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The House met at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister
of Labour and Manpower.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, I would
like to announce the appointment of a new Assistant
Deputy Minister in the Department of Labour and Manpower,
in the Occupational Health and Safety Division.

This action is in
keeping with the very high profile which government has
attached to health and safety in the workplace.

Since the Occupational
Health and Safety Act was passed in 1979, we have
brought together in the Department of Labour and Manpower
all functions and responsibilities for health and safety
in the workplace, which heretofore was fragmented and
scattered throughout several departments and agencies of
government.

Now that we have had
an opportunity to get the new division working as a
cohesive unit, we have been able to evaluate the
capabilities of the current staff and to determine their
ability to cope with the rapidly escalating demands for
new and improved services in this very important area.

Mr. Robert Langdon
will immediately take up the duties of Assistant
Deputy Minister of Occupational Health and Safety.

Since 1975 Mr. Langdon
has been Assistant Deputy Minister of Manpower in the
Department of Labour and Manpower. In that position he
has had the first line responsibility for the Occupational
Health and Safety Division since its inception. In fact

MR. DINN: it is most appropriate that Mr. Langdon will be the first Assistant Deputy Minister in that division because he was one of the key persons involved in the framing and development of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. Mr. Langdon was also responsible for planning and directing the consolidation of the various agencies and divisions of Government into the new Division of Occupational Health and Safety in the Department of Labour and Manpower.

Mr. Langdon has had a broad experience in both the provincial and federal public service. He served with the provincial Department of Labour as an apprentice supervisor from 1960 to 1963. Following that he served as principal of two of our vocational schools, at Lewisporte and at Grand Falls for a period of four years. In 1967 he left the provincial service in favour of employment with the then federal Department of Manpower and Immigration. In 1975 he returned to the provincial service as Assistant Deputy Minister of Manpower.

Mr. Langdon was born in Northern Arm and is forty-four years of age. He is married to the former Betty Stockley of Botwood and they have two children.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I have a second announcement I would like to make, a companion to the one I just made. Mr. Wayne Green has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Manpower to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Mr. Langdon as Assistant Deputy Minister of Occupational Health and Safety.

Mr. Green has been employed in the Provincial Public Service for the past ten years. He has been with the Department of Labour and Manpower as Director of Programme Planning since

MR. DINN: 1977. Prior to that he was employed as Senior Analyst with Treasury Board Secretariat.

Mr. Green holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland and is currently doing graduate work towards his masters degree in Business Administration.

He was born in St. John's and is thirty-two years of age. He is married to the former Donna Carter and they have two children.

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

MR. T. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, we on this side of the House welcome these new appointments and wish both gentlemen well. I personally know Mr. Langdon and know that he is a very capable and a very hard-working individual and I am sure that he will certainly bring a lot of experience to this particular appointment and I am sure will do exceedingly well, as I am sure will Mr. Greene. The only thing we would say, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn), is to ensure that these gentlemen have available to them the resources that they are going to need to carry out this tremendous job relating to occupational health and safety. Because the two gentlemen can be very qualified, very aggressive and very efficient, Mr. Speaker, but if they are not provided with the resources, both financially and human resources, to carry out the onerous responsibilities which come under this particular division then I am afraid that we are not going to get much improvement in the Occupational Health and Safety division.

So, Mr. Speaker, again we would like to congratulate these two gentlemen. But we certainly do plead with the minister to ensure that the resources, financial and human, are put in place so that these men can carry on the job that will be expected of them.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. J. DINN: Mr. Speaker, this second Ministerial Statement does not relate to the first one.

Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the hon. members of the Opposition have questioned the extent of my department's involvement in the two public service strikes ongoing at the College of Trades and Technology and the Workers' Compensation Board, I wish to make a statement particularly with reference to the series of events leading up to the strike

MR. J. DINN: at the College of Trades and Technology and the efforts of the Department of Labour and Manpower to resolve that labour dispute.

On 14 April, 1980, I received a request from the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees for the appointment of a conciliation board to assist in a labour dispute between that association and the Board of Governors of the College of Trades and Technology, represented by Treasury Board, concerning the renewal of their collective agreement affecting the support staff at the College of Trades and Technology.

I appointed a conciliation officer on 16 April, 1980 and the officer convened meetings between the parties on the 23rd and 24th of April, 1980. At that point in time there were thirteen non-monetary items and twelve monetary items outstanding in that dispute. Very little progress was made at those meetings since both parties were waiting for the release of the report of the conciliation board appointed in the General Service dispute. In view of this, meetings were adjourned and the conciliation officer made a written report to me.

MR. J. DINN: On April 28, 1980 and subsequently I decided, in accordance with section 18 of the Public Service (Collective Bargaining) Act, not to appoint a conciliation board in this dispute. The association was then in a position to take a strike vote among the approximately 80 employees on the 29th of April 1980. The report of the conciliation board affecting the general service dispute was released on 10th September 1980.

Further meetings were convened by the conciliation officer on 29 October, 1980 and at that time the employer offered the unit the wage package recommended by the General Service Conciliation Board Report which was previously accepted by three thousand public servants in the general service unit. The unit at the College of Trades and Technology voted on and rejected that package. On the 30th of October, 1980, the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees notified me that the College of Trades and Technology Support Staff Bargaining Unit would be in a legal strike position at midnight on 6 November, 1980.

In a further effort to resolve the dispute, conciliation meetings were once again convened between the parties on the 4th, 5th and 6th of November, 1980. I point out that at the outset of these conciliation meetings, there were twenty-five issues in dispute and with the exception of wages and two minor issues, all were resolved on the 6 November, 1980. On 7 November, 1980, the bargaining unit went on strike over the wage package offered by the employer.

Since the strike began, the Director of Labour Relations and the conciliation officer have met with the parties on a number of occasions. In a continuing effort to resolve this dispute, both the deputy

MR. J. DINN: minister and I have met with the parties; however, our efforts have failed to settle the dispute. Officials of my department are in contact with the parties almost on a daily basis and are ready to convene additional meetings as soon as it appears that the parties are ready to alter their positions.

Mr. Speaker, a question was raised as to why I did not appoint a conciliation board in the College of Trades and Technology dispute since that unit is considered separate from the general service unit. I have previously stated that my officials recommended that a conciliation board not be appointed in this case. However, my decision was also based on the fact that the conciliation board I appointed in the general service unit would make recommendations on a wage package and since all other major items had been resolved in the College of Trades and Technology dispute, a recommendation on wages should serve as a basis for settlement as it did when the twenty-five hundred employees in the general service unit voted to accept the wage package and as it did when some three thousand employees in the maintenance and operational services unit voted to accept a similar offer from Treasury Board.

Mr. Speaker, the history of labour relations tells us that industry wide patterns or bargaining trends are often established when a new collective agreement is reached between an employer and a union. This settlement sets a trend for other industries or public service unions in a

MR. DINN: geographic area. In other words, the agreement will be a basis for other agreements for similar employers and unions. It would be irresponsible for any Minister of Labour to tamper with this procedure by appointing conciliation boards in disputes which affect an employer and a union in a similar work environment and would generally impair, rather than improve, the dispute resolution mechanism.

During 1980 my department received 123 requests for the appointment of conciliation boards. Nine of these requests were applicable to the public sector. I appointed five boards in the public sector to deal with these disputes and they are as follows: Newfoundland Association of Public Employees and the Waterford Hospital Corporation; The Newfoundland Association of Public Employees and the General Service Unit; The Newfoundland Association of Public Employees and The Newfoundland Farm Products Corporation; The Newfoundland Nurses' Union and The Newfoundland Hospital Association and Treasury Board; and Newfoundland Teachers' Association and The Federation of School Boards and Treasury Board.

In the private sector, I appointed three boards to deal with labour disputes affecting the fishing industry as it applied to The Newfoundland Fishermen, Food and Allied Workers Union and the fish processors in the inshore and the fish plant operations. I also appointed a board in a dispute between International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Churchill Falls Corporation.

To illustrate my remarks concerning industry settlement trends, I point out that while we saw a major confrontation in the fishing industry this year in Newfoundland, or last year in Newfoundland, I appointed

MR. DINN: only one board to deal with a plant dispute between Fishery Products Limited and The Newfoundland Fishermen, Food and Allied Workers Union. The Board's recommendation in that dispute did not produce an immediate settlement, however, with modification it did serve as a basis for settlement not only for Fishery Products Limited but for all other plants in the Province such as National Sea and The Lake Group of Companies.

Negotiations are now ongoing in the mining industry in Northern Quebec and Labrador West which affect a number of mining operations, namely, the Iron Ore Company of Canada, Quebec Cartier Mining and Wabush Mines. A settlement in one of these operations will no doubt set an industry pattern or trend. If one of the local mining unions does, however, decide to break the trend and hold out for more, then that is a situation parallel to the dispute affecting The College of Trades and Technology and one which will be difficult to resolve because of the established industry trends.

Mr. Speaker, I have today mentioned only the dispute affecting The College of Trades and Technology. I am, however, fully cognizant of the ongoing strike at The Workers' Compensation Board. I do believe that any settlement in The College of Trades and Technology dispute will, no doubt, be a basis for settlement in The Workers' Compensation Board strike.

I want to make it clear that I have just related the facts and in no way should it be interpreted that I am favouring either party in these disputes. I wish to assure the House that the services of

MR. DINN:

my department remain available to either side.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing new in this particular statement, just a reaffirmation of the statements that the minister has been making in the past three or four days in response to the questions that we have raised regarding this particular situation. And, Mr. Speaker, what it does, in the first instance, is to confirm the inflexibility of the government position in this particular strike with respect to negotiating in terms of increases in salary. And I think in this respect the - I refer hon. members to page four, in which case the minister confirms the position of the government in terms of negotiating with other bargaining units. The minister talks about setting a trend and the necessity of staying within the close range of that trend in negotiating with other bargaining units. Well, Mr. Speaker, the only thing I can say is the same as I said yesterday, that it seems to me that the government's position in respect for and out of concern for the collective bargaining process, that certainly it must be viewed by other bargaining units that the government is negotiating in good faith and that we are following the procedures, the accepted procedures, of collective bargaining, otherwise, other bargaining units may as well pack up and go home, Mr. Speaker. That kind of inflexible position that lacks sensitivity to and understanding for the financial problems that face workers in this Province today, brought on by the rising cost of living and other factors, Mr. Speaker, other financial factors, certainly must be considered.

Secondly, the minister makes reference to why the conciliation board was denied, and again

MR. LUSH: I can only ask the question as to why the minister is on the one hand recognizing the College of Trades and Technology, the workers, as a separate unit in terms of bargaining, but yet when it comes to setting up a conciliation board, he uses the recommendations from boards from other areas. Mr. Speaker, this again is a union in its own right, a bargaining unit in its own right and I believe that is the way they should be dealt with. They should be dealt with as a separate unit. And to deny them a conciliation board on the basis of some other unit is not the thing to do, because they are a separate union. Again, I understand that they are not a separate

MR. T. LUSH: bargaining unit out of their own choice, I understand that this was a decision made by government, that they be a separate union. Now, Mr. Speaker, if they work in the same areas, if they have the same skills then the question I ask is why are they not considered a part of the General Service bargaining unit. And the answer is they are not a part of the General Service unit, that they are a separate unit and I believe they should be dealt with accordingly.

And just as a last point; the minister mentions the fact that there were 3,000 workers that accepted the agreement offered by government - 3,000 workers that is, in the General Service unit. My understanding is that number is far less than that and maybe the minister should check into it. But my understanding is that maybe this, Mr. Speaker, could be as low as 1,400 and that they are not totally similar, Mr. Speaker, we are talking about a large number of these people who would come from the Department of Transportation and Communications, who would be truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, this sort of thing, whereas I do not think they have that kind of element within the College of Trades and Technology. So there is some difference.

So, Mr. Speaker, just let me conclude my remarks by saying I am certainly not happy with the reasons given for the rejection of a conciliation board by the government.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Any further statements?

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to announce that an important milestone has been passed in the effort by this Province and Canadian

DR. COLLINS: National Railway Company to construct a marine elevator and related facilities, commonly referred to as a synchrolift, at the Newfoundland dockyard in St. John's.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

DR. COLLINS: This milestone, Mr. Speaker, is the signing which took place on Friday of last week of an agreement between CN and the design engineers, Newfoundland Design Associates Limited and Albery Pullerits Dickson and Associates Limited, for detailed design and associated services related to the construction of the synchrolift.

This design stage is expected to take from four to five months, after which the calling of tenders will take place.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear.

DR. COLLINS: The evaluating and the awarding of tenders, it is expected, will take a further one and a half to two months. Provided that the cost of the project after tender evaluation is within the economic limits set by CN and the Province, actual construction of the synchrolift will then commence. This will mean that actual construction should get under way by early Fall.

The new facility, which will be located on the site of the present Newfoundland Dockyard and adjacent properties, will play a large part in the future of the dockyard and the people employed there.

DR. COLLINS: It is a fact that without the synchrolift the future of the dockyard would be in serious doubt. In addition, the synchrolift will enable the dockyard to increase the capacity of the facility and will assure 150 to 200 new jobs for Newfoundlanders. Because of the new synchrolift, the dockyard will be able to take on more and larger repair jobs which are presently going to other shipyards outside of Newfoundland.

Since 1977, CN has been attempting to obtain Federal Government support for an expanded facility in St. John's. Unfortunately, numerous delays were caused by the inability of the Federal Government to come to a firm decision with respect to the matter. When it became apparent that the Federal Government was not moving ahead with the project, the Provincial Government reluctantly became involved and offered assistance to CN.

The construction of this facility, and the negotiations that have taken place since the Province's decision to offer financial assistance, represent an excellent example of co-operation between this Province and a large federal corporation.

Under the conditions presently agreed to in principle by the Province and CN, the Province will make \$6.5 million available to CN by way of a loan repayable from profits, and will pay interest during construction. In addition, the Province will subsidize interest on funds obtained by CN so that the rate will hold at 11 per cent. The total outlay by the Province is expected to be in the neighbourhood of \$10,000,000 dollars.

