the people of Port aux Basques and the people in Channel do not want that hospital you are providing? What we prefer, Mr. Speaker, is for you not to provide that hospital so we can carp and criticize again and say that this government is only spending money in districts of Tory members. That is what they want, Mr. Speaker. But we have a greater interest than this. We just do not have interest in the people of Newfoundland in our own districts, we have interest in the people of all of Newfoundland and Labrador.

And while I was speaking, Mr. Speaker, I tore up this asinine resolution led in by the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary). While the hon. gentlemen there opposite, in the course of playing their games that they are so famous for - and I have no doubt that when we vote on it, we will dispose of that resolution in the same manner and give it the treatment it deserves.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): Order, please!

Is the House ready for the question on the resolution?

MR. THOMS: Is the House ready for the question, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Grand Bank.

MR. THOMS: The House is certainly not ready for the question. Mr. Speaker, what garbage, what unadulterated rubbish spews forth from the President of the

MR. THOMS: Council (Mr. Marshall) every time he gets on his feet. And now we have heard the ultimate. We have heard the ultimate now from the President of the Council, the one with the nasty, nasty bile that must be in his mouth all the time. We have now heard him bring in the Benedict Arnold of Newfoundland politics as the shining light, the one that we should all follow, the one whose example we should follow, the shining light, the man who crossed from this side of the House to the other side of the House. Now here is the true Newfoundlander, here he is for all to see. On a phoney, phoney issue he crossed the floor of this House and now we are asked by the President of the Council, probably the most powerful individual in the Peckford Administration today, to follow his example, the shining example of the traitor and the Benedict Arnold of Newfoundland politics.

Well, it will be a frosty Friday in this Province when I would even consider following the example of a man with less than what I would consider intestinal fortitude.

MR. BAIRD: (Inaudible).

MR. THOMS: So do not worry about it, the member for Humber West (Mr. Baird), your back-bench seat is safe. The member for Kilbride (Mr. Aylward), your back-bench seat is safe. It is safe on that account. It is also safe on another account, because you do not have a Premier of this Province with the intestinal fortitude to do what should be done either. Every day when I pick up the paper and I read about how the Premier of this Province defends the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn), then the people of this Province realize what integrity and honesty that we are supposed to get in this Province, when the knight in shining

MR. THOMS:

armour rode out on St. Patrick's Day - we are getting it alright, we are seeing what it is like. This non-confidence vote - I have never stood in the House and been prouder, Mr. Speaker, to indicate to this House that I will be voting in favour of this amendment. I will be voting non-confidence in this government. How often have I heard the President of the Council talk about the Liberal days from 1949 up to 1971 or 1972? How often have I heard the accusation of pork barreling in Liberal districts? Now, I am not afraid to stand up here and talk about what this administration is doing to the district of Grand Bank. The district of Grand Bank is filled with intelligent human Newfoundlanders.

MR. NEARY:

Right on.

MR. THOMS:

It is filled with intelligent Canadians. I do not have to tell them, I do not have to tell them what is going on. The President of the Council gets up and he reads of from the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs Newhook) her list of capital works programmes for this year. Did he mention anything, did he mention one single, solitary community in the district of Grand Bank that got any money? Not one, single, solitary penny. The other day in the estimates debate the President of the Council stood up and he read of a list of what Grand Bank had received from 1971 up until 1979. The district of Grand Bank in that period of time was represented by a Tory minister. It was represented by a Tory minister. Since the people of Grand Bank have shown the good sense to return a Liberal to this House, they have got nothing. So what did the President of the Council do when he stood up and read about what Grand Bank got when it was represented by a Tory minister? He proved the very point I was making, that this administration has deliberately cut off the districts in this Province - they deliberately cut off the districts

MR. THOMS: in this Province that they consider they have no chance of winning in the next election. And this is the honesty, this is the integrity, these are the ministers who stand up in this House spewing forth their love for all Newfoundland and all Newfoundlanders? It is a callous attempt to punish the people of this Province who fail to vote Tory. It is a callous attempt to punish districts in this Province where this administration feel they have no chance of winning in the next election. I am not saying anything new, I am not saying anything that the people of Grand Bank do not know. They realize what is happening. I get a letter today from the Town Council of Grand Bank saying how disappointed they were. They were promised a bridge eight years ago which they are still waiting for. The President of the Council stands on his feet here and has the audacity to talk about the hospital in Port aux Basques.

MR. NEARY: They are entitled to it. They pay their taxes.

MR. THOMS: I hope my friend and colleague from LaPoile (Mr. Neary) gets this hospital.

MR. NEARY: They have a firetrap out there now.

MR. THOMS: I will give my friend from La Poile (Mr. Neary) one little bit of advice. He had better not count his chickens 'till they are hatched.

MR. NEARY: No, well, they are -

MR. THOMS: I can take any member from this side of the House or I can take any member from the other side of the House and I can take you to Salt Pond, Burin on the Burin Peninsula, and I can show you a lovely piece of land

MR. THOMS:

a lovely piece of ground, I can show you where the DC-6s or the DC-7s or 10s, whatever it was, went in and dug out a hole back in 1975.

MR. NEARY:

Built a grandstand for the minister to -

MR. THOMS:

I can also show you a nice big sign which has been erected at the site of the Burin Peninsula Hospital. And I can tell you this much, I can show you one other thing that is on that sign and it is there in great big red letters, it is 'April Fool'.

DR. COLLINS:

Who put it there.

MR. NEARY:

The Tory government put it there.

MR. THOMS:

The Tory government put it there.

DR. COLLINS:

No, who painted it (inaudible).

MR. THOMS:

No, no. The people who were fooled put 'April Fool' there, the people who were fooled by the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) who was in that administration, by the President of the Council who was a member of that government, by every minister here who was a member of that government -the callous treatment that the Burin Peninsula has received from this administration. So do not talk to me, do not the President of the Council get on his feet in this House and talk to me about the honesty and the integrity of this administration. It is as crooked as any administration anywhere in the free world and it is getting worse day by day. All this administration can do, all the ministers can do, all the President of the Council can do is stand on their feet day after day and try to convince the good people of this Province that those of us who sit on this side of the House are something less than Newfoundlanders. They are Tory lies and they are big Tory lies.

In 1979, during the 1979 election, the Premier of this Province hopped from place to place. He

MR. THOMS: did not do much hopping in Grand Bank, that was written off. He arrived there one time and about thirty-five people came out to say hello and that was it, that was the end of it, no more little Alfie in the district of Grand Bank and they have not seen him or anybody else since. But he was hopping all across this Province telling the people, making a commitment, making a solemn promise a sacred promise - he likes to use the word 'sacred' - that there would be no tax increases in this Province for the first three years of his dictatorship. So what do we see? Since I have been a member of this House all I have seen are taxes being raised.

Prior to 1979, prior to just a little while ago, a person with an application fee of \$10 could make an application for a piece of Crown land in this Province. And what we we have now? They have to pay \$100 -

MR. TULK: One dollar, is it not?

MR. THOMS: - \$100 to file an application for a piece of Crown land. We in this Province, Mr. Speaker, have the highest conveyancing fees anywhere in Canada, bar none. What is on my desk right now? "An Act To Amend The Registration Of Deeds Act". And the lower and middle income people in this Province are getting hit again in the wallet, right where it hurts. We already have the highest conveyancing fees in Canada and this administration, which was not going to raise taxes during their first three years in office -

MR. TULK: They will tax everything later on, 'boy'.