While, like most major projects of this magnitude, the final go-ahead is not certain until the cost

DR. COLLINS: estimates are known, we have every reason to hope that this vital facility will be completed and the people of St. John's and the economy of Newfoundland will be the beneficiary.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, speaking on behalf of this side of the House, we are pleased that the synchrolift will be going ahead. We feel that it will be of great benefit to St. John's and will be of great benefit to the harbour and the facilities in the harbour and to our shipping efforts and the gaining of revenues to the port of St. John's and to the whole of St. John's and the Avalon Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, having said that, I would say also that the only problem that we on this side of the House have with this particular announcement, is the philosophy behind it. We hope and we would ask as well that when projects of this nature are needed in other parts of the Province, and where there are not federal monies available or a refusal, that the government will, in the same way, place this type of money or be as generous to the other parts of the Province as they were to St. John's.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HODDER: However, Mr. Speaker, let that not detract from the fact that this city is an essential part of Newfoundland and this city needs, particularly in this particular time when, with the impact of the offshore about to hit this particular city of St. John's, we have to pay particular

MR. HODDER:

attention to the residents, the people of St. John's, and their needs. But, Mr. Speaker, on the other hand, we are not to forget the problems, the very severe problems, while we think about the offshore oil, the government should not forget the very severe problems that the fishermen and the loggers and the people of the other parts of the Province are having as well, and perhaps some of their generosity could be put in that way.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Further statements?

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education. I would assume the hon. the member for Humber East (Ms Verge) is still the Minister for Education in the Province. She nods, Sir, so I would assume that she has not yet resigned, submitted her resignation -

MR. THOMS: She should resign though. She should resign.

MR. F. ROWE: - and, therefore, I would assume, Mr. Speaker, that she has issued her public apology to the N.T.A.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, the minister did not indicate last week what teacher allocations would be made for the second and the third year of the revised high school programme. I was wondering if the minister could indicate to the House, Sir, how many extra teachers over and above the number that we have now in our schools - how many extra teachers she projects will be required for the revised

MR. F. ROWE: high school programme, at the end of it? How many extra teachers will be required in the first, second and third year? Could she give us a total projection of the number of teachers that would actually be required to implement the revised high school programme at the end of the three year programme?

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

MS VERGE: Mr. Speaker, first I wish to address the pot shot taken at me by the hon. member opposite. I have said nothing, I have insinuated nothing, I have thought nothing to cast aspersions on the teachers of the Province and there is nothing for which I should apologize.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MS VERGE: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the plan for the reorganization of senior high school, to which the N.T.A. had input, which the N.T.A. helped shape, will lead to benefits for the young people of our Province. I further believe that adequate teachers have been provided for the start, with Grade X, of that programme in September, and that in the years to follow, when curriculum broadening will occur and the high school enrolment will grow with Grade XII, adequate teachers will be provided, and with that belief, I am pleased with the challenges that not only teachers and administrators, but all of us who have responsibility for education face. I am glad that we have those challenges and I am confident that the teachers will successfully meet the challenges as they have in the past ably handled course additions, curriculum revision and administrative changes.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROWE:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

A supplementary, the hon. member
for Trinity - Bay de Verde.

MR. ROWE:

Mr. Speaker, I have not insinuated anything with respect to what the minister might have said but if the hat fits, the hon. madame can wear it. It is as simple as that.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. ROWE:

Mr. Speaker, the hon. the minister did not answer the question. I will try again. Would the minister indicate to the House, since she did not indicate last week, the number of teachers that would be allocated in the second and the third year introductory of the revised high school programme? Could she give us some idea of the projected number of teachers that will be needed over and above what we have in the schools at the present time in order to implicate the high school programmes with the addition of Grade XII? Surely the Department of Education must have some sort of a projection as to the number of teachers that are required other than a vague statement from the minister saying that she is satisfied that adequate numbers of teachers will be brought into the schools to implement that new programme.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Education.

MS. VERGE:

Mr. Speaker, as I said last week, Cabinet is now considering the resources in terms of teaching personnel, building grants and operating funds required to fully implement the reorganized high school programmes as we deliberate on the budget for the next fiscal year. We have decided teacher allocations for next year, when the revised programme with Grade X begins. It will be phased in over three years. Grade XII will not be taught until three years from now. The changes that we made for next year will provide 107 extra teaching positions province-

MS. VERGE: wide, more than would have been provided had we not made these changes. There will be more teachers in our schools next year than this year, despite the fact that there will be 2,000 fewer students.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I do not know what hon. members are clapping about -

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A final supplementary, the hon. member for Trinity - Bay de Verde.

MR. ROWE: - over there. The hon. minister yet has to answer the question I put to her but she did refer to the 107 teachers. Now, I will quote her; the minister indicated that the changes in the teacher allocation means that 107 teachers, over and above what would have been if changes were not made, would be made available next year. Now, I put it to the hon. minister; does that mean that there will be 107 extra teachers over and above the number that we have in the classrooms at the present time, or does this mean that there was a formula in existence which would in fact have reduced the number of teachers and now they revised that formula to at least keep it at ten or fifteen teachers over and above what we have at the present time? And will the minister not admit and indicate to this House that whether or not we have the implementation of the new revised high school programmes being phased in, whether or not we would have that, that there would have been those same so-called 107 teachers allocated anyway, so

MR. F. ROWE: really the 107 teachers, the so-called mentioned by the minister, has nothing whatsoever to do with the phase in to the revised high school programme.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible), obvious to (inaudible)

MR. F. ROWE: If you cannot understand it do not show your ignorance.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Simms): The hon. Minister of Education.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, the teachers to be allocated by government to school boards for next year were made with bearing in mind two important considerations. One is a start with Grade X of the reorganized high school programme in September. The other is the circumstances created by the sharpe enrollment decline province-wide. We have lost in our schools, from Kindergarten through Grade XI over the past decade, 16,000 students. 'Dispite that, we have 1,300 more teachers.

MR. NEARY: Dropouts?

MR. F. ROWE: 4.7 (Inaudible).

MR. TULK: Do away with the film.

MS. VERGE: The guidelines under which government allocates salary units for teachers relate to the number of students in the schools. It is quite a reasonable arrangement.

MR. NEARY: You are not doing your jobs.

MS. VERGE: The ratio - the guidelines were changed this year for next year. The main ratio was lowered from 24.92 to 1 to 24.5 to 1, and a saving clause was changed from 3 per cent to 2 per cent, which have the effect of providing 107 more teachers province-wide for next year, compared with what there would have been had we not made these changes. And the start of the reorganized high school programme was

MS. VERGE: a major consideration in making those changes.

Further changes will be made to provide additional teachers for the broadening of the curriculum at high school, which will flower over the next two to three years, and for three years from now when the first Grade XII students will be in our schools.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Simms): The hon. member for Eagle River.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: I indicated the hon. member for Eagle River unless he wishes to yield to his colleague, The hon. member for Trinity-Bay de Verde.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, let the record show that the hon. minister has yet to answer any of the questions I put to the hon. minister. The minister has not indicated -

MR. THOMAS: She has not got them memorized yet. She has to memorize the answers.

MR. F. ROWE: - whether there are 107 -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. F. ROWE: - teachers over and above the the number serving in the schools this year.

Let me put another broader question to the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge), Mr. Speaker.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: (Inaudible).

MR. F. ROWE: The Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) is in enough trouble now, he should not try to get on this bandwagon.

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

MR. OTTENHEIMER: The hon. gentleman is very touchy, eh?

MR. F. ROWE: Oh very touchy, very sensitive.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The hon. member has a supplementary.

MR. F. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate whether she has any projections -

AN HON. MEMBER: Oh, oh!

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

MR. F. ROWE: - as to the estimated capital grants that will be required for the phasing in of this programme over the next three years, and any projection of the capital costs that will be required to build any additional classrooms, or any additional space or schools for the implementation of this programme?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. F. ROWE: The first question, Mr. Speaker, does the minister have any idea whatsoever of the operating grants that will be required over the next three years? And secondly -

AN HON. MEMBER: It will be answered in the Budget.

MR. F. ROWE: It will be answered in the Budget, yes. And whether she has any projected costs of the capital grants that will be required to implement the Grade XII programme?

MR. THOMS: She has the answer to that one memorized too.

- MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. Minister of Education.
- MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, it is really hard to keep up with the questions and keep them all separate.
- SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.
- MS. VERGE: On operating grants, yes, we do have estimates of what will be required in future years and, also, we are looking forward to receiving from the Federation of School Boards a proposal applying to the long-term, about a different method of providing operating grants, and we will consider all of this information as we finalize the Budget. As for capital costs, again, as I have said before in this hon. House over the past couple of years, there have been detailed studies made of each and every high school in the Province to determine the extra facilities needed to implement the re-organized high school programme -
- SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!
- MS. VERGE: - in terms of both programme support space and also additional classroom space to house the extra students who will be in our schools with Grade XII three years from now. And all of this information will be considered as we finalize our decisions. And the actual figures will be announced when the decisions are made, when our Budget is brought down and all hon. members will find out at that time.
- SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.
- MR. HISCOCK: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, the hon. member for Eagle River.
- MR. HISCOCK: A supplementary to the Minister of Education, With regard to Pinsent's Arm and Norman Bay they were supposed to have an extra teacher last year and because they did not have accommodations they could not get one, could the Minister of Education inform this House

MR. HISCOCK: with regard to rural areas, because Grade XII is only going to separate urban students from rural areas, what are the schools going to do which have four Grade XI students, or two or one student in those schools, are they going to be boarded in other communities, have to come to Gander, have to come to Stephenville? What is the minister going to do with students in rural areas or are we not going to turn around and put a greater division between urban and rural students?

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

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, the re-organized high school programme promises significant benefits, especially for students in rural areas. It is a programme spanning three years with a credit system which will allow the small schools greater flexibility in scheduling courses. They will be able to stagger course offerings from year to year so that over the three years of senior high school, students will be able to experience a more well-rounded curriculum and programme of studies.

MR. HISCOCK: (Inaudible)

MS. VERGE: In some of our very small communities where there are only a very few senior high school students now, where you have two, four students eligible for Grade XI, Grade XI is not offered. It is not viable to provide a high school programme in every single school in the Province. And for the few students in that situation, as I say, that exists with Grade XI, and it will exist in three years time when Grade XII comes on stream, there is a programme of bursaries to provide these students with living expenses to go to the nearest larger community where the high school programme is offered. And in the case of students in Pinsent's Arm or Norman Bay, they can go to Mary's Harbour, they can go to Cartwright, they do not have to go to

MS. VERGE: Stephenville or one of the large centres on the Island.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. member for Windsor - Buchans.

MR. G. FLIGHT: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry). We have been hearing so much these past few days about energy shortages in 1985, I am wondering if the minister would indicate - and various sites have been identified, or various sources to take up the shortfall, and we have been hearing about Cat Arm, the development of Cat Arm River - would the minister indicate what Newfoundland Hydro's position is with Cat Arm? Are we going to develop the Cat Arm River as a potential power site?

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

MR. L. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, if we get the proper response and proper co-operation from the federal government we can expect -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Here we go again.

MR. BARRY: - Mr. Speaker, to see the needs of this Province met for quite a long time in the future by a Lower Churchill development. And in order to get the optimal Lower Churchill development, we need the federal government to recognize its national responsibilities which is to see that electricity can be transmitted freely from Labrador to wherever the markets may be in Canada or elsewhere.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. FLIGHT: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A supplementary, the hon. member for Windsor - Buchans.

MR. G. FLIGHT: With regard, specifically, to the Cat Arr development, Mr. Speaker, Newfoundland Hydro is purported to have done thirteen or fourteen environmental studies on Cat Arm, would the minister indicate to the House whether or not those studies have indicated that Cat Arm should indeed be developed?

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

MR. L. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, there have been environmental studies done on the Terra Nova River, on Cat Arm, on just about every river, I suppose, you can find within the Province of Newfoundland, with a view to determining just what the environmental aspects of hydro developments on any of these sites might be. There has been no decision made with respect to any future development of hydro or other generation of electricity on the Island of Newfoundland. Until we determine whether the federal government is going to accept its national responsibilities to see that we can develop the Lower Churchill, we will not be making that decision. Provided the federal government makes their decision in time, and time is running out, and we need a decision within the next few months in order to permit us to get a project going on the Lower Churchill, which could be of benefit not just to this Province but to Eastern Canada as a whole.

MR. G. FLIGHT: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A final supplementary, the hon. member for Windsor - Buchans.

MR. G. FLIGHT: Would the minister again, specifically, talking about Cat Arm, Mr. Speaker, assure the House that in the event that the Cat Arm River is considered for Hydro development that the Cat Arm development will be subject to the Environmental Assessment Act passed by this House months ago? The Upper Salmon was exempt from the regulations under that legislation and Newfoundland will pay the price forever. So now will the minister assure the House that in the event Cat Arm is considered for hydro development, that that project will have to meet the regulations and abide by the legislation under the Environmental Assessment Act?

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

MR. L. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, first of all, on a considerable inaccuracy in the member's statement, the people of this Province will not pay forever for anything done with the Upper Salmon project. To the contrary, Mr. Speaker, the consumers of this Province will benefit forever from the cheaper electricity that is obtained there than would be obtainable from a thermal generating unit. They will benefit forever!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. L. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, as to the main question, I think it has been fairly obvious for some period of time in parliaments everywhere in the civilized world, that engaging in speculation on hypothetical questions is, to say the least, non-productive.

MR. L. THOMS: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. L. THOMS: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: You are welcome.

MR. L. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) this afternoon.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. L. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, the fishermen in St. Lawrence -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

MR. L. THOMS: If I could get the attention, Mr. Speaker, of the Minister of Fisheries, I would like to ask him a question.

Mr. Speaker, the fishermen of St. Lawrence have no place in which to store their bait because of the lack of insulation in the bait holding depot there. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that during the fisheries conference at Salt Pond, Burin last year, the minister made a commitment to the Fishermen's Committee of St. Lawrence to provide funding for the insulation of this provincially owned bait holding unit.