MR. THOMS: - are now taxing deeds. A deed to your house, if you want to register it now, it is going to cost you more. And prior to this we had the highest registration fees in Canada. The retail sales tax in this Province was not going to be raised. It is already at 11 per cent, the highest in Canada. What did the Minister of

MR. THOMS: Finance do? What did he turn around and do? He stuck 22 per cent on-retail sales tax is what it is, -

MR. TULK: You are right.

MR. THOMS: - is what it is - gasoline consumption in this Province.

The - I cannot call them a coward, but it was a cowardly act of this administration because now as the price of gasoline goes up the more retail sales tax this government is going to collect on the sale of gasoline. That is why the other retail sales - we are the only province in Canada probably that got two retail sales taxes. But the other retail sales tax, the 11 per cent one, the income from that increases with the increase in products in this Province. And it is getting so bad, Mr. Speaker, in this Province today - conditions are bad. When my friend from LaPoile (Mr. Neary) talks about the dire conditions in this Province, he is right. He is right. It is desperate in the city of St. John's today.

MR. TULK: It could cause riots.

MR. THOMS: There are more bankruptcies now, Mr. Speaker, than there has ever been. And they are growing day by day. The ordinary, every-day person in this Province cannot live. They can hardly exist with the way that prices are going.

If things are so rosy, Mr. Speaker, if the future of this Province is so great, then why do we not, why do we not give some of the amenities to the Province? The President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) talked about the debt. that was incurred between 1949 and 1971.

MR. WHITE: Twenty years.

MR. THOMS: Now he said \$1 billion, but that Mr. Speaker, is wrong. But, then, this Tory Administration does not mind dabbling with the truth either.

MR. THOMS: The provincial debt, when the Tory Administration took over, was \$750 million. The provincial debt as of today is \$3.2 billion, three times what it was when the Liberals left office in 1971, in half the length of time.

MR. WHITE: Six times.

MR. THOMS: That is right. That is really six times.

MR. TULK: Show us something you have done.

MR. WHITE: Show us something you have done.

MR. THOMS: It is gone up six times.

MR. TULK: Show us something you have done 'Bill'.

MR. THOMS: But why does it? Conditions in this Province and, you know, the general feeling, the morale of the Province, Mr. Speaker, is down because we have the highest cost of living, we have the highest taxes. A man can no longer afford to own a home. It is something that at one time a person could save up for. He could save up \$2,000 or \$3,000 or \$4,000 or \$5,000 and make a downpayment on a house. Today what can you buy with a downpayment of \$5,000. The average home in St. John's, a three bedroom 1,000 square foot home, has got an average cost of about \$60,000 or \$70,000. That same home is selling down in Grand Bank for \$45,000 or \$50,000. I mean, where is this going to end? Where is it going to end?

Now, the problem, as I see it, is that this administration are so busy and so caught up with a hatred towards Ottawa —

AN HON. MEMBER: And oil and gas.

MR. THOMS: — they are so caught up with the oil and gas that

MR. THOMS: they refuse to do anything about it. They are waiting for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. But that is not helping the people of this Province today. That is not helping the people of this Province today.

DR. COLLINS: What was John Crosbie ever (inaudible)?

MR. THOMS: Look, I will not talk - I have so little respect for John Crosbie that I - I have as much respect for John Crosbie as I have for the Minister of Labour (J. Dinn) who, if he had any integrity about him at all, he would be sitting where the member of Kilbride (R. Aylward) is and the member for Kilbride would be sitting in the front bench.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, let this administration get a feel for the people of this Province and the needs of the people of this Province. If that means going out and borrowing a couple of hundred of million dollars to do it - if it is the only way that the bit of road between Lawn and Lord's Cove can be upgraded and a culvert put across, then do it. Do it! I mean, the future is good. Ten years down the road we should be well away with the oil and gas -

MR. NEARY: They have no faith in themselves.

MR. THOMS: - which is a question, I have been asking here, Mr. Speaker, a question about oil and gas, in this House now for this last two or three weeks. Nobody - the Minister of Mines and Energy (L. Barry) will not put his mind to it. The President of the Council (W. Marshall) will not have anything to say about it, The Premier will not have anything to say about it. But we have an offer from Ottawa.

MR. WHITE: A good offer.

MR. THOMS: It is a good offer from Ottawa.

MR. THOMS: Ottawa has said, 'Newfoundland, we do not know who owns the offshore oil and gas but in any event, Ottawa says, 'Newfoundland, you can have it all, just like Alberta is getting it, the same deal. You will get the same deal as Alberta got. And we will have joint management and development of the offshore oil and gas!

Can you have more than all of it?

I mean, can you have more than all of it?

MR. HOLLETT: 'Until you are a have province.'

MR. THOMS: I do not know - however long it lasts out there, for however long it lasts. You will not believe anything he says, you will not believe anything because you do not want to believe.

MR. NEARY: They are hoping to get another election out of the offshore.

MR. THOMS: Because the Premier of this Province does not want to believe it. He is sitting there hoping, and I have a feeling that he is going to be wrong - that he can get another election out of the offshore oil and gas.

MR. NEARY: Oh, he is going to try another election.

MR. THOMS: I believe if the Premier of this Province had the courage to go to the people of this Province at this minute, this day -

AN HON. MEMBER: Two years today.

MR. THOMS: Okay, two years today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. THOMS: Well, the people of this Province -

MR. NEARY: Listen to the Premier over there now.

MR. THOMS: I have not heard -

MR. NEARY: Freddie the freeloader -

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I have not heard of any celebrations going on across this Province tonight. I doubt very much if in any district tonight you are going to see bonfires -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. THOMS: - celebrating two years of Peckford rule in this Province.

MR. TULK: If they do, they will be burnt in effigy.

MR. THOMS: I would not be surprised though - I would not be surprised if they are holding some kind of a ceremony.

MR. TULK: To burn effigies.

MR. THOMS: That is right. To burn the Premier and to burn some of his colleagues in effigy. That could be happening across this Province tonight. But as far as I know, I have not been, I can honestly say, Mr. Speaker, I have not been invited to any celebration in the district of Grand Bank tonight to celebrate the coming to power of little Alfie.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. THOMS: I have not. I am not saying there is not a celebration, but I am saying that I have not been invited to one.

MR. NEARY: There is none in Island Cove, I can tell you that. They are all unemployed over there.

MR. THOMS:

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) have a lot of (inaudible) over there.

MR. NEARY: Yes, I guarantee you.

MR. THOMS: I tell you there is none in Bonavista tonight. There is no celebration in Bonavista tonight, Mr. Speaker. They are not celebrating two years of Peckford administration.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) talked about the local preference policy. I have never shied away from this particular policy. It is an abhorrent policy to me. It is a policy that, if I had any influence on this administration, would change. But, Mr. Speaker, I do not think anybody has got any influence on this administration. How many times did I hear the former Premier, Joe Smallwood, called a dictator in this Province? Well, we have now the greatest dictator that was ever Premier of this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. THOMS: No wonder, Mr. Speaker, the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) is not in the Cabinet. No wonder the member for Stephenville will not get in the Cabinet. He was the one, and I have to give him credit - it is not too often that I find something nice that I can say about the member for Stephenville - but I have to give him credit, he was the first one, as far as I know, to realize -

MR. NEARY: That, the handwriting was on the wall.

MR. THOMS: He saw the handwriting on the wall -

MR. NEARY: That is right.