My question, Mr. Speaker, is would the minister confirm to this House and to the fishermen of St. Lawrence, that he did, in fact, make this commitment?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, any conversations I had with the Fishermen's Committee of St. Lawrence, or any commitment made to them, will be gladly discussed with them when I meet with them in the very near future.

MR. L. THOMS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for Grand Bank.

MR. L. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, the fishing season is drawing very, very close now for the fishermen of St. Lawrence and would the minister then indicate whether or not funds will be made available in the immediate future for the insulation of this bait holding unit?

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

MR. J. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, the need for these kinds of facilities, of course, is being debated and discussed now by the officials in the Department of Fisheries in our planning for the new budget for 1981/82. And within the next few days, in fact, I will be sitting down with the council of St. Lawrence, also with members of the Fishermen's Committee, Mr. Leo Slaney, Mr. Dick Edwards and others, and discussing all the needs of the fishermen in the St. Lawrence.

MR. L. THOMS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER(Simms): A final supplementary,
the hon. member from Grand Bank.

MR. L. THOMS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, one final
supplementary. The minister mentioned sitting down and
I was wondering where this meeting is going to take
place, because, Mr. Speaker, the minister made a commit-
ment to me, and this I know because the commitment was
made to me not to the fishermen, that he would visit the
district and meet with the fishermen prior to the open-
ing of this session of the House. Now, Mr. Speaker, that
did not happen. But could the minister tell me when
he will be visiting the district of Grand Bank and meet-
ing with the fishermen, particularly the fishermen from
the Lamaline to St. Lawrence area.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. J. MORGAN: I wish I could, Mr. Speaker. You
know this morning I spent three or four hours meeting with
fishermen (inaudible) from around the Province.

MR. L. THOMS: I am not interested in excuses.

MR. J. MORGAN: This afternoon people from the
district of Fogo and on it goes every day, fishermen's
groups and organizations. I do the best I can to meet with all
of them that request meetings. I intend to travel the
Burin Peninsula later on this Spring and I can assure the
hon. gentleman I will be meeting and discussing all the
problems pertaining to the fishery with the fishermen's
committees.

AN HON. MEMBER: The best Minister of Fisheries we ever had.

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

MR. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, my question is to
the Premier.

MR. FLIGHT: He was a poor Minister of Forestry.

MR. SPEAKER(Simms):

Order, please!

The hon. member for Torngat
Mountains.

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to know from the Premier if he has been successful in arranging a meeting with the Federal Minister of DREE (Pierre De Bane) concerning this Coastal Labrador agreement?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD:

Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question. We have been attempting for about three months now to arrange the meeting, as I have indicated to the hon. member and other members who have asked the question, over the last 70 or 80 days. Up to this point in time it has been a failure, we have been very unsuccessful in arranging that meeting. The minister did promise me the last time I met with him, a little over a year ago, that we would have a meeting on the general development agreement in particular, that is the umbrella agreement, and then the various subsidiary agreements that come thereunder, the most important of which right now is the Coastal Labrador agreement. Last week again we contacted his office both by phone and by telegram, and there has been no indication of when the minister will come to the Province for that meeting. Other indications have come to me from different groups around the Province, which have called the minister's office, indicating that he is coming. We did have a tentative date established, it was Friday the 13th which makes no difference to me, but it was Friday the 13th and we had arranged this Friday for the signing, if that was necessary, and if the federal government had their share of the money. We have indicated to them that we have had our share for a couple of years now. So, we are prepared to sign the Coastal Labrador agreement today, yesterday, tomorrow, Friday the 13th or whatever day, so that we can get on to get this construction season as

PREMIER PECKFORD: part of the development opportunities that are needed, and the services that are needed on the coast of Labrador. So, that is where it is right now; we have not been able to get a firm date out of the minister, we have been contacting his office by phone, we have been wiring his office, so that we have had it in writing, and to this point in time we cannot get a firm date. There was a firm date but it has been cancelled apparently, now, unless we get some indication before Friday.

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

MR. WARREN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker, I am sure a yes or a no would be sufficient for the first answer. My second supplementary is, if the cost-shared agreement for the Labrador Straits road is a 90/10 agreement, is the Premier now ready and willing to sign or will his government accept anything less?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, it is hard for me to give a yes or a no answer to some of the questions that are asked by hon. members opposite. I apologize if the answers are too long, but in the interest of trying to provide the hon. member with as much information as possible, I think that would justify me in answering it rather than just a yes or no. Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to negotiate different percentages here in this hon. House, that is a matter of negotiations between the Inter-Governmental Affairs people, the Department of Transportation and the officials of DREE. So, I do not intend, at this point in time, to get into negotiating here, which will be reported as to what I would accept or would not accept or what the government and the Cabinet would accept or not accept, I can only say that we are ready to sign the Coastal Labrador agreement along the lines to which the

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PREMIER PECKFORD:

about a month ago.

MR. SPEAKER(Simms):

Mountains.

MR. WARREN:

supplementary is, has the Premier any indication that some components in the Coastal Labrador agreement will either be taken out or

negotiations have led up to

A final supplementary.

The hon. member for Torngat

Yes, Mr. Speaker. My final

Coastal Labrador agreement will either

MR. WARREN: dramatically reduced in order to ratify the 90/10 cost sharing for the Straits road?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, we are still negotiating with the federal government and want to sign the Coastal Labrador agreement. I am not prepared at this time to say whether one component is in or one component is out until I see the final position of the DREE officials. The agreement has not been signed and there have not been final 't's' crossed and 'i's' dotted. So until I get that back from them, I will not know. We want the full agreement as presented to them signed with no components out and we are prepared to sign with our share of the money on it. Unfortunately, the whole thing involves more than just the Coastal Labrador agreement too. We do not want to have to trade off a mile of Trans-Canada Highway for signing the Coastal Labrador agreement, it should be done separately and we are having problems that way because, apparently, the federal government or the Treasury Board in the federal government, are talking about envelope approaches and trading off something for something else there. We want to sign the Coastal Labrador agreement in the same way as we have signed other agreements in the Province, go on to sign the NORDCO agreement, go on to sign the Trans-Labrador Highway agreement, go on to sign the Trans-Canada Highway agreement, go on to sign the Industrial Development agreement. All of these are there. We are budgeting for them from our point of view, but I cannot negotiate right now.

MR. THOMS: Thank God for Ottawa!

PREMIER PECKFORD: Thank God for Ottawa, if they would sign some agreements!

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, a final question to the Premier. It probably could be asked of many of the other ministers, but I would think that probably the Premier could give a proper answer. If there are further delays in the signing of the Coastal Labrador agreement, and where the provincial government does have on land facilities such as depot stores, fish plants and so on, will those fish plants and the fishermen and the people on the Labrador Coast be deprived of carrying on their normal fishing season because of inadequate facilities presently owned by this government?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, we will have to deal with them individually. Right now we have had to finance the synchrolift totally out of our own pocket as a Province; we have had to finance NORDCO to keep it going until a new agreement was signed, 100 per cent by the Province; and, of course, we will try to ensure that the fishermen of Coastal Labrador are not deprived of much-needed facilities, but we will do it on an individual basis so that if, in fact, Mr. Rompkey and the federal government are not prepared to sign their share of the Coastal Labrador agreement, we will see that the fishermen of the Labrador Coast are not going to be the victims of that kind of decision.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. HANCOCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have a question for the hon.
the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Dawe). Would the minister tell this House whether his department has any plans to require recycling of beer cans and soft drink cans?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. the member for the question. Right now there is a process ongoing as it relates to legislation in other provinces and other jurisdictions for the recycling of various products such as beer cans and soft drink bottles and so on. Once that process is finished, in the next month or so, there will be a recommendation made to myself and at that time we will make a decision on what direction we think the Province should go as it relates to legislation or, in fact, as it relates to any sort of litter problems.

MR. HANCOCK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): A supplementary, the hon. the member for St. Mary's - The Capes.

MR. HANCOCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some time ago, Labatt's Brewery started canning beer. Has the minister any indication if any other major companies of the Province intend to follow the same route, or has the minister any plans to ban unreturnable cans?

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any other company that intends to do that right now.

MR. WARREN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Brett), I will ask the Premier this question. I understand that yesterday the Department of Highways closed the old Cabot Highway between Little Harbour East and Southern Harbour in Placentia Bay. Now, the preamble, Mr. Speaker, is that this highway has been used by men from Little Harbour for going to cut firewood and, in fact, at the present time there is a federal community

MR. WARREN: programme ongoing in the community and the employees there were picking up large rocks for the slipway, but this has been stopped because the Department of Highways has closed off the road completely, could the Premier find out why it was closed off and if it will be reopened to carry on this project?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we will check that out in the next half hour and have an answer for the hon. member before the House closes this afternoon.

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Eagle River.

MR. HISCOCK: A question for the Premier. Could the Premier inform this House that with regard to problems of bottles and tins being thrown along

MR. HISCOCK:

the sides of the roads. And in our parks, and with the high cost of gas and electric bills and various food products in this Province, can the Premier inform this House whether he is going to set up a department of consumer affairs with his old minister again? When can we expect this appointment to take place?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, the important thing is whether the government is moving to try to address itself to these issues, not whether there is a separate department for every problem that the government has or that the -

MR. HISCOCK: You cannot have Fisheries and Environment and you cannot have Justice and Consumer Affairs.

PREMIER PECKFORD: - the Newfoundland society has so, therefore, we will continue -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

PREMIER PECKFORD: - to initiate policies to try to alleviate those, for example, and I ask the hon. member to join with us in supporting Gull Island instead of Muskrat, as opposed to some of the other hon. members on the other side, so those low electrical bills can stay there, so that we can have stably priced power. That is one way. You do not solve the electrical price system of the Province by establishing a Department of Consumer Affairs -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

PREMIER PECKFORD: - what you do is that you prefer Gull Island over Muskrat so that then we will have that stably priced power.

MR. THOMS: Why did not LCDC (inaudible).

PREMIER PECKFORD: Now, as it relates to litter in the parks, I am sure the minister responsible for parks -

MR. THOMS: Why did LCDC not prefer it?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

PREMIER PECKFORD: - I am sure the given division of Consumer Affairs can adequately look after that. And that I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that not one more tin would be picked up in Catamaran Park because there was a Department of Consumer Affairs over and above what will be picked up now because we have Division of Consumer Affairs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The time for Oral Question has expired.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Labour and Manpower.

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a report of matters transacted by the Minister of Labour and Manpower during 1980 under provisions of the Labour Relations Act, the Public Service Collective Bargaining Act, the Fishing Industries Collective Bargaining Act, the Newfoundland Teachers' Collective Bargaining Act, the Report of the Labour Standards Board and the Report of the Newfoundland Labour Relations Board for 1980.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend the Fire Prevention Act."

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, I want to respond to the hon. member's question of a few minutes ago about the road at Little Heart's East, that road contact.

MR. WARREN: Little Harbour East.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Pardon?

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MR. WARREN:

Little Harbour East.

PREMIER PECKFORD:

Little Harbour East, sorry.

That road has been looked after as of nine o'clock this morning. The reason why it was blocked off was it was an old road, a diversion of an old road on which there was a hole and there was a safety problem. The Department of Highways, as of nine o'clock this morning, were in contact with the people of that community itself to work out a way in which they can still do their job without us interfering with them in closing off the road. So it is taken care of.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

The hon. the Minister of Justice.

MR. OTTENHEIMER:

Mr. Speaker, members may recall that

yesterday the hon. member for -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. OTTENHEIMER:

Thank you. Hon. members may recall

that yesterday the hon. member for Grand Bank (L.Thoms) asked a question with respect to whether I had received a copy of the Mahoney Royal Commission, to which I answered no, and then when I expected to have it. I have been in touch with Judge Mahoney; I understand that the report is completed and is being typed or prepared for presentation, and the information we had from him was that certainly within four weeks it would be handed in.

MR. SPEAKER:

Before proceeding to Orders of the Day hon. members, I am sure, would like to join me in welcoming to the Galleries today the Resident General Manager of Bowaters in Corner Brook, Mr. Wallace Clark.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. THOMS:

A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

for Grand Bank.

A point of order, the hon. member

MR. THOMS:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion, if I can get leave of the House, under Standing Order 23, that the regular order of business of the House be suspended to debate a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the Provincial Government's policy with respect to the administration of justice in this Province and, in particular, to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and the failure of the government to set up an independent inquiry to look into the problems in the police force.

MR. L. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, there is reason to believe that the City of St. John's is being inadequately policed and that there is a concern for the safety of the citizens of the city. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that there is a -

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Order, please!

I do not believe the hon. member is permitted to debate the matter at this point. He is supposed to tell me what the matter is and then I will determine whether or not it is permissible.

The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. W. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, on that particular motion, Your Honour and the House are fully familiar with the rules governing this particular Standing Order. The rule is that a matter, it is not a matter that it be urgent. We do not deny that certain matters that have been brought up from time to time might be urgent in themselves but it must be a matter which is urgent to debate. It must be a matter, Mr. Speaker, for which there is no other opportunity for debate. I refer Your Honour to the fact that the Address in Reply is already on the Order Paper, it was debated yesterday, it is going to be debated today. But this is not a matter, Mr. Speaker, that is being brought up that is within the rules for suspension of the ordinary rules of today, it is not of sufficient urgency for debate, and, Mr. Speaker, I would gainsay, that it is being brought up not for that purpose anyway, but just for the purpose of getting publicity.

MR. THOMS: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The that point of order, the hon. member for Grand Bank.

MR. THOMS: Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is a matter that does come within the requirements of Clause 23 of the Standing Orders of this House, that this is a matter where there is an urgency of debate. I believe that this

MR. L. THOMS: government must be persuaded and they must be persuaded immediately, Mr. Speaker, that this is a very urgent matter and there is an urgency to debate it because if not, Mr. Speaker, you are going to find the situation vis-a-vis the policing of the City of St. John's in chaos. The citizens of St. John's are concerned and should be concerned for the safety of the citizens of the city and I believe, Mr. Speaker, that there is a real urgency of debate and that the business of this House should be suspended to debate this matter. I think it comes well within Standing Order 23.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

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

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman wants to get up and make statements he can refer to Beauchesne. I mean, the matter is dealt with in Beauchesne, Mr. Speaker, from 91, 92 and 93. The matter is not urgent of debate because the hon. gentleman says it is or for that matter any hon. member.