MR. THOMS: - when at the Tory leadership convention the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) dubbed 'little Alfie' as 'J. R. Peckford'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. THOMS: He was the first one and I have to give the man credit. Now, it also means that he will never get into the present Cabinet. He is being punished. And this Premier believes in punishing people. I am disappointed to see, though, that the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) would permit him to do it. I thought she was her own woman until the capital works came out for this year in Municipal Affairs. I thought she was, but she has proven too that she is under the thumb, as Ray Guy would say, of our 'little Alfie'.

Mr. Speaker, in the two or three minutes left to me, I want to say one more thing, and it is one of those things, to me, that makes a Tory a Tory.

Just a few days ago, the Tory Party of this country brought in a Resolution, or a private members' bill or whatever, in the House of Commons in Ottawa to debate capital punishment, and this to me is Tory thinking. This is the way Tories think. And it is a difference. Capital punishment has been abolished in this country now for the last five or ten years. That is about the only thing that the Tories in this country can find to bring in the House of Commons and to debate for two or three days - a bill to reinstate capital punishment.

Now, I personally will not support capital punishment.

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MR. NEARY: Political execution.

MR. THOMS: I personally will not support it.

MR. NEARY: They should get the political guillotine.

MR. THOMS: But, Mr. Speaker, with the highest interest rates in this country, with the fact that a young couple today can never expect to own a home, with the price of bologna gone from forty cents a pound to \$1.80 a pound -

MR. PATTERSON: It was ten cents in my time and you could not get it.

MR. THOMS: In your time - you have never gotten beyond 1931 that is obvious from your statement -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. NEARY: You are still back in the Victorian age.

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, in spite of all the problems facing the people of this country and the governments of this country -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. THOMS: - all the Tories can think about, the only thing they can bring on and discuss in the House of Commons -

MR. NEARY: You still believe in chastity belts.

MR. THOMS: - is whether or not to reinstate capital punishment.

MR. LUSH: And holding onto the key.

MR. NEARY: And keeping the key.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. THOMS: And that is what is wrong. In spite of all the problems in Newfoundland, the only thing that you can talk about every time you get on your feet is oil and gas. You talk about us calling the Premier of this Province a separatist or the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) a separatist or the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) a separatist -

MR. WHITE: They have always been.

MR. THOMS: Who started it? Who got up time after time after time and looked and pointed a finger across and said, 'You are not Newfoundlanders', you are something less than Newfoundlanders'?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. LUSH: Another separatist speaking up.

MR. THOMS: Well, I am no more but I am as much a Newfoundlander as anybody in this House of Assembly, bar none.

MR. WHITE: Right on.

MR. THOMS: And, Mr. Speaker, I can assure you of this - I know my time is up - I believe I am a better Canadian than anybody on the other side of the House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question on the amendment?

MR. MOORES: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Carbonear.

MR. MOORES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, very much.

Again this afternoon I have the opportunity to convey a few words of wisdom to all hon. members of the House. And we are now on an amendment to the Budget Speech introduced by my hon. colleague from LaPoile (Mr. Neary). And it has been so long ago since he introduced that amendment, through no fault of his own, of course, through the fault of the government of this Province; that I had completely forgotten what it was and had to refresh myself both from Hansard and from consultation with my colleagues to find out exactly what it was that we amended to begin with and then to find out what the amendment was. And that is typical, Mr. Speaker, of the government of this Province.

We had a budget brought down in this House six or eight weeks ago and we have not been able to

MR. MOORES: fully discuss it on a consistent and continued basis since then.

Another major issue, conveniently rerouted past the forum, the public form of debate in this Province, deliberately manipulated under the Orders of the Day so that the Opposition - we cannot get our teeth in it for a continued period of time so that we can make our points and bring out the futility of government programming and government management in this Province. If that is what the hon. the President of the Council, the member for St. John's East (Mr. Marshall), means when he says that this Province is in good hands, if that is what he means when he says that we have a capable administration, the Peckford administration, running the programs and policies that are supposed to help people in this Province, then why does he not have the courage to bring them into this House and have them debated fully as any responsible administration would do with a budget debate?

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to get into two very important topics, important to me as the member for Carbonear and important to me as a legislator in this Province, two very important topics. One of them is going to be local and related to my district in Carbonear and the other, I hope, will be of a more broad, philosophical

MR. MOORES:

nature and it will have to do with the Premier's speech in this House yesterday afternoon on a private member's resolution, a speech in which he referred to a number of matters relating to constitutional debate in this country that has been going on for the last year. Let me take the first topic first and that is the very serious situation that exists right now, presently in the district of Carbonear, as it relates to the announcement a few days ago by the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) - and she is leaving the House conveniently and appropriately right now. I want that in Hansard because this Hansard is going to the mayor of Carbonear and the council for distribution. I want to emphasize that the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook), as soon as I brought up the topic, has now left the House conveniently. The Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) announced the capital grants funding for municipalities in this Province two days ago and the district of Carbonear - not the town of Carbonear, which is the fourth largest in the Province, but the entire district of Carbonear did not receive one single cent. But more importantly than that, and it does not really bother me politically that it did not receive one cent of funding, but more importantly than that, Mr. Speaker, it was promised. There were very straightforward, clear commitments made to the Town Council of Carbonear, to the Town Council of Victoria, and to the Town Council of Salmon Cove that indeed funding would be forthcoming this year. In fact, almost the verbatim quotation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) and her crony, the Deputy Minister, Mr. Randell, when they attended a meeting in Carbonear on

MR. MOORES: November 25,1980, was that they could not see how the Cabinet would refuse funding to the town of Carbonear in view of the fact that there had not been any capital funding given to that municipality in the last three years. They could not see it they said, cannot imagine that the town would be refused capital funding. And in 1979 the Premier of this Province, when he was looking for a candidate for the Tory party to run against me in Carbonear, went to Victoria and told the present mayor of Victoria, 'you get me a candidate to run against Moores in Carbonear and I will give you almost anything you want in the way of capital funding seeing you are the Mayor of Victoria'.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: It was a private meeting held here at the Confederation Building in St. John's between the Mayor of Victoria, a couple of Tory hacks and the Mayor of Carbonear, right here in this building in 1979. The promise was made, the commitment was made. Now, history, I need not inform you, says that the Deputy Mayor of Victoria, who eventually ended up as a candidate against me, just barely got his nomination fee back. He squeaked in under the line, I think, by five or ten votes, just barely. And in his own community the Deputy Mayor was the candidate, the Mayor of Victoria was his confidante, if you like the contact, the communication between the Premier and the candidate. In their own community they were defeated five to one, Five to one in Victoria, five to one, Liberal versus PC. And that, Mr. Speaker, is more important to me than that there was no capital funding. The political shenanigans that have gone on, the empty promises, the intimidation, the political harassment-in 1977, when the present Premier was the Minister of Municipal Affairs, he went to Carbonear. I can see him now sitting at the town council

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MR. MOORES: meeting with his feet upon
the desk and his arms folded saying to the town of
Carbonear, 'Well, boy, look,

MR. MOORES:

really you have no alternative, you either impose the water and sewerage taxation of \$144 a year or we are not going to give you any capital funding!

Now, the converse of that implicitness is that if you do impose that taxation we will give you capital funding. Neither has come true. The people of Carbonear have the taxes imposed, in some cases there was an increase of 300 per cent at that time. They had the taxation imposed but there was never any capital funding given the community. And that is true of all communities in my district.

Now, the strategy of the government is clear. More importantly, though, it is not the strategy of the government it is the strategy of the Premier. The Premier and I have known each other now for ten years - eleven years. In 1969 when I worked for John Crosbie - touch wood - I worked for John Crosbie as one of his area managers when he ran for the leadership against former Premier Smallwood. Peckford, the Premier, the hon. Premier was also an area manager for Crosbie down around the Green Bay area, and we both knew each other fairly well.

MR. MOORES:

We never did like each other.

I considered him at that time to be an opportunist, lazy, not putting as much into Crosbie's campaign as I felt he could. He probably thought the same thing about me. Well, we never did have much respect for each other on that political level.

Now, the strategy of the Premier is this, that Carbonear is written off. There is no way that this government can get to the member for Carbonear (Mr. Moores). It is written off. We are not going to

MR. MOORES: win it. We do not intend to win it. And the strategy is we are going to make Moores, as the Liberal member for the district, look as bad as we can by not putting any funding or any money in there. Simple strategy. It has been used - well, I dare say it has been used since the late 1790s when Sir Robert Walpole was Prime Minister of England, the first Prime Minister in a democratically elected Parliament as we know it today. He was the man who introduced roguery, pork-barrelling, and broken promises, and ripping the public off and that was an appropriate start, I suppose -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) roguery.

MR. MOORES: - that was an appropriate start to our democratic system as we know it today. And it has been used, that strategy, to - when you cannot win a district, when the member of that district is so strong and so popular as to be almost unbeatable, then you make him look as bad as you can by punishing the people, by not putting any funding in there and by making it appear that there is no funding going in there because the people elected an Opposition member.

Well, that strategy is fine if it is going to work. And it is not going to work in the district of Carbonear because the people over there have done nothing to deserve this kind of treatment from the government.

AN HON. MEMBER: Done nothing at all.

MR. MOORES: Done nothing at all. All they did was democratically elected a member in 1975 who subsequently served them well,

MR. MOORES: well enough that in 1979 they re-elected him when the rest of this Province was virtually going P.C., and it is ironical, Mr. Speaker, that this same district, in 1972, was instrumental in bringing the P.C. regime to power. And that is the thanks they get.

MR. TULK: Who was there then?

MR. MOORES: Dr. Gus Rowe, who subsequently became the Minister of Health.

So I am a bit disappointed, Mr. Speaker. I thought that this good, clean, honest government, led by a good, clean, honest Premier, would be a little more intellectually elite, a little more up on an intellectual plateau to see that no democratic society can survive for long if you continue to punish people for voting the way their consciences dictate. And, you know, my opinion as a political pundit in this Province, as someone involved in the system and someone who at the same time can just stand outside of it and look in - my opinion is that it is one of the key reasons why this government will go down, to defeat in the next election. No one said it will be an easy fight, the next election. No one said that the Liberal Party in Newfoundland is going to waltz in and take forty seats. But what we are saying on this side of the House is that there have been enough people and groups of people and individuals in this Province mistreated by this government, enough of them ignored, enough of them bullied and trampled on, and enough of them forced into making decisions that they did not want to make, that this government's mandate is in serious jeopardy. And if the Premier of this Province had any respect at all for government and the way government

MR. MOORES: operates - which he does not - but if he did he would seek another mandate now on this, his second year in office. Because things have gotten so bad economically, politically and socially in this Province, that this particular government needs a new mandate.

MR. NEARY: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: The question, Mr. Speaker, is very clear.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

MR. MOORES: Oh, I am sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: I thank the hon. member.

It being 5:00 P.M., I can inform the House that I have received notice of two motions for debate at 5:30 P.M., when a motion to adjourn will be deemed to be before the House.

First notice is given by the hon. the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) arising out of a question asked the hon. the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) and the subject matter is sharks.

Second notice is given by the hon. the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) arising out of a question asked the hon. the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) and the subject matter is the C.N. Committee's report on interprovincial ferry services and specifically, what money is to be spent on the St. Brendan's ferry service.

The hon. the member for Carbonear.

MR. MOORES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in concluding my remarks on this particular topic, I would like to say that I hope the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) is kind enough and responsible enough and reasonable enough -

MR. LUSH: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: Yes - to go to Carbonear on, I think it is next Tuesday or Wednesday that the meeting has been arranged for. Both she, meaning the minister, and the Premier have been invited by telegram to that meeting. I know the Premier will not go, I mean, it is only foolishness to think that he will. Any kind of attendance at a meeting such as this is below him, beneath him. He cannot see the need for attention to the ordinary people.

But I hope the minister - and I think the minister will go to Carbonear next week and will sit down with council and say, 'Well, look, you know, we did you in, no question about that.

MR. MOORES:

We did you in and we are prepared now to confess our bad treatment of you, and we are prepared to reconsider funding the town of Carbonear at least to the tune of \$90,000 -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order, please!

The hon. the member for Carbonear (Mr. Moores) has the floor.

MR. MOORES:

- for road work this year.

Now, Mr. Speaker, in the next ten or twelve minutes I want to - I went over the Premier's speech yesterday in this House about the constitutional matters confronting this Province and confronting this nation - and I have it here in Hansard, yesterday's Hansard. Apart from a few typographical errors it is a verbatim report of what the Premier said. And I am going to tell you now, Mr. Speaker, if you have ever read and seen malicious half-truths, manipulated reasoning and logic as it relates to this very serious issue in this Province - no wonder The Evening Torygram did not cover this today. No wonder they did not mention one single word of the Premier's speech yesterday in today's Torygram. And I know the reason why. The reason is very clear, because you would have to be a complete stupid ignoramus to listen to what this man was saying about the constitutional issues in this nation.

If any member on the government side would tell the truth now and get up and answer this question; what one of you have read the Charter of Rights and the constitutional proposals? - not one of you. Not one of you have taken the time to read it and you listen to the Premier parroting off some old nonsense that he contrived for one and only one reason, to confront Ottawa. And the

MR. MOORES: man has no more - the Premier has no more deep understanding of the makeup, the cultural and political makeup of this nation than a drunk down on Duckworth Street.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: Right on!

MR. MOORES: Mr. Speaker, it is frightening. I wish hon. members in this House would read the Hansard, yesterday, the Premier's speech. And I am so glad that I took the time. Because of other commitments I could not stay to listen but I made a point of reading it today. It is frightening. I will tell you what this man, the Premier of this Province has been getting away with on this issue. I will say this much though, that he has read the constitutional proposals, he has read them and he has read them so carefully as to be able to manipulate them to his own advantage. And that is the danger. That is the real danger of the Premier's arguments on the constitutional proposals in this country, he has read them too well and has manipulated them to his own ends to deceive the people of this Province. And I make no wonder that Jean Chretien and the Prime Minister of this country are so frustrated

MR. R. MOORES:

with the man and want to get rid of him as Premier of this Province, because if they do not he will destroy the fabric of this nation, he will tear it apart. The Premier does not understand. Let me take the first part of his speech yesterday when he mentions the amending formula giving Quebec and Ontario because of twenty-five per cent of their population- let me take that one single point and tell him that this country was founded because of two peoples, two cultures, two languages. And as a Newfoundlander, as a Canadian, if I thought that anything would jeopardize the existence and the development of those two cultures by not having them retained and protected in our constitutional proposals, then I would be concerned.

MR. HOUSE: What does that have to do with the two cultures?

MR. TULK: That is an excellent point.

MR. R. MOORES: Then I would be concerned. Let me explain to you. Let me explain to the Minister of Health (Mr. House).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. R. MOORES: What the Premier of this Province is saying - Are you listening? You asked the question, I will tell you because you have never read the constitutional proposal, okay?.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. R. MOORES: The Premier of this Province, the Premier of this Province is arguing that neither Quebec nor Ontario, because they have twenty-five per cent of the population of Canada, should be given a veto right in the amending formula, that all provinces should be equal.