MR. L. THOMS: (Inaudible) says it?

PREMIER PECKFORD: Beauchesne.

MR. MARSHALL: Beauchesne, page 287 -

MR. WARREN: (Inaudible) urgent, you know.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: "'Urgency' within this rule does not apply to the matter itself, but means 'urgency of debate'", this is paragraph 287, "when the ordinary opportunities provided by the rules of the House do not permit the subject to be brought on early enough and public interest demands that discussion take place immediately."

Mr. Speaker, I contend that that answers the position.

MR. J. HODDER: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): I will hear one other submission.
To the point of order, the hon.
member for Port au Port.

MR. J. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I contend that there is an urgency here in that there is no other time to bring it up than today, tomorrow being Private Members' Day and then the other days taken up with legislation which the government has arbitrarily decided would be debated on that particular day.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear.

MR. HODDER: This is a matter of complete urgency, it is a matter which deals with the breakdown of law and order in a large portion of our Province.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

With respect to the point of order, it is a matter that has been raised quite frequently in the last few days. Certainly the citations quoted by the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) are quite in order in this particular case. It is a situation where it is the decision of the Chair, at least the role of the Chair, to determine whether or not there is urgency for debate not whether or not the matter itself is urgent or important. The question here is whether or not there is urgency for debate and in view of the fact that there is provision on the Order Paper for Address in Reply which is traditionally very wide-ranging, I submit to hon. members that there is ample time to debate the same matter under that particular Order of the Day, therefore, I cannot permit the motion at this time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

Order 1

Address in Reply.

hon. member for Carbonear.

The debate was adjourned by the

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear.

MR. R. MOORES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, when I was winding up my remarks, I believe I was making some rather derogatory references to the press.

And they all left.

MR. MOORES:

And they all left, yes, indeed.

And that, Mr. Speaker, is consistent, very consistent with the attitude of the media in this Province.

MR. STAGG:

They are afraid to take it,

They do not like it.

MR. MOORES: Now that Question Period is over and the government has again made headlines, they will rush off to their typewriters and type up whatever propaganda they can to promote and encourage the position of the government in this Province. No doubt about it that the scourge of the average citizen in this Province today in regards to the dissemination of information in an objective and unbiased, non-partisan fashion, the scourge of the citizen in this Province is the biased, partisan Tory press that exists within this city today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: If Messers Kirby and Wakeham and a half a dozen others in the press gallery ever decided not to vote PC, their subconscious would explode. They would not know what to do, they would not know where to stand in this Province, if they could not vote any way but Tory.

MR. STAGG: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: Tomorrow, what will the headline be?

MR. THOMS: Some watchdog the press is in this Province.

MR. MOORES: What will the headline in The Daily News be tomorrow morning? And the headline in The Evening Telegram be?

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible).

MR. MOORES: Finance Minister (Dr. Collins) states that the Province of Newfoundland is going to finance the synchrolift for St. John's.

MR. HOLLETT: Finance CN.

MR. MOORES: The taxpayer of Newfoundland once again is being sucked dry -

MR. STAGG: Subsidizing all.

MR. MOORES: - to provide jobs and financial securities for the City of St. John's, a parasite, a plague,

MR. MOORES: a drag on the citizenry, on the taxpaying person in this Province for the last hundred years.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MOORES: And what do you think? There is no either/or that we are going to give you this sychrolift and take away the crosstown arterial like the Premier of this Provincr said to the municipalities; He said, either you impose property tax or we take away your municipal grants. No choice for the City of St. John's. Nothing at all will they have to sacrifice, but they will drag and suck more blood out of the populace of this Province for their own greedy ends.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MOORES: And who supports it? The member for Mount Scio (Mr. Barry), a St. John's district.

MR. BARRY: I will support St. John's, yes.

MR. MOORES: You bet you will.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: You bet you will after having a crack at Placentia West and getting flung out.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: You are like a lot of the St. John's members -

MR. BARRY: Carbonear is wising up too.

MR. MOORES: Carbonear is safe.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) nomination.

MR. MOORES: I noticed this morning -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Butt):

Order, please!

MR. MOORES:

I noticed this morning in The Daily News that the writer was very polite in saying that Yesterday was my first appearance in the House since it opened. And I am so happy and proud to say that last week I spent five days, full days, in five different communities and I talked to 400 of my constituents and all 400 of them are very pleased with my representation as their M.H.A.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES:

And I have not a doubt, Mr. Speaker, that when the Premier has the courage - he had the courage a couple of -

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible) opposition (inaudible).

MR. MOORES:

Listen now! Listen! - he had the courage I think four weeks ago or five weeks ago when he was in Toronto, talking to some poor, unfortunate interviewer, the Toronto Globe and Mail or the Toronto Star or Sun or something or whatever, and he said, 'I would be prepared not only to call an election in Newfoundland, given a certain set of circumstances, but I would be prepared to withdraw Newfoundland from Confederation.'

PREMIER PECKFORD:

Not true.

MR. F. ROWE:

Ah, go away.

MR. MOORES:

'Separate', he said.

MR. F. ROWE:

Of course it is true.

PREMIER PECKFORD:

You would like it to be true.

MR. FLIGHT:

You cannot live with it, 'Fred'.

MR. MOORES:

Now, the Premier had the courage and he was being prompted by members of his caucus to call an election, that the time was right. We are ready now to go to the people. And something happened within the next

MR. MOORES: three or four weeks. We are not sure over here on this side what it was, but we have this feeling that somehow or another the Premier and his cronies went back to their constituencies and they found out that the government of this Province was not quite as popular as they thought.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: So now they have cooled the election call. You will notice that the big issues have switched from Hibernia and constitutions, to false and misleading promises of jobs and economic upsurge. They no longer talk about constitutions and oil fields because of the 400 constituents, Mr. Speaker, that I talked to last week, 90 per cent of them were fed up, were poisoned, were completely poisoned with the Premier talking about oil and constitutions -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: - while their daughters and sons were unemployed, while they were up to their knees in potholes and gravel, when they could not get a bed in a hospital, when their children were going to schools that were filled up with garbage, while half the unions in this Province were on strike, and we have a floundering economy with the highest rate of taxation, the lowest rate of income and, generally speaking, a complete mess, and the Premier of this Province talking about oil fields and constitutions.

And that would not be so bad -

MR. STAGG: How much time do you have left?

MR. MOORES: A couple of minutes now.

I just talk, actually, for the benefit of my caucus members. They love to hear me speak!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HODDER: He tells it as it is.

MR. MOORES: As you very accurately pointed out, the press gallery is empty. I do not need them, I do not want them.

MR. BARRY: You are better than a stink bomb when it comes to cleaning out the place.

MR. MOORES: And if any member of the media or the government side wants to upseat me or unseat me as the member for Carbonear, I will take a blank cheque, Mr. Speaker, and pay for his campaign expenses.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. FLIGHT: And that includes the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry) and the Minister of Forestry (Mr. Power).

MR. MOORES: I mean, I would not have it said in Carbonear that you were not financially well off enough to put up a good fight.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MOORES: And the problem with the press in this Province -

PREMIER PECKFORD: They do not recognize what a big mark you are.

MR. MOORES: Oh, yes, they do. Yes, they do. When it comes to my appearances in courts of law etc., they know how to crucify and continue to crucify and continue on and on over a period of five years to crucify with no letup. And then when it comes to making a sensible point in this House, where do they go? They go out to their bottles, up with their typewriters in their press room. And you talk about the condition of this Province, my friend, vis-a-vis the media, hang your heads in shame, not only on this side, but on that side as well, because the only losers in this Province when something like that happens, when one of the

MR. MOORES: integral parts of a democracy breaks down, are the people, and the people are everything or should be everything to us.

MR. BARRY: Apparently, you are not looking for the press to get your word around the district.

MR. MOORES: Not a chance. I get free Householders, paid for by the government, the taxpayers, every year.

MR. BARRY: A good government.

MR. MOORES: Yes, I would agree with some of the things that government has done.

MR. TULK: Very few.

MR. MOORES: Very few.

MR. BRETT: At least you understand that (inaudible) government first, eh?

MR. MOORES: Yes.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): Order, please!

The hon. member has about eight minutes left.

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

I have eight minutes to suffer in this House, because I believe, Mr. Speaker, that this House has become a complete waste of time, a complete waste of taxpayers' money. What we are here for, what we are demanded to be here for, I do not know. I mean, I am up now speaking, on my feet, because I feel some sense of responsibility to my caucus, most of all, in this Address in Reply. I mean,

MR. R. MOORES: every word that I speak, there is a tape recorder up there, there are secretaries who will type it up and it will be passed down in booklet form tomorrow and it will be tossed into the garbage. That is it, thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money gone down. You know, it appears to me that some people have nothing better to do. I mean I have sat here time and again, Mr. Speaker, and listened to the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) provoke and interject. I mean, you would think you would have better sense, boy!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. R. MOORES: You know, you are a professional man, a lawyer, go out and have a cup of coffee. Really!

MR. F. STAGG: I apologize.

MR. R. MOORES: I do not accept your apology because the apology in itself is an interjection.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. R. MOORES: It is very difficult, Mr. Speaker, very difficult for any member of this House to concentrate, to emphasize the very important issues facing the people of this Province today. And I remind certain members on both sides of the House that the basic issues in this Province are not Hibernia and the constitution. They were at one time. But the Premier of this Province is losing ground very, very quickly on these issues. He knows it and any pundit, political pundit familiar with the vibrations of the electorate is aware of it as well. Because right now, this season, this construction season in Newfoundland, road construction and other services such as hospitals and schools and that type of thing have been seriously curtailed. Unemployment is going to rise even worse than it was last year. And I am very serious when I say that there are sons and daughters of people who will not even get ten weeks of stamps this year to draw unemployment insurance benefits.

MR. R. MOORES: And those are the real issues facing the people of Newfoundland. More and more the people are coming to realize that this confrontation attitude that exists between the provincial government and the federal government is costing us, is costing us in jobs, in economic development, it is costing us in our image in this nation. There are two premiers right now in Canada who are becoming more and more hated by the population and they are Lougheed of Alberta and Peckford of Newfoundland, both of whom have very serious separation tendencies, very, very immature attitudes that 'if you do not give me what I want, the marbles go home.' You know, it is so ridiculous to hear the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry) asking Ottawa to get on with making decisions as a national government--and then yesterday on the media I hear that Newfoundland wants to partake in the negotiations with St. Pierre, or France and Canada. I mean, you would not know but we were a nation. I mean what an insult to the protocol, the diplomatic protocol of international negotiation, that a Province, a dependent entity within a nation, wants to supersede the diplomatic powers of a nation and negotiate with France.

MR. FLIGHT: The minister wants to do that. He wants to be the Ambassador to Canada.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. R. MOORES: I mean, gee whiz, where is our perspective? What do we think we are? We are a little Province of 500,000 people that is relatively ignored in Canada, except for an occasional reference to oil, and in time Canada will straighten that out. In time Canada will straighten that out. If we do not soon toe the line, well, we will be put in our place. And if it has to happen, I do not blame Pierre Trudeau for putting the pinch on Newfoundland, you know, we have been parasites

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MR. R. MOORES: now for thirty years, we have been dragging the taxpayers' money out of Ontario and Alberta and so on. It is time we paid our way.

AN HON. MEMBER: What about (inaudible).

MR. MOORES: Look, do not talk to me about politics, do not talk to me about semantics or manipulation or anything else, the truth of the matter is that we have been dependent upon the taxpayers of Canada since we have become a Province. Now, nobody is saying we should kiss their behinds at this point but, boy, we have to come around to some sensible, negotiating way of thinking and put ourselves in our place in this nation. You do not jump from number ten to number one overnight just because you have a few barrels of oil off the coast.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to have addressed this hon. House. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. BARRY: I want to compliment the last speaker, Mr. Speaker, because after two sessions since the last election, we have finally gotter a clear exposition of what the policy of the Liberal Party in this Province is; that is, a policy, Mr. Speaker, of attempting to divide the people of this Province between the people of the bay and the townies, the traditional tactics of division, the tactics that have seen this Province dragged down because we spent too much time fighting with each other instead of trying to fight to bring ourselves up to proper standards of living, to proper levels of productivity in the workplace. But, Mr. Speaker, not only have we seen that the policy of the Liberal Party is to divide, we have also seen that their policy is to viciously attack, venomously attack, attack with the label of 'parasite' the close to 50 per cent of the population of this Province which live in the greater St. John's area.

MR. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker -

AN HON. MEMBER: Where do (inaudible) stand?

MR. BARRY: Well, give me a little bit of poetic licence here. Mr. Speaker, there are one or two -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: There are one or two people, you know, who live within fifty miles of this great edifice we stand in here today. There are one or two people, citizens of this Province. And, Mr. Speaker, let it go out far and wide that the policy of the Liberal Party, as ably, clearly articulated by the previous member speaking opposite, that policy is to label the people of St. John's as parasites. Mr. Speaker, that is unjustifiable, that is totally unjustifiable.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let us first of all test the first premise here. The entire thesis around which members opposite are acting is that this government draws its support from St. John's. Now, Mr. Speaker, let us count our seats. I look to my member standing in the doorway of this House having a smoke. Mr. Speaker, I look for the member representing the great town of Happy Valley - Goose Bay. Is there a Liberal member there, Mr. Speaker? No, a Tory member, a P.C. member. Mr. Speaker, we go a little West, starting from the North and moving South we move a little West in Labrador and we go to those great towns of Wabush and Labrador City, and what do we see there, Mr. Speaker? Do we see a Grit representing those towns? No, Mr. Speaker. In the other door of this House, Mr. Speaker, we see the very able member, the P.C. member who represents those two great towns.