AN HON. MEMBER: That is right! Exactly!

MR. R. MOORES: Okay, Newfoundland and Alberta get

MR. R. MOORES: together. They make up five or eight per cent of the population of this country. Do not talk about Newfoundland at all because a half a million people is almost irrelevant.

AN HON. MEMBER: Oh, I do not know about that.

MR. R. MOORES: It is only a small town. It is only a federal district.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

The hon. member for Carbonear has the floor.

MR. R. MOORES: Now, is the Minister of Health (Mr. House) still listening?

MR. HOUSE: Yes I am.

MR. R. MOORES: Okay. Now, supposing one of the great principles of Canadian nationhood like language rights comes before the Constitutional Conference - okay? - a very sound, very basic right of the two cultures of this nation, and Alberta and Newfoundland decide -if they have equal vetoing rights - that they are going to get together and because Trudeau or Levesque or Davis did not go along with an energy policy they would veto one of the basic principles and rights of the two cultures in this country. What do you think would happen to the fabric of Canada?

MR. HOUSE: (Inaudible) they could veto anything.

MR. R. MOORES: Look, see that is how much you know, see.

MR. HOUSE: You are not going to have these provinces (inaudible)

MR. R. MOORES: I am saying that when it comes to basic fundamental rights such as language and culture and peoples

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MR. R. MOORES: peoples, how can you say that
4 million French speaking Canadians do not have the right
to protect their language and their culture against 500,000
Newfoundlanders?

MR. HOUSE: (Inaudible) fault.

MR. R. MOORES: Has our culture ever been -

MR. MOORES: - there is another one of your red herring, your stupid, unintellectual red herring. When has Newfoundland's culture ever - the only time that Newfoundland's culture has been in jeopardy was when the Tory, Alderdice, was Premier of this Province.

AN HON. MEMBER: Away you go!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. TULK: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: Yes. I was going to say to the Minister of Health (Mr. House) you might want, in addition to reading the constitutional proposals, you might also want to check up on some Newfoundland history to see what governments and their political colour did the most damage to the fabric of this Province.

And then the Premier, Mr. Speaker, in the few minutes that I have, the Premier goes without being specific, without relating to one specific point, the Premier of this Province says that the federal government in the paranoiac way that he has been going on for the last year, the Premier of this Province says that the federal government is out to get us economically, is out to change the energy policy so that the provinces will have no money, that we will have to go grovelling to Ottawa for money for programmes and services. And in the same breath, the same breath I tell you, I look at the Province of Alberta with a heritage fund of \$7 billion while the Province of Newfoundland -

MR. LUSH: It is \$11 million now.

MR. MOORES: - while the district of Carbonear and the Province of Newfoundland, we are down here wallowing in potholes -

MR. NEARY: Right on.

MR. MOORES: - and without hospitals and schools and institutions of higher learning

MR. WHITE: It should not be allowed.

MR. MOORES: - and the Province of Alberta, that Arab's camel over in Alberta, the Premier of the Province hoarding up \$7 billion in a heritage fund, and we go to Edmonton grovelling every year. Well, if it comes between grovelling to Edmonton and Lougheed and going to Ottawa and getting our fair share as Canadian citizens, do not question where I stand. And for the Premier of this Province to get up yesterday and to use that as one of the foundation points in his arguments against constitutional amendment and proposal, I mean, not only is it ludicrous but it is criminal, that his understanding of the constitutional programme has been manipulated to that degree where he can get away with it. And I watched his colleagues on both sides of the House who sat and listened to that trash yesterday without interrupting. We should have taken him and fired him right out of the House, instead of sitting and listening in silence.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible) buttoned-down mind, the narrow-mindedness of the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall), the influence on him, the buttoned-down, narrow-minded bigot, the real red-roaring Tory.

MR. MOORES: Now, Mr. Speaker, I have about a minute left, I think. I want to point out to you how the Premier of this Province -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MOORES: - I want to point out to you, Mr. Speaker, -

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MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order, please! Order, please!

The hon. member only has
a couple of moments left and I think he should be heard.

MR. MOORES:

I want to point out to you
another example of how the Premier manipulates, how he gives

MR. MOORES: uninformed members of this House - and I do not care what side they are on - little tidbits of information to make it appear that he knows what he is talking about. He referred yesterday to the image of Canada as presented by the Prime Minister, Trudeau, in Federalism And The French Canadian. Well, Mr. Speaker, I went home last night, I went down to the library at the University and I got that book and I read it and it is one of the most eloquent, most profound understanding of Canada and the two cultures, particularly the French culture in this nation, that you would ever want to read. And it was presented in this House yesterday by the Premier of this Province as if it was some kind of coup, some kind of fabrication by the Prime Minister when he was a private citizen to overthrow Canada, to change the nation and take away rights from people. I say to the Premier of Newfoundland that it is a sorrowful thing when you take a fine piece of literature like that, a fine understanding of Canada, and you twist it and warp it because the person who wrote it happens to be of a different political persuasion. That is something you would see in the cultural revolution in China under Madame Mao, that is definitely -

AN HON. MEMBER: Or Idi Amin.

MR. SPEAKER(SIMMS): Order, please!

MR. MOORES: Or something under a state of McCarthyism in the United States in the early 1950's.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MOORES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question on the amendment?

MR. THOMS: Of course not.

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

MR. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, I have not got a lot to say but there are a few points that should be made.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Now we are going to hear it.

MR. SPEAKER (SIMMS): Order, please!

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

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: We have heard two speakers on the opposite side. It was very hard to contain ourselves but we heard them in silence. The hon. gentleman has much more to give to the House than they had and he is entitled to be heard in silence.

MR. CARTER: To that point of order, I appreciate the President of the Council coming to my aid but I assure the House that I am well able to hold my own against the noisy -

MR. SPEAKER: Well, to the point of order there is a point of order. Everybody has the right to be heard in silence. If it gets out of order the Chair will take action.

The hon. member for St. John's North.

MR. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to talk about this budget without talking about Ottawa. You have to talk about Ottawa in the same breath and our relations with Ottawa. And it is impossible to talk about our relations with Ottawa unless we talk about the chief character in Ottawa who at the present time is Pierre Trudeau or to translate his name, Peter Waterhoe. I think, you know, since we are a bilingual country we should be allowed to translate Trudeau as Waterhoe and Pierre is French for Peter. So his name in English is Peter Waterhoe. And I think that when he comes to the English part of Canada he should use his English name.

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MR. CARTER: When he is in Quebec he should
use his French name. But I think that this is -

MR. THOMS: What does Carter translated
mean?

MR. CARTER: I think that this - 'Carter' translates into French as 'gear box'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CARTER: You have to be very careful when you use your English name in France or your French name in English.

So, I came across an article about Peter Waterh e that I think should be read into the record because it says all the things that many of us have been saying but says them so much better that I will just read part of it and then briefly comment on what I have to say. This is taken from The Toronto Sun, Tuesday -

MR. THOMS: Oh, that is a good one.

MR. CARTER: - February 10th., 1981 -

MR. THOMS: Get The National Inquirer, boy.

MR. CARTER: I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that hon. members judge this on its own merits. They can accept it or reject it, but I would like to read part of it into the record.

"The other day Globe and Mail publisher Roy Mcgarry made a speech to the Royal Commonwealth Society in London in which he was quoted as calling Prime Minister Trudeau 'as arrogant as he is intelligent' and opined that Mr. Trudeau is determined to go down in history as 'the man who brought back the Constitution'.

"To a point Mcgarry may be right, but more motivates Pierre Trudeau than vanity to be remembered in history books. Still, it is refreshing to see such candor coming from a Globe publisher after nearly a decade of the paper's editorial wandering through the barren lands of ersatz socialism or parlor liberalism.

MR. CARTER: "While McGarry's assessment of Trudeau's methods and traits seems sound enough (deceit, duplicity, tyranny, treachery, etc.) the essence of the man is missed by stressing the vanity aspect. There is far more to Trudeau than that. If only it were simple vanity! Instead, a case can be made that he is a man on a mission, a crusade to change, if not the world, at least Canada to a system reflecting his ideological and philosophic preferences and to hell with the wishes of the people.

"He has 'borrowed' from Machiavelli and Marx, from Richilieu and Lenin. He embodies a doctrinaire elitism which seeks to 'bring' the people to a certain level of understanding or acceptance which he thinks is best. You see this repeatedly in his Mein Kampf like writings where he outlines how socialists, to succeed, should stand for different things at different times, should adopt the coloration of the party in power and thus change from within; how existing institutions can be 'radicalized', etc.

"As his 'official' biographer (and now Toronto Sun editorial page boss) George Radwanski has noted, Trudeau essentially thinks today as he thought 40 years ago." Time has not changed the fellow at all. "Though mentioned as a tribute to his consistency of thought, it is really an indictment and reveals a rigid mind that has neither changed much nor developed.

"What has changed with Trudeau are circumstances. When he reneged on his pre-election promise to quit, thus lulling the Tories into over-confidence and an election trap, Trudeau set the rules."

MR. NEARY: Table it, table it.

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MR. CARTER:

I intend to.

"He resurrected himself on his terms."

MR. NEARY:

Put it in the men's room, we could use it in there.

MR. CARTER:

Well, I will put it in there, too. But I - I will not say it -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. CARTER:

"He resurrected himself on his terms. And as soon as he won a majority last February, he set about making Canada into Utopia." Hon. members did not realize we are living in Utopia, I suppose.

"He is on the last lap of his career, and whether the lap takes one year or another election is not important. He sees what he thinks is best for Canada and with the single-mindedness of the True Believer he is determined to achieve it.

"Call it what you like to disguise it as you will, what he seeks resembles socialist dictatorship." Now, that is what hon. members opposite are promoting

MR. CARTER: They are supporting a federal government whose leader is trying to promote a socialist dictatorship. And there is no other way of -

MR. THOMS: You believe everything you read, do you?

MR. CARTER: All right.

MR. THOMS: You believe everything you read.

MR. CARTER: "Or a centralized, paternalistic system where free choice is limited and state control excessive. The collective will replace individualism all in the name of a greater good. And individual liberties will be casualties. As he points out, his background and leanings to not favour British Parliamentary Democracy. And yet this very man, this same man, is appealing or about to appeal to the British Parliament in Westminster and yet he is the last person who should do so. He knows clearer than others that if he succeeds in getting human rights and language entrenched in the constitution, parliamentary democracy is dead in Canada - as is the monarchy. Inevitably Canada will become a republic with a presidential system - though the first president may not be him.

"The constitutional furor is his doing, no one else's. And uncritical Liberals strive mightily like latter-day Eichmanns to "follow orders", to anticipate his wishes, to do his bidding. The effect will intrude government every deeper into daily lives.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. CARTER: "Trudeau cares not a fig for appearances. He is not interested in feelings, not interested in democracy, or freedom, or expression, or rights of others, especially not Canadians. He is an internationalist and sees Canada blending with third World socialist dictatorships to advance the Holy cause. Besides that he is a snake. "He is comfortable with Socialist/

MR. CARTER: Marxist tyrants and their fellow travellers. Not just infatuation with Mao, Brezhnev and Castro. He likes the Manleys and the Nyereres and the Kaundas etc. -anyone who favours central government control. He would not go to Chile after Allende's Marxist regime was overthrown, but he rushed to Cuba when Castro's mercenaries were rampaging in Angola contrary to the wishes of the people. Given his way he would make Canada the banker, breadbasket and Mecca for Third World socialist despotism. His policies have already changed the composition and direction of Canada. Look at how "traditions" have been violated, undermined, obliterated, ridiculed. We will never be the same. And one man, Trudeau, has done it and is still doing it.

"It is not that Trudeau wants to destroy Canada or hurt Canadians. It is just that he has his vision and is determined that Canada will fulfill a role for mankind that fits his image, his mold. Now he has the power, the will, the means to do it. If he fails - it will not be for lack of trying. Added to this is language. He does not want a bilingual Canada, a Canada of equal languages, but a Canada where, coast-to-coast, French is more equal than English. Forget the logic, that is the emotion. And any who doubt that the French rule Canada today should look at the power structure in Ottawa and where the federal spending goes. Pierre Trudeau is the strongest, most determined Prime Minister Canada has ever had. And the most -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CARTER: - and the most unprincipled.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (SIMMS): Order, please!

MR. CARTER: -and the most unprincipled in efforts to achieve the ends he sees as desirable. He is monstrously dangerous, just as any fanatic is dangerous. He is in the mold of Stalin or Hitler -

MR. CARTER:

not in his means of achieving ends, but in his single-minded conviction that he and only he is right. This is not vanity seeking immortality in history books, it is more than that. It is the lust that makes martyrs, saints, revolutionaries and tyrants. Lenin had it and so, perhaps, did others. The trouble is that the Nuremberg syndrome is rampant in Ottawa. The only ones who can stop Trudeau now are in the Liberal Party, and that party is comprised of people who only "obey orders" - even if it kills the country."

Having read this thing, I will table it if the Page would like to - I think it should be printed large and distributed to every member.

Now, last month, the Liberals were entertaining this monster that I have called a snake, and they had the gall to charge \$150 a plate.

MR. MARSHALL: Who paid for the tickets?

MR. CARTER: Yes, who paid for the tickets, I wonder? Who gouged the public for the tickets?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CARTER: Little did they realize, they could have made a lot more money than that if they had wanted to if they had only approached me. I would have paid \$1,000 if I could have been allowed to make the gravy.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CARTER: And I am sure there are a number of other members.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CARTER: When he was here he made some kind of a speech, he said something or other, but I challenge hon. members to tell us what it was he said because how can anyone know what he said or certainly what he meant

MR. CARTER: when he is so slippery?

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. CARTER: He said we could have 100 per cent of 43 per cent. Now what does that mean?

AN HON. MEMBER: 43 per cent.

MR. CARTER: 43 per cent, right.

MR. THOMS: Ask the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins).

MR. CARTER: What is 100 per cent of 43 per cent? That is not 100 per cent, it is 43 per cent. So, you know, he is a great liar.

MR. TULK: That is 43.

MR. CARTER: Yes.

So the Liberals now are supporting a monster, an evil genius - genius, I suppose, but as evil as he is clever and as clever as he is evil and that makes him very evil and very clever.

So I would suggest that most Liberals opposite are - you know, there is only one word for it, I suppose - traitors. I hope that is parliamentary, Mr. Speaker, because I think all -

MR. THOMS: That is unparliamentary.

MR. CARTER: Well, I will have to withdraw it.

I am sorry about that.

But when we realize how the Liberal Party has knifed Newfoundland - because Smallwood was a Liberal long before we joined Canada, and he and his confederate cronies formed the nucleus of the Liberal Party.