MR. LEO BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, if I could move just a little South to the great city, the second city of Corner Brook.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. L. BARRY: Do we have, Mr. Speaker, a Liberal member?

MR. BAIRD: No, Sir.

MR. L. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, not only do we not have a Liberal member we have -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

(inaudible)

MR. L. BARRY: - one, two, three, and I would say that the Minister of Health is close enough in his attachments with Corner Brook, four Tories, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. L. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, if I can move a little to the Southwest, who do I see over there representing the great district of St. George's? Is he a Liberal, Mr. Speaker?

MR. L. THOMS: Do not forget (inaudible).

MR. L. BARRY: No, Mr. Speaker, And, Mr. Speaker, I skipped over, in moving to the Minister of the Environment, I skipped over the great member that we have from Stephenville.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. L. BARRY: The great town of Stephenville.

Now, is he a Liberal?

MR. L. THOMS: (Inaudible) see about that.

MR. L. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, if we want to move a little to the East and we have to obviously pass by Botwood, the great town of Botwood and I see my colleague- I am sorry, Exploits, I see my colleague, Dr. Twomey, the

MR. L. BARRY: representative, able
representative of that town.

MR. THOMS: Do not forget (inaudible).

MR. L. BARRY: And, Mr. Speaker, we move
through the town of Grand Falls and do we run into a
Liberal member there, Mr. Speaker? No, we have the
gentleman who is about to give you a break in the
Chair, the Speaker of this House of
Assembly. And, Mr. Speaker- now, what do we have? I
have completely canvassed the Province from the North
to the South and we have P.C. members, Mr. Speaker, per-
vading in the entire political life of this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Simms:) Order, please!

MR. L. BARRY: So, Mr. Speaker, the entire
thesis upon which the members opposite are operating is
totally out to lunch, is totally out for lunch. I can
only assume, Mr. Speaker, that members opposite are like
the lemmings, they are engaged upon a great headlong rush
to destruction. They do not have the courage to give it
up and say, 'We do not have a chance', Mr. Speaker, 'in the
next election, we may as well quit now'--

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. L. BARRY: They are trying to set a
situation up where they are going to be flung out,
Mr. Speaker, in the next election -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. L. BARRY: - and they are going about
it in a very able fashion. Their headlong rush to
destruction, Mr. Speaker, is being carried out in a very
co-ordinated fashion.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. L. BARRY: But now, Mr. Speaker, we
cannot let that attack on the great city of St. John's

MR. L. BARRY: and the people of St. John's go unchallenged. As the member for Mount Scio, Mr. Speaker, as the member for Mount Scio, I say I am proud to represent a district which incorporates not just an urban riding but incorporates the municipalities of Portugal Cove and St. Phillips, Mr. Speaker, gives us representation from the rural part of our Province as well. And, Mr. Speaker, I say to you, that there is nothing- when you see the hard working people of Mount Scio, when you see the hard working people of St. John's South, St. John's East, St. John's Centre, St. John's East Extern, St. John's North, and so on, and you see the way that these people work to earn their daily bread and they have been labelled as parasites, Mr. Speaker, that should be a contempt of this hon. House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. L. BARRY: It is shameful, it is shameful, it is venomous, it is despicable Mr. Speaker, it should not be allowed for a member to get up in this hon. House and label several hundred thousand of his fellow Newfoundlander's as parasites.

MR. C. POWER: Lack of understanding.

MR. L. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, I have to take it, I have to take it that that is the policy of the great Liberal party- sorry-the once great Liberal party of this Province. Because there is nothing great about a party that harnesses its policy around labelling hundreds of thousands of people who happen to live in the city of St. John's as parasites.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. L. BARRY: Parasites! Now, Mr. Speaker, you only have to look around you. Go down to the harbour

MR. BARRY: and speak to some of the long-shoremen down there and see how many of those have it soft and easy in the way of living. Go talk to some of the construction trades, Mr. Speaker, that are out building the Newfoundland Telephone Building, that I can see from here, or the Taxation Data Centre that just went up, Mr. Speaker, or a St. John's synchrolift that is going to go up because of the efforts of this government.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: What about the people on the picket lines?

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent - I am proud to represent the district in Mount Scio where I can say that the ninety-odd per cent are like myself. They were not born with silver spoons in their mouths. They have to get out and earn their living by the sweat of their brow and they are doing that and they are doing it well and they are doing it proudly. And, Mr. Speaker, there are no parasites in the district of Mount Scio.

MR. WARREN: There is one.

MR. BARRY: And to say that -
Yes, there may be one, Mr. Speaker, and he is present right opposite. This happens to be in the district of Mount Scio, right here today. Hon. members are standing and to have my constituents and other constituents in the St. John's area labelled as parasites is just too despicable to comment on.

Mr. Speaker, the government of which I am proud to be a part, is determined to represent all parts of this Province. We are determined to represent this Province from Cape Chidley, or I should say the Button Island off Cape Chidley, to the tip of the Burin Peninsula, Mr. Speaker. You go from the Bill in St. George to Cape Spear, Mr. Speaker, and this government has the interests of every

MR. BARRY: voter of this Province at heart.

And, Mr. Speaker -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (BAIRD): Order, please!

The Chair is finding it very difficult to hear. Could you quieten down a little please?

MR. BARRY: And, Mr. Speaker, because we do not permit partisan politics played in the most despicable fashion that we saw with respect to the St. John's synchrolift, because we do not permit that to prejudice the people of St. John's, Mr. Speaker, that in no way lessens our concern for the people outside the city limits. And, Mr. Speaker, you only have to look at our roads programme - if the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Brett) were here he would show you. Mr. Speaker, look at where the money has gone for roads in this past year. And look, when we see the budget, where it will be going again this year. Mr. Speaker, look at where the water and sewer facilities are going.

MR. THOMS: In Tory districts.

MR. BARRY: Not in the city of St. John's, Mr. Speaker, not in the city of St. John's.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. BARRY: And now I think we have a point being admitted here, that there is the occasional Tory district outside of the city of St. John's. Well, fancy that!

Mr. Speaker, we have, our Department of Fisheries - we have hundreds of millions of dollars every year going into the fishery in this Province. Where is that being spent? Is that being spent in the city of St. John's? No, Mr. Speaker. It is being spent on the fishermen of our Province wherever they may be found, whether it be urban or rural.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the city of St. John's has its problems as do other communities, and this government has a responsibility to try and deal with them. And

MR. BARRY: we have had some concerns raised in the last few weeks by constituents within the city and outside the city about the expansion of the St. John's city boundaries. And I have some serious concerns as the member representing the district of Mount Scio, some of whose constituents are now outside the city and will be taken in. I am concerned about the rate of increase in taxation that might occur, should the immediate expansion of the boundary mean an immediate increase in taxation rate. And I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we will have

MR. BARRY:

to look at--if that is to take place, I would be in favour of looking at some phasing in of any tax increases that might occur, and possibly look at this being tied to the services that the City of St. John's ends up providing to these new constituents. But these are the types of concerns, Mr. Speaker, that are present in the minds of the hard working, not parasites, the hard working people who live in Mount Scio district, some of whom are now outside of the City limits, but who may be taken in by an expansion of the St. John's boundaries.

AN HON. MEMBER: Taken in by the Liberals.

MR. BARRY: We have, Mr. Speaker, the St. John's Constabulary being raised by the member opposite as an emergency, even though his colleague who got up and spoke did not refer to it once in passing. If it was believed to be such a great emergency on the other side of the House, how is it that the last member speaking did not refer to it once? Mr. Speaker, I would suggest because -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (BAIRD): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - what we see is an attempt on the part of members opposite to foment disturbances. They would love to see disturbances created in the St. John's Constabulary.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, if you look at - I think all you have to do is look at the stories carried in the two papers of this Province, where we have -

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible).

MR. BARRY: In The Daily News headlines; 'Police Executive resigns. Scare tactics alleged.' And

MR. BARRY: then we have in The Evening Telegram of the same day, today I think, 'Police Union Elects Interim Executive', and a reference to Mr. Hawco the new Interim President who, I believe, was in the galleries a few minutes ago, A reference to after they met, 'The Interim Executive meets With the Chief of Police and members of the Provincial Justice Department', the quote is, "There was a good feeling after the meeting." And, Mr. Speaker, why should there not be a good feeling in the St. John's Constabulary? Sure there will be members, who for their own reasons are concerned about the modernization that is taking place in the force, but who, Mr. Speaker, can question the improvements that have been in the St. John's Constabulary, the improved training procedures, the improved facilities, Mr. Speaker, the improved -

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible) be justified.

MR. BARRY: - building that is gone in there for the Constabulary?

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Baird): Order, please!

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible) be justified.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! While some degree of flexibility is allowed, I think we are getting a little bit noisy. Every member has the right to be heard in silence. The Speaker has the responsibility for the decorum in the House, but so have the hon. members.

MR. THOMS: Maybe the speaker could tone it down a bit.

MR. SPEAKER: That also includes the member for Grand Bank.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, I might say that I have to vehemently deny that there was any pressure of any kind placed by government, or anybody taking orders

MR. BARRY: from government, with respect to pressure being put on the St. John's Constabulary. This government, Mr. -

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Baird): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - Speaker, believes in strong unions. This government believes that the workers of this Province are better off if they have good, strong, responsible union executives, and we support the union movement, Mr. Speaker, and we support the Police Brotherhood, as a union that is looking after the best interests of the members of our Constabulary.

But, Mr. Speaker, the mere fact that the Executive of the Brotherhood resigns, does not necessarily mean that it is because of pressure from management or pressure from government. There is, Mr. Speaker, another possibility, it may be that there may be some pressure from the Brotherhood, from the rank and file membership. It may be that they object to our great representatives from Mainland forces coming down and purporting to set out -

MR. THOMS: _ Have an inquiry then. What are you afraid of?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - Mr. Speaker, that there is something improper

MR. L. BARRY:

in a situation existing where there are some restraints placed by law, by regulation, on the conduct of police and on the manner in which police make their views known.

Mr. Speaker, the difference between a police state and a non-police state is that in a non-police state the elected representatives of the people make policy.

MR. THOMS: (Inaudible) were muzzled.

MR. BARRY: And, Mr. Speaker, there is a risk in, as we have seen, as I saw statements by some of the representatives of police forces on the mainland—I have seen statements where they got up and said, 'Well, if the politicians do not do such-and-such, the police are going to have to take matters into their own hands'. Now, Mr. Speaker, you are getting perilously close to your police state situation if that type -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - of intemperate, irresponsible statement is made by a member of a police union. Fortunately, Mr. Speaker, we have not seen that type of statement by members of our Constabulary here.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: Yes, I think, by and large, our St. John's Constabulary are very responsible -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. BARRY: - and I think, by and large, that the rank and file, and I would say that the bulk of the union executive, recognize that there is a genuine attempt being made by this government to modernize the force, to see that the force is improved and to compliment the very excellent officers that we have down there now.

MR. L. THOMS: (Inaudible) inquiry into that?

MR. L. BARRY: And, Mr. Speaker, some of the things that have been done might appear to be little things, like removing the responsibility for monitoring parking meters. Well, for years this has been something that police officers have felt to be a demeaning thing to have to do, to have to go and act as meter maids. And, Mr. Speaker, I think that was a great step forward, when government passed over this responsibility to the City of St. John's. I think that when we provided courses, modern training courses, for our police officers, provided ways for them to go away to police college and to get better trained in modern police techniques, I think that that is something that the rank and file of the St. John's Constabulary can see and can appreciate. I think, Mr. Speaker, when new blood was brought into the Constabulary, despite -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - what I would say was objection by a minor, small percentage of the Constabulary, I would say that the new blood that is down there is now being accepted in total as being a very genuine and excellent contribution to a better police force.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, we have an honest situation where there is a new executive -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - appointed on an interim basis, Mr. Speaker, and I think this is a genuine attempt by the Brotherhood to clear the air, I think new elections of a new executive whoever they are, whether the re-election of the former executive or whoever, that this is a good way and a very sensible way for the Police Brotherhood to clear the air. And I can tell them, Mr. Speaker, as a member of government, the St. John's Constabulary and the Brotherhood will have every bit of support that I can give them, and my colleagues in

MR. L. BARRY: government can give them, in seeing that the citizens of this city are well policed and into seeing that the citizens of St. John's, Mr. Speaker, get what they want, which is a modern, efficient police force. And if there are, Mr. Speaker, a few people down in the Brotherhood who are becoming concerned, who may question whether they can live up to the new standards that are being set, I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that government and management, I am sure, the police department, will act responsibly, sensitively, but there will be a firm approach taken towards an ever-improving St. John's Constabulary.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, if I could move on in this Address in Reply, Mr. Speaker, we have a certain leeway, I would like to - do you have any idea how much time I have left?

MR. SPEAKER: The time is 4:50.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, one thing that concerns me

MR. BARRY:

apart from the town/bayman division which is being promoted opposite, the attacks -

MR. HANCOCK: (Inaudible).

MR. BARRY: Speak to your colleague opposite, Mr. Speaker, the member for St. Mary's (Mr. Hancock) now is trying to pass off the fact that his colleague on his left has just labelled the people of St. John's as parasites. Now, is that your policy?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: Is that your policy? If it is not your policy, get away from the group. Get away from them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

Hon. members, this is the second or third time this afternoon. The Chair has responsibility for decorum in the House, every member here has it. Although sometimes some members do invite debate from the other sides, I think the Chair has gone long enough this afternoon. The rules will be invoked and I would ask everybody's indulgence.

The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, as has been seen time and time again in this House, when you start getting near the truth, that is when the uproar starts. When you start making a point and it starts to cut too close to the bone, Mr. Speaker, that is when they start to interrupt and the great members of the democratic party opposite, instead of being able to make a point, can only try to shout down members who are making a point on this side, and time and time again we see them erupt. Well, their policy is clearly set out - and I compliment them again for making it so clear - the Liberal Party's policy is to downgrade and denigrate

MR. BARRY: and attack the people of the city of St. John's, and the label of 'parasite', Mr. Speaker, was clearly laid out and that has to be accepted as the policy of the party opposite.