MR. THOMS: McGrath was a traitor according to 'little Alfie'.

MR. CARTER: How is that?

MR. L. THOMS: Well, he was the one who went out and said McGrath was a traitor.

AN HON. MEMBER: You have thirty-one seconds left.

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MR. CARTER: I have only thirty-one seconds left.

MR. MARSHALL: No, no. You have more tomorrow.

MR. CARTER: Oh!

MR. MARSHALL: Keep her going. (Inaudible) get more tomorrow.

MR. CARTER: Oh, I am sorry, well, I will - yes. Well, the point I wanted to make,

Mr. Speaker, was to what extent the Liberals have botched Confederation, how much damage they have done, not only in the twenty-three years they were in power but in the initial years when the Liberal Party - and it was the Liberal Party that negotiated the terms of Confederation, and we are still living with these botched terms.

I see that it is 5:30 P.M. so I will have to adjourn the debate.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The debate is adjourned by the hon. the member for St. John's North.

It being 5:30 P.M., a motion to adjourn is deemed to be before the House.

The first matter for debate is a matter raised by the hon. the member for LaPoile - sharks.

The hon. the member for LaPoile.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, everyone may wonder why my colleagues on this side of the House thought the questions on sharks directed to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan)

MR. NEARY:

today were funny. Well, the reason they were funny, we rehearsed the questions before I asked the minister knowing full well that the minister did not have a clue of what he was talking about. It was the first time in his career, political career, that old jaws, the old jaws was silent, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman was speechless. He did not have the answers. He did not know what he was talking about. He did not know what was going on in his department.

The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, that this is a very serious matter. And, as I say, if it was not so serious it would be the funniest Question Period that we have ever seen, to see a provincial Minister of Fisheries sit there, a poor pathetic spectacle unable to answer simple, elementary, basic questions that I put to the minister about his department and about the fishery of this Province.

The fact of the matter is, that the fishermen in my district and along the Southwest Coast are troubled again this year with sharks. As a matter of fact -

MR. MORGAN: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: - the sharks are more plentiful - now Jaws better keep quiet, he could not answer me today. Now, Mr. Speaker, he is breaking the rules of the House,

MR. BARRY: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: And the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry) is breaking the rules of the House. The fishermen on the Southwest Coast are troubled with sharks again this year they are getting - they were never as plentiful as they are this year and they are getting entangled in their gear and in their nets. But this year, Mr. Speaker, this year, thanks to the initiative of a company called Carino, that the hon. gentleman did not know about today, at least the fishermen can sell a part of the shark, they can sell the liver to Carino which is, as hon. members know, the only company in Newfoundland

MR. NEARY: that processes shark, over at Dildo, They will process the liver at Dildo. As a matter of fact, the liver of a shark weighs somewhere between 1 ton and 2 tons, the liver of a shark, it is absolutely incredible.

MR. BARRY: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: So, Mr. Speaker, -

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - could I have silence. The hon. gentleman is breaking the rules of the House.

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

MR. NEARY: And Carino will pay 45.3 cents a pound for the shark liver. Now, Eric King Fisheries, the hon. gentleman did not know this fact, Eric King Fisheries in Burnt Island have been delegated the agency of Carino, they will be given the barrels, the fishermen can pick up the barrels, they can put their liver in the barrels and Mr. King, of Eric King Fisheries, will collect the liver and it will be transported down to Dildo and weighed and the fishermen will be paid, then, 45.3 cents a pound or \$1,00 per kilo, Mr. Speaker. Now, you talk about the makings of an industry.

Mr. Speaker, the sharks could be a curse and a blessing this year. They could be a curse if they destroy the gear and the fishermen do not catch them. And that is why the minister should have been on the ball and should have provided assistance to the fishermen. Because Dr. John Leham over here at Memorial has been experimenting with this. And the minister should have been more knowledgeable on it, assistance should be provided to the fishermen to get the required equipment for their boats, their harpoons and so forth to prosecute the shark industry this year. And they would have made a fortune because the sharks are so plentiful. Mr. Speaker, it is so obvious the minister did not have the information. He does not know if the fins can be marketed, he did not know the liver could be marketed at a

MR. NEARY: very good price, and he does not know if the skins can be marketed.

MR. MORGAN: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: I presume, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. gentleman also did not know that the Japanese have been here for years experimenting with the blue shark, and they have been using St. Pierre as their base of operation, catching the blue shark in Newfoundland waters and selling it in Japan for an extremely high price, marketing it as Atlantic tuna. Can you imagine that, Mr. Speaker? And the hon. gentleman was not aware of this situation. A very serious problem that could be turned around, turned into a very viable industry in this Province. And the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), right in front of the Premier who the other day said that he was the best Fisheries Minister in our whole history - he must have been embarrassed today, Mr. Speaker, when the hon. gentleman sat there in ignorance and could not answer a few basic, elementary questions on the shark industry.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, thank God for CBC, because yesterday

MR. MORGAN:

CBC showed a program about this very thing in fisheries, and the hon. gentleman happened to be watching it and now he is an expert, now he is an expert. And we finally get some teeth in the questions from the Opposition -

MR. NEARY: You did not watch it.

MR. MORGAN: - we finally get some teeth -

MR. BARRY: Shark teeth.

MR. MORGAN: - shark teeth. Mr. Speaker, a few - oh, what? - two months ago or two and a half months ago I sat down with Carino Company and Dr. Leham and we talked about this potential industry we have in the Province. We talked about it and we discussed it and even to the point of arranging to bring in a very well-known - in Norway - a prominent fisherman who is fishing for sharks.

MR. BARRY: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. MORGAN: He does not fish - well, actually he kills them, he harpoons him.

MR. BARRY: He wrestles them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN: The hon. gentleman from LaPoile (Mr. Neary) will be assigned to do that.

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible) that, he is afraid of the water, he will not go out fishing.

MR. MORGAN: Now, Mr. Speaker, let us look at what sharks we have. What sharks do we have in Newfoundland, in Newfoundland waters? Well, we have a shark called lamnanasus. Lamnanasus is the proper name for it, l-a-m-n-a-n-a-s-u-s. Now, that is a mackerel shark, not too important, not too important, not too valuable, but we have one called a carshirarisus, carshirarisus shark.

MR. MORGAN: That is a white shark, that is the man-eating shark, with one weakness. He has one weakness, Mr. Speaker. He is attracted to -

MR. BARRETT: Liberals.

MR. MORGAN: - male persons with grey hair, with big mouths and little minds, and I will lend my swimming trunks to the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary), I will lend my swimming trunks, because that kind of a shark is attracted to that kind of individual.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we also have a shark called setrorrhinos, setrorrhinos. Setrorrhinos maximus is the right name for it. Now, that is the shark that is prominent in our waters. It is known as the basking shark and that shark has some commercial value. And lately - what happened is he got the facts from a fish plant operator over in the hon. gentleman's district and this makes him so knowledgeable on this shark business - there have been twenty sharks or so caught in the nets of fishermen. And Dr. Leham, as he mentioned to me at the meeting some two or three months ago, we would look at the possibility of taking the liver from the sharks, as mentioned by the hon. gentleman, and to find a market. We are now working, we have been working for the last two months with Carino Company but, of course, the minister did not know that, I only met with Carino to discuss it two months ago, I did not know this afternoon. The hon. gentleman -

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible).

MR. MORGAN: - the hon. gentleman - thank God for CBC. Because the hon. gentleman saw the program on CBC yesterday evening about this very thing, about the sharks becoming commercial, and he comes in the House the great expert on the shark fishery.