Now, Mr. Speaker, just as despicable a tactic, in my point of view, is the way in which members opposite have attempted to create and encourage a division between the provincial government and the federal government.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, we have a government on this side of the House which is able to treat issues separately, and if we have an issue, Mr. Speaker, upon which we disagree with the federal government, we are prepared to disagree with them on policy, but, Mr. Speaker, that in no way means that we cannot agree and compliment, even, our colleagues in Ottawa on another issue. And, Mr. Speaker, I would have to compliment my colleagues in Ottawa for the fact that they recognize that the people of the city of St. John's are not parasites, for the fact that they recognize that they can put a great marine institute in our university and you will not have parasites working in it, you will have good Newfoundlanders who can supply the technology to compete with countries anywhere in the world.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Baird): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: Now, Mr. Speaker, I have to compliment our colleagues in Ottawa for seeing that this Arctic Vessel Institute comes to Memorial. It will be a great addition to the district of Mount Scio, Mr. Speaker, and I have to thank the federal Cabinet for this.

But, Mr. Speaker, history will assess the degree to which hon. members opposite have assisted

MR. BARRY: government in their efforts to improve the lot of this Province. History will assess the degree to which members opposite have used their good offices to influence their colleagues in Ottawa.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. BARRY: History will assess the degree to which our representative in the federal Cabinet has served the interests of his Province in fighting, not the provincial government, but in fighting to see that this Province receives its fair share, Mr. Speaker, of what it should get in the division of tax dollars from Ottawa. And, Mr. Speaker, I have a very real question, whether this Province has been receiving its fair share.

MR. HOLLETT: (Inaudible).
If the member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Hollett) believes that there are problems with the Marystown Shipyard, the way to deal with those is not by trying to suppress a synchrolift for St. John's.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: I know. I know, and I compliment him. The member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms), I believe, had a hand in it, but I did not see where the member for Burin - Placentia West did. I am glad to see he accepts that the way for the Marystown Shipyard to receive

MR. BARRY:

recognition and assistance from the federal government is not a beggar your neighbour policy of trying to keep a synchrolift away from St. John's, it would be by a better, more enlightened federal subsidy program for shipbuilding, even to get it back to where it was five or six years ago. And I see the member opposite nodding his head.

MR. HOLLETT: (Inaudible) other programs.

MR. BARRY: And other programs, but positive programs not negative, beggar thy neighbour programs that I am sure the member from Carbonear (Mr. Moores) would support with his view that the people of St. John's are parasites, but I would ask members opposite to be a little more positive than that and I hope that we will be able to see federal members being a little more positive when they make decisions that affect this Province. I was not too proud, Mr. Speaker, as a Newfoundlander, I was not too proud as a Newfoundlander to see the politics that was played with the St. John's synchrolift; and I am not talking as a PC either, I am talking as a Newfoundlander.

Well, Mr. Speaker, there are many issues that I could discuss but we are going to have time in other debates to mention these. I would just like to deal with one issue that the member for Carbonear just sort of threw out when he talked about a declining economy in this Province. Mr. Speaker, does anybody know what is happening in this Province? Do members opposite look at any statistics?

MR. HANCOCK: People out there know what is happening.

MR. BARRY: Mr. Speaker, the people out there know that whereas just about every other province in Canada is having negative growth, that this Province

MR. BARRY: this year is having a positive growth, a positive growth in the economy at a time when the rest of Canada is having a negative growth. Mr. Speaker, it is almost unbelievable.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: If somebody had said -

MR. MARSHALL: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): A point of order the hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, the hon. minister is speaking in the Address in Reply and, Your Honour, the Assistant Deputy Speaker, has already called to order the House for the interruptions, I have to point out that the hon. member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) is persisting in interrupting. The hon. minister is entitled to be heard in silence and not to be interrupted. What the hon. member is doing is he is usurping the order of this House, Mr. Speaker, and if he continues to do it - he might be amused by his comments, but the people in this House are entitled to speak during their allotted time without interruption of this nature, and if the hon. member insists on perpetrating disorder in the House there is only one remedy, Mr. Speaker, which will have to be taken.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to agree that there is a valid point of order here. I have from time to time called upon all hon. members to adhere to the rules of the House and, indeed, it states very clearly that each hon. member should be heard in silence.

The hon. the Minister of Mines and Energy has about half a minute.

MR. BARRY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I was just given notice of a minute and a half a minute was taken up in trying to deal with the maw-mouth for Grand Bank -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Butt): Order, please!

MR. BARRY: - and I have had long experience
with the member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) and, unfortunately -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. THOMS: Who is provoking who now?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. minister has to refer
to hon. members of the House by the district they represent.

MR. BARRY: The hon. maw-mouth from Grand
Bank.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I take
that back. I retract -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: - I retract, Mr. Speaker, I retract..

MR. THOMS: Challenging the Chair!

MR. BARRY: What I was going to say was
that the member for Grand Bank, like a number of other members
opposite, the only way that he can make a point is to try
and drown out points being made on this side of the House,
and he has not changed very much than when I saw him in the
mock -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. BARRY: - the mock parliaments -

MR. MOORES: Point of order.

MR. BARRY: - at the university, Mr. Speaker -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! A point of order.

MR. BARRY: - and we would have to say he is -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! A point of order,
the hon. member for Carbonear.

MR. MOORES: The hon. minister's time has
expired, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. minister's time has
expired.

MR. BARRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, having had the opportunity to follow the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry) and listening to him speaking for the last half an hour, I can understand that he has one ambition in mind, to take over from the Premier of the Province. However, I assure the hon. minister that he will not take over as Premier of this Province because as long as I am a Liberal I will attack this government and all of us on this side will attack this government and when the next election is called we will have conquered.

Well, Mr. Speaker -

AN HON. MEMBER: You will what?

MR. WARREN: - we will conquer. We will conquer the government of this Province.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I notice that the Premier is back in his seat and the Minister of Mines and Energy has just left. He used mostly for his topic "Government has the interest of the Province". Now, Mr. Speaker, in my few remarks I am going to give some illustrations and God help the people of this Province if the government has the Province at heart.

Well, Mr. Speaker, on page one in the Throne Speech it says the first concern or the first of the four components that this government has declared is "An honest and efficient political system". Now, Mr. Speaker, if that is not misleading the people of this Province I would like to know what is. Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries

MR. WARREN:

(Mr. Morgan) was condemned by the Public Accounts Committee of this Province and when he appeared in the House, the Premier got up and said it was a matter of opinion sort of thing. Now, he contravened the Public Tendering Act and he was condemned by the P.A.C., but naturally, it was only a misunderstanding. Now, that is what you would call an honest and efficient government.

Now, Mr. Speaker, in the Auditor General's report that came down - I say one thing, that this government does have real good pilots, real good aircraft pilots, because they can drive two aircraft at the same time. Now that is efficient government. That is what you would call an efficient government.

Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the Throne Speech debate and what was said in the Throne Speech, I do not see anything honest and efficient about the political system that this government is giving to Newfoundland.

Now, Mr. Speaker, what about the thousands and thousands of dollars that was spent for a P.C. political poll in this Province? Thousands and thousands of dollars that belonged to the people of this Province were spent to determine if the P.C.s were going to win the next election.

MR. HOLLETT:

And it was never paid back.

MR. WARREN:

And it was never paid back, as far as we know. The people of this Province are still paying for that.

Mr. Speaker, it is ridiculous when His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, in a Throne Speech has to read that we have an honest and efficient political system, because, Mr. Speaker, it is further from the truth than anything could be.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that federal/provincial relations at this time in respect of the federal government at Ottawa and the provincial government here in the Province, is at an all-time low. Now, whether it is the federal government's fault or whether it is the provincial government's fault, I do not know, and furthermore, I do not care. What I am concerned about is the people that it is affecting. If the Premier of the Province - I am using the word 'if' - if he is on an ego trip, that 'What I say is right and nothing else', well, then he is at fault. If Mr. Rompkey or Mr. Trudeau is on the same trip, well, they are at fault. But at the present time, I say both of them are at fault. The Premier of this Province is just as much at fault as Mr. Rompkey or Mr. Trudeau.

MR. STAGG: Not true.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, it is true.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, before I go any further - I was going to wait until the end of it, but I am compelled to read this poem. It is called If the Shoe Fits. I have to use names here in the poem but those names, I am sure, will fit.

"Carter and Morgan pride themselves on saying what is on their mind,/No matter if their comments are caustic or unkind,/They feel they have a perfect right to probe and analyse,/and call it 'being honest' when they cut folks down to size./Stagg and Barry are ready to shoot a well-aimed dart,/Right through somebody's ego, straight into someone's heart,/And yet these are the very folks who go into a spin,/When they are the ones elected to take it on the chin./The truth becomes a weapon that carries too much clout,/And criticism sometimes they would rather do without,/So here is a tip for you four lads who like to speak your mind,/No matter if your comments are caustic or unkind,/Think twice before you criticize, hold back that little dart,/Before it has a chance to sink into someone's heart.

MR. WARREN:

/Remember it is just possible
the tide may turn some day,/And you could be the target of
the mean things people say,/But if you learn to curb your
tongue your friends will like you more,/And you will be a
nicer person than you ever were before." Mr. Speaker, that
is for those four gentlemen who, whenever

MR. WARREN:

a member on this side is up to speak they always try to give unjust criticism. So, Mr. Speaker, if the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) will stay quiet for the next twenty-five minutes, probably I will make it through.

Now, Mr. Speaker, yesterday the member for St. John's West (Mr. Barrett) spoke about the fire tug for St. John's and he is blaming it on the federal government, not having a fire tug for St. John's. I agree also, Mr. Speaker, that a fire tug is as important to St. John's as air transportation is to Labrador, as the food prices are to Labrador, as the fishery is to Labrador. So it is not all the federal government's fault, it is the provincial government as well as the federal government. And when the federal and the provincial governments come to task with each other, then I think we will have a better Province in which to live.

Mr. Speaker, I asked the Premier today some serious questions concerning the Coastal Labrador agreement and I wish to go on record now as saying that if for any reason the financial figures are changed in this agreement, as the old saying goes, "Rob Peter to pay Paul", I will be the first member in this House to get up and say, if it is done by the federal government, to get up and say, 'No, it is not fair'. If there is a Labrador DREE Agreement and if there is a complete figure realized, then it should be there for the fisheries, it should be there for health, it should be there for transportation and everything else but not to just take it out for the sake of political reasons. And if this ever happens with any one of those agreements, I will be the first to stand up in this House and fight against the federal government if they are planning to do so. And, likewise, I will also fight against this government if they decide to change their tactics for a better part of this Province as they have done today, as the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) has done today in an announcement about the synchrolift

MR. WARREN: for St. John's.

Now, to just give you an example:

Here is \$10 million, between \$6 million and \$10 million that is going to be okayed for the synchrolift in St. John's, guaranteed loan. Only just three weeks ago the Torngat fishermen flew up, came in and met with members of the Cabinet and asked for a guaranteed loan to help them buy a shrimp dragger and it was much less than \$6 million, but the Cabinet turned it down.

MR. HOLLETT: Why?

MR. WARREN: Yes, why? I do not know why.

Why? Because they could not afford to give \$2 or \$3 million to our crew up in Northern Labrador who wanted to prosecute the shrimp fishery and at the same time stay in bed with Fishery Products and at the same time have a synchrolift for St. John's. That is the reason why.

AN HON. MEMBER: Where is their office?

MR. WARREN: Where is their office?

AN HON. MEMBER: In Halifax.

MR. WARREN: Why is it in Halifax? You know all the answers, all the reasons.

MR. HOLLETT: Where are the shrimp?

MR. WARREN: Where are the shrimp to?

MR. HOLLETT: Yes. They are not in Bedford Basin.

MR. WARREN: The shrimp are not down here in St. John's Harbour.

MR. HOLLETT: They are not in Bedford Basin either.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, this government has advocated time and time and time again, jobs for Newfoundlanders first. I will just give you an example now. The general manager who was administering the drug subsidy programme for this government, is a New Brunswicker and stationed in New Brunswick.

MR. THOMS: No, that is not true!

MR. WARREN: That is right. The general manager

MR. WARREN: who is administering the drug subsidy programme of the Department of Health is stationed in New Brunswick and is a New Brunswicker.

MR. THOMS: I cannot believe that.

MR. WARREN: Now, that is what they call jobs for Newfoundlanders first.

Now, Mr. Speaker -

MR. HANCOCK: Stationed in New Brunswick?

MR. WARREN: Oh yes, stationed in New Brunswick.

MR. HANCOCK: Then why are they objecting (inaudible)?

MR. WARREN: Oh, I do not know. You know, this is what I do not understand. This government is so flip-flopsy, eh?

Now, Mr. Speaker, this government, if I can remember correctly, I do not know if the Premier did say those quotations as such but I remember when Walter Carter resigned from St. Mary's-The Capes, when he resigned I believe the Premier was approached by the media or he said it somewhere, saying that, 'When are you going to call a by-election'? "Oh, I am not going to leave any district without a representative for very long". It was some sort of comment like that, he is not going to leave any district without a representative. Mr. Speaker, in November -

MR. HOLLETT: He is leaving now.

MR. WARREN: Oh, he is leaving. It must hurt probably. Mr. Speaker -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) some darts.

MR. WARREN: Yes, I am throwing some of the darts back probably. Yes, right on.

MR. BARRY: He is gone in to call a by-election.

MR. WARREN: He is gone in to call a by-election.

Oh, well, I hope so because since November, Bellevue has been left without a representative. I understand a fellow by the name of Jim Peddle is out there going around, door to door.

MR. THOMS: He is peddling.

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MR. WARREN:

Peddling from door to door.

But however, Mr. Speaker, I ask the Premier to realize that Bellevue has been without a representative for the last three and a half months and why does he not call a by-election? Is he afraid that Bellevue is going to

MR. WARREN: go back to the Liberal fold the same as Placentia will, the same as Fortune-Hermitage, the same as Naskaupi, the same as Menihék? This is what he is afraid of. He is afraid to call a general election and therefore he is afraid to call a by-election. Because he knows that he has not got a chance to win.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN: He said he has not a chance to win. Baie Verte is gone.

MR. HOLLETT: And Stephenville is gone.

MR. WARREN: Yes. Baie Verte is gone.

In fact, I would say the member for Baie Verte (Mr. Rideout) has some very sorry days in front of him. When the by-election is called -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Butt): Order, please! I have difficulty understanding the hon. member.

MR. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am sure the member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Rideout) will be looking for a permanent job with the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Speaker, that seat has been vacant since the last part of November. And I would like for the Premier to tell the people of this Province on CFC radio and television and in the media tomorrow morning, in the newspapers, that he will be calling a by-election in Bellevue in X number of days from now.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: The people in Bellevue are waiting, they are waiting to show this government how inactive they have been towards the people. So let us call an election now and get on with the work.

MR. HOLLETT: So they would appreciate the jobs in Come By Chance.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, in the Throne Speech debate, how deceiving can a Speech from the Throne be. We are going to create 1,800 jobs. We are going to create 1,800 jobs -

MR. FLIGHT: In the forestry.

MR. WARREN: - in the forestry. Mr. Speaker, only for a DREE agreement, only for the money from Ottawa we would not have eight jobs, we would not have 1,800, not even eight jobs. So you can see that it is the DREE agreement that is signed for the spray programme, that is why you are going to have the 1,800 jobs.

Mr. Speaker, in the Throne Speech it also mentioned a new act regarding civil servants. Now, Mr. Speaker, if this government was concerned about civil servants - I will just relate to you what happened in the last election; myself as a civil servant, because I was running for the Liberal Party I was requested to resign. And, Mr. Davis in Clarendville, who was running for the PC Party, was not asked to resign at all.

MR. HOLLETT: Right on.

MR. WARREN: He was not asked to resign.

MR. HOLLETT: Oh, no.

MR. WARREN: No, no his job was ready the next day, as soon as the nomination was over and Mr. Peddle won the nomination.

MR. HOLLETT: What about that fellow out in Stephenville who ran against 'Steve Neary'?

MR. WARREN: Oh that is right, there is another guy. So you can see that this government is very inconsistent, if you are a civil servant and you are a PC you can run in an

MR. WARREN: election. If you are a civil servant and you are a Liberal you cannot run in an election.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker - yes my friend and I am sure the next time that pigeon might defeat you too.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN: There are some concerns carried on in this government that are concerns to the people.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker, if I could have a little bit of co-operation from the other side.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Butt): Order, please! The hon. member would like to be heard in silence. It is his right and his privilege in this House, and I would ask all hon. members to abide by that rule.

MR. HOLLETT: I cannot hear a word.

MR. SPEAKER: One more interruption and I will recess the House and after that I will ask the House to take more drastic measures.

MR. WARREN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, in the last couple of weeks the motor vessel Arctica made a successful trip into Lake Melville. I agree that we need development to start up in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and the only way for development to start up in Happy Valley-Goose Bay is to find sea navigation into the Lake.

MR. WARREN: on and proper food to eat and at least proper ventilation.

MR. THOMS: The administration should be ashamed of themselves. It is inhuman.

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker, the senior citizens of this Province; Is the minister trying to say this morning that they are concerned about the senior citizens? This drug subsidy programme that was brought in helps the senior citizens get their free drugs, but, Mr. Speaker, in all respect to any pharmacists that could be in the House and the pharmacists throughout the Province, the pharmacists have to charge \$4.00 per prescription. But, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the senior citizen be put under the same kind of a programme that you and I are under, the Great West Life programme. It is much easier for druggists to administer, it would be much easier for the government to administer and that is the kind of a programme that the senior citizens in this Province should be placed under. It is the same kind of a programme that the Civil Servants of this Province are under now and you and I as members of this House of Assembly. It is much,

MR. WARREN: much easier, it is much easier to administer.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) and the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) are not in their seats. I hope they can hear me out in the common room somewhere but, however, I have to tell you this - it is a concern in my own district and a few ministers are involved - that I wrote to the Minister of Fisheries and said, "Look, how about an ice-making machine for Rigolet?" The minister comes back and says, "Look" - in fact, he wrote me a nasty letter. That is unusual for the Minister of Fisheries but he wrote me a nasty letter, and he wrote back and said, "Look", he said, "I am surprised", he said, "you did not know". He said, "Get after Bill Rompkey", he said, "the Labrador Agreement has all that into it". He said, "We will take care of it under the Labrador Agreement". Now, so I wrote back to the minister. I have not heard from him since. I wrote back to him and said, "I understand there was an ice-making machine placed in Port Saunders. There is one placed in Old Perlican or New Perlican. I think there is one in the planning stages now for the member from Harbour Maine - Bell Island's (Mr. Doyle) district" - one for Bell Island coming in.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: That is right, there is one in the planning stages now. Now, this did not have anything to do, this did not have anything to do at all with the Labrador DREE Agreement or any DREE agreement. It is purely provincial money.

AN HON. MEMBER: Political patronage.

MR. WARREN: Yes, purely from the provincial money. Not only that, there is somewhere between thirty-five

MR. WARREN: and forty similar ice-making machines throughout the Province owned by the provincial government, something like thirty-five or forty. Now, all we are asking is for one In rigolet to help the fishermen in Rigolet who have not got a chance to get ice anywhere else because they are hundreds of miles away from anywhere else. So what the minister says "Until the Labrador DREE Agreement is signed". Now, Sir, if that is not signed for the next two or three years there is no ice machine for Rigolet. 'Tough luck Rigolet, you are up there in Labrador, the hell with you sort of thing'.

MR. HOLLETT: The P.C. Association (inaudible).

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker - yes, that is what the minister said, yes, yes. In fact, he said, "Get after DREE, after Bill Rompkey to sign the DREE Agreement and then it will be all rosy".

Now, Mr. Speaker, I wrote - in the stores in Northern Labrador there is a good variety of food supplies, and when a guy goes in, he wants beans, he can ask for Avon beans and he may get some other name, you know, sort of thing, Libby's beans, for example. Now, so what I suggested - I wrote to the minister and I said, "Look, Sir, why cannot the people" -

MR. HOLLETT: What minister?

MR. WARREN: - "who are" - that is the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) - and I said, "why cannot the people enjoy different brands of beans or different kinds of biscuits the same as the residents there in Stephenville or the residents in Manuels and so on?"

MR. HOLLETT: And he is full of beans.

MR. WARREN: Yes, the member is full of beans, no doubt about that. And, you know, the minister came back with an answer to me and he said, "We do not intend to bring any new products into our stores". Now! "We do not intend - in fact" -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN: No, that is not all he said!

"In fact, we are going to phase out. We are going to phase out new products. We are not going to bring new ones in, we are going to phase them out." And then he said - well, he said, "The reason" - he gave me a reason.

MR. HOLLETT: Why?

MR. WARREN: He said, "The reason is because we have been competing against other stores in the area". Now, Mr. Speaker, let me go through five communities.

MR. HOLLETT: A shopping centre right there.

MR. WARREN: Yes. In Makkovik, for example, you have one little corner store, one little corner store that just barely can have probably a case of biscuits or something at a time.

MR. HOLLETT: Have they got the beer licence?

MR. WARREN: No, yes, a small beer licence, right. Now, you go to Davis Inlet and there is no store whatsoever. There is no store whatsoever, not a store there, and he is going to compete, he does not want to compete.

MR. HOLLETT: Name another trait. What is another trait?

MR. WARREN: Yes. And in Hopedale you have one little small corner store that sells soft drinks and chips and candy and so on. That is all you have there. And you go to Nain,

MR. WARREN: Nain does have a general store. Now, I agree, Nain does have a general store. If the minister was sincere, he was competing, then I agree with him. But he was not sincere, he is not competing, because there is nothing there to compete against. So, Mr. Speaker, the stores were there to make sure that food supplies for the people in Labrador were available the same as they were in Harbour Main or on Bell Island or in Port de Grave and so on.

So, Mr. Speaker, you can see that, as the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry) said at the beginning, this government cares for the people. It sure does! This is a government that we should be proud of because it surely goodness cares for the people.

MR. TULK: It will be different when he is Premier, boy.

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker, the fish plants in my district are in a deplorable condition. In fact, the federal government - I will tell this hon. House something now - the federal government last year was planning to close down some of those facilities until I got after them and finally they changed their minds but they said, 'It has to be done.' And now the provincial Department of Fisheries has a list almost a fathom long that tells about discrepancies with those fish plants.

MR. HOLLETT: And that is not metric because they would not understand it.

MR. WARREN: Now, Mr. Speaker, is this government going to wait for the DREE agreement which could be signed next year, could be signed two months later? It could be too late; the fishing season could be over. And we have the fishermen in our district that the federal government - because the fish plants are inadequate. They need to be upgraded.

MR. WARREN: I hope the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), who is standing there in the doorway, will gather the information that I am passing along to him and make sure that those fishing facilities from Rigolet to Nain will be upgraded and ready for the coming fishing season.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I know my time is running out.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave. By leave.

MR. WARREN: I am sure that I could say much, much more.

MR. HOLLETT: Keep going, boy. By leave.

MR. TULK: Tell us about the schools.

MR. WARREN: Oh, I definitely have to tell you about the schools.

During January month I had an opportunity to visit the school in Nain, an all-grade school from kindergarten to Grade XI. We walked into the school and went into the hallway and we saw the teacher sitting down in the hallway with a dozen students or so. So I said to Mr. Murphy, 'What are you - is it recess time?' 'No,' he said, 'I am in my class now.' I said, 'I beg your pardon? In your class?' 'Yes,' he said, 'this is the only classroom I have.' And here was a teacher in a school - and with this government planning to bring in Grade XII, a teacher has to teach a class in the corridor of a school. Now, there is concern for the people. We are talking about Grade XII and still and all, a teacher has to contend with teaching classes in the corridor of a school.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Shame!

MR. WARREN: In fact, in another room, Mr. Speaker, was sort of a room, a small cubbyhole probably for mops and brooms and they had a flannelette sheet put up to cover up the door, and this is where another teacher was teaching, inside of that.

MR. HOLLETT:
(Mr. Barry) listening?

Is the member for Mount Scio

MR. WARREN: So, Mr. Speaker, when the Minister of Mines and Energy, the member for Mount Scio, talks about this government being concerned about the people, I suggest, Sir, that when you go to Nain the next time, you walk into the school in Nain; when you go to Nain the next time, you walk into the fish plant in Nain; and when you go to Davis Inlet next time, walk into only half of the houses there. Because if the Department of Health were doing their work, half of those houses in Davis Inlet would be closed down for health reasons, the store would be closed down for health reasons, because they are not fit for human beings to walk in and out of. That is how bad it is in Davis Inlet. And this government cares! This government does not care. I wrote to four ministers, asked to sit down and talk about the problem in Davis Inlet where there is tuberculosis on the rampage. I asked the ministers to talk about it but they will not even discuss it with us.

So, Mr. Speaker, I suggest to the ministers, not only to one, to every one of them including the Premier, to go into Davis Inlet tomorrow and walk into some of those houses and walk into the government-owned store and see for themselves what kind of conditions people have to live under. If this government is concerned about the people, I suggest that they

MR. G. WARREN: take a serious look at what is happening in Labrador.

MR. E. HISCOCK: (Inaudible) at the government store there, they may look at it then.

MR. WARREN: But, Mr. Speaker, I know my time is up, Mr. Speaker, I have fifteen seconds left.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

MR. WARREN: Am I believing what I am hearing.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I ask this government to seriously look, just look across the Straits from St. Lunaire and there is a big pile of land over there, a big piece of land and actually there are two big holes. over there where the Minister of Mines and Energy in 1974 pressed the plug. Now, after you go pass -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) leave.

MR. SPEAKER (Butt) Order, please!
The hon. member's time has expired.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

AN HON. MEMBER: Everybody agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: By leave is it agreed? By leave.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, now there is a piece of land just across the Straits, just thirteen miles across the Straits, that is called Labrador. Now, this government -

AN HON. MEMBER: Where all the wealth comes from.

MR. WARREN: - takes a lot out of there but puts very little back. The people in Labrador realize that my friends.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. WARREN: It is not the separation of this country that the people in Labrador are concerned about and it is not the separation that me as one of the members is concerned

MR. WARREN: about, it is the separation of Newfoundland and Labrador. That is my concern unless this government can show more concern -

AN HON. MEMBER: Lay it on them, 'Gar'.

MR. WARREN: - for the 30,000 odd people who lives in Labrador, and their traditional ways of life. Until this government can show that kind of concern, Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that this government will not have two seats when the next election is called. This government will be annihilated in Labrador, they will be wiped out completely.

I suggest in closing, Mr. Speaker, that this government should seriously look at Labrador, look at its different kinds of people. We have four or five different kinds of people up there; we have the Indians, the Innu, the Settlers, and also we have the transients that are going back and forth.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. WARREN: I beg your pardon?

AN HON. MEMBER: And they have you.

MR. WARREN: And they have me, yes, which is unique in itself.