MR. NEARY: CBC program (inaudible) I did not see.

MR. MORGAN: The only expert he is on the shark fishery, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that he resembles a shark when he speaks in the House. That is about the only thing he is aware of regarding sharks.

Mr. Speaker, we have a third - oh, my, we only have one minute to go, I cannot go on to describe all the sharks we have. We have a shark called the squallus acantus, the squallus acantus. Now, that is the dogfish, that is the dogfish, but it is a small shark, it is a small shark. And we are manufacturing that in our Province. Last year fishermen caught 1.4 million pounds, not a big catch but a commercial catch, and we sold that for the value of approximately \$105,000, not a big industry but that is a more important industry to our fishermen. That is more important except the shark that eats people and that could be of value to us, too, in some areas of the Province.

MR. BARRY: Do you have the Stephanus Nearyitus listed there?

MR. MORGAN: No, that is like the Liberal party, they are extinct.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MORGAN: That is like the Liberal party, they are extinct. They are extinct now, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, I would like to have leave to carry on but I guess leave would not be given.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): I will have to -

MR. NEARY: By leave.

MR. MORGAN: By leave, by leave, by leave!

MR. NEARY: By leave, oh, yes, oh, yes.

MR. MORGAN: By leave, by leave - position on sharks - by leave!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order, please! Order, order!

MR. MORGAN:

By leave, by leave. Information

on sharks, by leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER:

I understand leave has not been

granted, is that correct?

AN HON. MEMBER:

No.

MR. SPEAKER:

I thought that.

The second matter for debate

raised by the hon. the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) is CN Committee's report on intraprovincial ferry services and, specifically, what money is to be spent on St. Brendan's ferry service. The hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH:

Mr. Speaker, since I have been a

member of this House I have been fighting for the improvement of intraprovincial ferry services within the Province, particularly the one on St. Brendan's, the ferry service used by the people of St. Brendan's. Today, again, the minister, typical of all of the ministers, attempted to blame the federal government because of the lack of action with respect to improving ferry services within the Province. And, Mr. Speaker, it demonstrated to me in no unmistakable terms that the reason for setting up this committee was simply a stalling tactic, Mr. Speaker, on the part of the government,

MR. LUSH:

a stalling tactic to do nothing. Because in February of 1980 the government set up an in-House committee to study hearings in the Province and then in June,

Mr. Speaker -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I would ask that hon. members take this very seriously. I am talking about a serious matter, a matter that must be taken very seriously, Mr. Speaker, by the members of the House. The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) today was one of the people who thought that the Question Period was very weak because 'they are asking district questions'. Well, Mr. Speaker, I happen to represent a district. I happen to represent an area, Mr. Speaker, that has terrible, terrible ferry services so that if the people on the other side had to travel them, Mr. Speaker, something would be done about it. It is absolutely ridiculous. And, Mr. Speaker, the committee that was set up, the first committee set up in 1980, the great thing that it did was to recommend the setting up of another committee, namely, the C.N. Committee.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the C.N. Committee was set up and it brought its report in now, only a couple of weeks ago. So the committee set up in 1980 gave the government the excuse of doing nothing and now we have a committee in 1981 and I suggest that that will do nothing because the minister, in getting up and trying to skate around the answers, said that he could not do anything because they were waiting on the federal government to build terminals. Well, Mr. Speaker, I pointed out to the minister how in St. Brendan's the terminals were built and what we wanted was a ferry.

MR. LUSH: And I say, Mr. Speaker, the ferry services in this Province, the intraprovincial ferry services are in a mess and the government just does not know what to do with them.

Back seven or eight years ago, first when the Tory Government took office in this Province, they told the people of this Province that they were going to improve these ferry services. And they had a great philosophy on intraprovincial ferry services, one that was governed by the fact that it should cost nobody more by travelling over water than the equivalent distance by road. There was no blaming of Ottawa, they were going to take care of that. Well, ever since that, Mr. Speaker, they have been procrastinating, they have been dragging their heels, they have been doing nothing. And they have done nothing for the ferry service in St. Brendan's. And here today the minister is trying to blame the federal government. Well, the federal government built the ferry terminals in St. Brendan's and now we want a ferry service.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH: Now, Mr. Speaker, it is just the opposite in Green Bay, in Green Bay they have the great ferry and they have no terminals. And now, Mr. Speaker, I have asked the minister whether there would be any money spent this year or whether again they would just use the report of the committee as an excuse and just drag it out over this year. Well, the minister said again that it depended on Ottawa.

Well, Mr. Speaker, it does not depend on Ottawa, it seems, because I understand that the Premier has promised the people of Long Island a ferry. Without waiting for the recommendations of the

MR. LUSH: report he has promised that there will be a ferry for Long Island.

Well, Mr. Speaker, can the minister get up and answer today whether all of the parts of this Province are going to be treated equally, whether indeed they will be waiting for the recommendations made by the C.N. Committee, and whether there will be money spent on St. Brendan's in view of the fact that the terminals are completed, in view of the fact that the federal government have completed their part of the deal? They have completed the terminals, great terminals, Mr. Speaker, spectacular terminals, but we have no ferry. So can the minister get up and tell us now, today, that the people of St. Brendan's can look forward to monies being spent on improving and upgrading the ferry service on the part of the provincial government by helping the owners or helping the operators of the ferry service purchase a new ferry? And stop skating around the thing, stop blaming the federal government, let us hear what action the government is going to take as a result of the recommendations that have been made, as I am sure they have been made, by the C.N. Committee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) obviously did not understand, a little earlier in Question Period when it was discussed and I separated the two factors of the terminals and the actual operation of the ferry service, that I said any improvement would involve both. It involves the improvement to the terminals and it also improves the ferry service itself.

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MR. DAWE: I said that we are still waiting and hopefully we will not have to wait too much longer for the federal government to continue in its commitment to build terminals in other places around the Province. The fact that terminals have been built for the ferry service in St. Brendan's, as well as the ferry service in Change Islands, as well as

MR. DAWE:

improvements to the Bell Island ferry. And I might say, Mr. Speaker, that the Province is doing something to improve ferry services not only as it relates to the terminals and pressuring Ottawa to honour up to their commitment as it relates to terminals but through representation from my colleague, the member for Harbour Main-Bell Island (Mr. Doyle). I think the Bell Island ferry service this year has an additional thirty-one days placed on the second boat.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DAWE: I am sure everyone will agree that is a great improvement for the people who have to travel back and forth to jobs and so on from Bell Island to the mainland of the Island.

The report, Mr. Speaker, that was submitted by CN Marine is a very extensive report. And unlike members opposite who would like to rush into making ad hoc decisions as it relates to ferry services in the Province, this government, this administration is determined to make sure that the approach that we take is a very positive one, is one that will be comprehensive, is one that will benefit equally all areas of the Province that have to rely on ferry service to and from the mainland of the Province. This report will be the basis for those decisions. They will be comprehensive and they will be put in place in due course, with the same type of genuine concern for the people of this Province as has been shown by this administration since June 18th. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, today is the second anniversary of that famous victory.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DAWE: And we will continue to provide services and leadership in this Province as it relates to

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MR. DAWE: ferry services and transportation
and all other matters in Newfoundland and Labrador.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (SIMMS): The motion is that this House
do now adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt
the motion. Those in favour 'Aye', contrary 'Nay'. Carried.

This House stands adjourned until
tomorrow, Friday at 10:00 a.m.