Mr. Speaker, those in particular, the people in my district, 80 per cent of them are Innu and Indian and these are the true blood aborigine people of this Province. These are the first settlers in this Province. These are the one that we should recognize. Now, the federal government has already said they will recognize the aboriginal rights of those people. However, the Provincial Government will not recognize their rights. Now, I would like to know why. I only wish that some minister or the Premier of this Province could answer why the aboriginal

MR. WARREN: rights of the Inuit and the Indian in Labrador are not recognized. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I assure the hon. House that I will continue, as long as I can be a member in this House, to fight for what is just and due for the people in Labrador. Thank you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Butt): The hon. member for Stephenville.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I do not implore or ask for the protection of the Chair. If hon. members opposite wish to throw their darts and their forays I certainly do not mind. As a matter of fact, I have encouraged a couple of them to sharpen their weapons, because the last time I spoke their weapons were rather blunt and their remarks were not very cutting. So if hon. members wish to interrupt, please feel free to do so, it inspires me on to greater heights than I usually attain.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I, like the Minister of Mines and Energy (Mr. Barry) - as a matter of fact, I was on my feet and I thought I had the floor, but the Minister of Mines and Energy being more athletic than I, he was up first and got your eye. But I wanted to reply to some of the remarks made by the member for Carbonear (Mr. Moores) - I think he is the member for Carbonear. He comes here so seldom that you hardly know what district he represents, but I believe he is the member for Carbonear - who got up and carried on a diatribe against the media, he claims the media is trying to crucify him and so on, and he almost cried a couple of times. Well, when the man almost came to tears well, I slacked off for a while. But then he really went back on the offensive and he said, basically, that Newfoundlanders had been parasites for thirty years. He

MR. STAGG: did not say the people of St. John's, he called the people of St. John's parasites too, but that is sort of intra-provincial dialogue. But he calls all of the people of Newfoundland parasites. He said, we have been parasites for thirty years. Parasites on Canada, that is what the man said.

Now, I do not know if other hon. members opposite care that a member of their caucus has made that racist declaration against the people of Newfoundland. Maybe they do not care. Maybe he has no clout in his caucus. But he is sitting in the front bench and that has

MR. STAGG:

terms, other hon. members are in the backbench. The hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) sitting in the backbench, has been sitting in the House for twenty years. The member for Carbonear (Mr. Moores) who comes here to pick up his paycheck and two or three other times during the year, he is sitting in the frontbench. So he must have some significance and some clout within the party. He called the people of Newfoundland parasites and I would like to know whether that position is going to be clarified. And certainly I wish that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stirling) were here today but I understand the Leader of the Opposition is in Ottawa where he is attending a function where President Reagan is visiting Ottawa. I also understand - I do not know if it is correct or not - that all the members of the Opposition were invited to Ottawa. They got invitations to the reception in Ottawa but nobody on this side was invited. I was not invited but I believe there are backbenchers on the Opposition who were invited to Ottawa to -

MR. THOMS:

Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

MR. STAGG:

A point of order. There is no point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (BUTT):

A point of order, the hon. member for Grand Bank.

MR. THOMS:

Mr. Speaker, I am trying really hard here to hear and understand the hon. member - I would like to enjoy his speech. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) and the Minister of Forestry (Mr. Power) are making a great deal of noise and I cannot hear the hon. member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg).

MR. SPEAKER:

I would ask all hon. members to comply. The hon. member for Stephenville has the floor. Please allow him to continue.

MR. STAGG:

I wish these people coming to my rescue would not interrupt me so much, Mr. Speaker. I did not

MR. STAGG: know the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) was interrupting. But, I suppose if the hon. member wants to hear me clearly, come and sit up here where the member for Trinity-Bay De Verde (Mr. F. Rowe) used to be until it got too hot for him and he vamoosed down to the other end of the Chamber. We used to have great verbal battles at one time but he left and I must say I miss him.

But I am getting back to my original point. I do not know if this is accurate or not but it might be something that the media would want to pick up on, what is the state of relations between Newfoundland and Ottawa, between St. John's and Ottawa? I believe that members of the Opposition were invited to attend the function that President Reagan has in Ottawa and nobody on the government side was invited. I do not even think the Premier was invited. To me that shows the kind of political problems, I suppose, that we have in this Province. Everything is done on a political basis. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stirling) is in Ottawa. He was invited to Ottawa to be there and to try to get some reflected glory on nationwide T.V. when President Reagan is received by Prime Minister Trudeau in the House of Commons and so on. Nobody over here was invited. Now, if I had been invited I would not have gone because I do not think that President Reagan would give me any reflected glory, I have got enough of that anyway. And he is a little bit too far to the right for me. And it is a further indication of what I said the other day, that the Tories in this House of Assembly are over there, the Tories originally being people to the right and Liberals being the people to the left. The Tories, the right wingers are over on that side of the House, the right wingers are over there.

We had an interesting discourse on the townie versus baymen dialogue that has been going on for some years. I did not hear about it. We do not hear much about that on the West Coast because we consider ourselves to be self-

MR. STAGG: . . . sufficient. We march to our own drummers over there. We do it quite well. But I then decided to find out, where do the members of the House of Assembly live? Now the people over here, we do have a disproportionate representation in the House of Assembly from the districts of St. John's. But where do the baymen members live? Well, let us see? Where does the hon. member for Bay De Verde (Mr. F. Rowe) live? Where does he make his place of residence? I believe he is from St. John's. Where does the member for the Straits of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) live? I believe he is a townie. Where does the member for Twillingate (Mr. W. Rowe) live? He lives in St. John's. Where does the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) live? He has his home in St. John's. Where does the member for Grand Bank live? He has his home in St. John's. I do not know how many more there are. Where does the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stirling) live? The Leader of the Opposition was the Deputy Mayor of St. John's. Now, this is the kind of thing that hon. members opposite are trying to put across this House, that this side of the House is a St. John's oriented or St. John's biased caucus and that is not so. I have no difficulty, there is no difficulty in dealing with this government when it comes to things for outside of St. John's. As a matter of fact, I would even think that there may be a bias in favour of the outport regions of this Province. This is the experience I have had and I have been here now for- this is my third term

MR. STAGG: I have been here from 1971 to 1975 and then from 1979 to the present and I have no difficulty, there is no difficulty, there is no such thing as a bias towards St. John's by this government.

The member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) who is looking for a bandwagon to get on, as the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) so aptly put it here during the Late Show last Thursday - the member for Grand Bank, all his headlines are dealing with things from St. John's. I never hear him talk about Grand Bank. I never hear him talk about the fisheries problems in Grand Bank or the St. Lawrence miners and their problems and how difficult it is for them to convert from the fluorspar mines to get out into the fishing boats. I never hear about that, all I hear about is the Constabulary and - what was he on? He was on to several other things over the years, none of which have caught on.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: The Ku Klux Klan.

MR. STAGG: Yes, the Ku Klux Klan. Now, that is a big issue down in Grand Bank, no doubt.

So hon. members opposite are a bunch of townies who are representing the bay and I suggest that in the next election that is going to be brought home very, very clearly and that hon. members opposite are probably going to lose their seats. As a matter of fact, where does the member who just preceded me, the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) - where does he live? Does he live in St. John's as well? Does he? I think he does. And I am not quite sure, I believe the member for Eagle River (Mr. Hiscock) lives in St. John's. These are Labrador members. They live in St. John's. Where does the member for Menihek (Mr. Walsh) live? Where does he make his home?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Wabush.

MR. STAGG: He is from Wabush, yes.

MR. STAGG: What about the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie)? Where was the member for Naskaupi when he ran? Where was he living? I believe he was living in Goose Bay, was he not?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. STAGG: So that is the kind of people who are going out and getting elected for this party. We are people who live in our districts. I live in my district, I refuse to leave my district. Destiny has called me to aspire to higher office but I like my district so much that I will not leave and I am not going to leave. And that is the kind of people that we have elected on this side of the House.

Where is the member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Stewart) - where is his home?

MR. STEWART: Harbour Breton.

MR. STAGG: Harbour Breton. He lives in Harbour Breton. And who did he defeat? Where did he live?

MR. STEWART: St. John's.

MR. STAGG: He lived in St. John's? Well, there was a fellow from St. John's Centre down there before. I think you defeated a local the last time. All my arguments cannot be correct, Mr. Speaker.

Anyway, the Liberal Party, Mr. Speaker, is not a party of consistency. And I was moved today to photocopy a picture that I found down in an office that I share with the member for Fortune - Hermitage. Here is the picture. Here is the picture of the Flag Committee proudly presenting its new flag last year. And it would appear that there is a certain unanimity among the members of the Flag Committee. Here they are. Here is the member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms). He is looking there very smug and assured and unanimous. He looks unanimous as well as a few other ways he looks. But he looks like he really

MR. STAGG:

agrees with this flag.

There is the member for Kilbride (Mr. Aylward), the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder), the member for Menihek (Mr. Walsh), the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter), the member for Fortune - Hermitage (Mr. Stewart) and the member for Eagle River (Mr. Hiscock).

Now, I do not know if it is significant or not, but the member for Eagle River and the member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) are on the outside and the member for Port au Port is right near the middle. That was the Flag Committee. The Flag Committee brought in a flag for this Province, unanimously brought it in, and this is the picture they had taken at the time.

What happened during the Flag Debate?

There was a certain amount of kerfuffle within the Province, there were certain groups that opposed it and so on, and the two members decided that they were going to abandon their previous position. They were put on the Flag Committee to select a new flag, they knew all the ground rules. When the flag was brought in they agreed with it, beautiful design. It got debate in the House. They decided they were going to jump off the bandwagon. Well, that is the kind of backbone, Mr. Speaker, that we have opposite. Now, fortunately, the member for Port au Port - the member for Port au Port has been associated with me for a long time. I do not know if it was because of the association with me that he stuck by his guns here or not, but I certainly do say that the member for Port au Port, in that particular instance I was proud of him and we were proud of him over on this side.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. STAGG:

He stood alone on his side of the House when the vote came on the flag. He stood by his principles. He had his picture taken holding the flag, along with two other hon. members, and the two other hon. members lacked the backbone

MR. STAGG: or whatever, they lacked that little something to get up and vote for something that they had brought in.

I did not have anything to do with the flag, Mr. Speaker. I did not present any designs. The Flag Committee brought in the flag. I liked it right from the beginning. I had no difficulty with it. I probably would have agreed with any design that they brought in, that was pretty well my position, unless the flag was obscene. I suppose it was unlikely that they were going to bring in something of that type. But that was my position. This Select Committee had gone around the Province and they had seen the people and this is the design they brought in. I was prepared to accept their recommendations.

MR. MARSHALL: Is the hon. member aware

MR. MARSHALL: member aware that the hon. members are back on the bandwagon (inaudible), the members of the Opposition, handing out flags in municipalities, handing out lapel pins? They are back again now on the bandwagon.

MR. STAGG: They are back on the bandwagon. Well, Mr. Speaker, I did not know that, no, that members of the Opposition are now handing out flags. I suppose -

MR. HISCOCK: A point of order.

MR. SPEAKER (BUTT): A point of order, the hon. member for Eagle River.

MR. STAGG: - they are back on the bandwagon, are they? Yes I guess they are.

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Speaker, a point of clarification and I think it should be, I have never bothered to clarify it. But with regards to voting against this flag, if they go back to Hansard and records and The Evening Telegram and things like that, I turned around and voted for the six month hoist automatically.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, that is not a point of order.

MR. HISCOCK: Now, Mr. Speaker, that was not voting against the flag. This government perceived it as voting against the flag because they did not go to the second vote and vote for the flag. So I would go as far as to say that I supported that flag when it was brought in and I supported it in the end, but I went for the six months hoist. And the member for St. John's Center (Dr. McNicholas) can flick and flick all he likes, but in the meantime the Mayor of St. John's, it took her a long time to accept this flag. And the reason for the six months hoist, was to give the people of this Province a little bit of time.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not think the hon. member has a point of order here. The hon. member for Stephenville.

MR. STAGG: Well, if the hon. member wants to clarify his position on the flag that is all right with me. I

MR. STAGG: saw him stand in this House one day -

AN HON. MEMBER: Give him a hand.

MR. STAGG: Yes, well maybe he is coming back now.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

AN HON. MEMBER: Back on the bandwagon.

MR. STAGG: Back on the bandwagon, yes. Give him a few flags anyway. Anyway this is the problem that the Liberal Party is having. The Liberal Party is in desperate trouble in this Province. The Liberal Party is the party of expediency. The Liberal Party is the party that said in 1972, when we were here - not too many members opposite, I do not think any of the members opposite with the exception of the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Mr. F. Rowe) were here in 1972. These are the members who are sitting in the House at the present time. And the policy of the Liberal Party on the Lower Churchill was - and BRINCO owned the Lower Churchill at the time - that we must have these construction jobs, let us get it going and it did not matter really what kind of a deal you got. That was the position of the Liberal Party. Now, the Lower Churchill is not built yet. And the position of the government at that time was that if it means we must have a deal similar to or even close to the deal that we had on the Upper Churchill, the Churchill River will flow into the Atlantic forever and that is the same position that we hold today. That is a consistent position. That is a position that has now been held for approximately nine years and I suspect it will be held for ninety-nine years as long as people of this type, with the integrity and the people of principle that this party attracts, as long as they run and get elected in this Province and as long as they command the support of the Newfoundland public. And I believe that they do command the support of the Newfoundland public and hon. members opposite had better keep that in mind or we might be sending somebody out to seriously challenge the hold that the

MR. STAGG: member for Carbonear (Mr. Moores) has over his district because he bragged about it here today, bragged about the support he had in his district. He is never in the House, Mr. Speaker. He gets up and makes a vitriolic attack upon the media and then brags smugly about what control he has over his district. Well, I think maybe there might be somebody out in that district who just might be willing to want to defeat him. And I certainly hope it is so because of the nonsense that came out of that member today, saying that Newfoundlanders had been parasites for thirty years. That sort of thing deserves to be defeated. That policy deserves to be defeated and any member who espouses it deserves to be defeated. And I think the electorate of this Province is going to take care of it in due course, and due course could be sooner than expected or later than expected. Hon. members opposite are breathing a sigh of relief that the Premier has not called an election. I personally think, it is premature for an election and hon. members opposite will self-destruct before -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) defeated.

MR. STAGG: Yes, I am willing to be defeated. I am willing to put my job on the line at any time. I may even run down in Port au Port the next election. They are down there after me all the time to run down in Port au Port. They said, 'Look, we have not -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. STAGG: '- we have not had anything in Port au Port since you left 'Fred'. When are you coming back?" And some of them call me 'Freddie'. 'Will you please come back?' They said, 'We have not had any roads paved down in Port au Port since you left. There has nothing been done with regard to job creation. All we get now with the member we have down here, all he is interested in is criticizing the government. So when are you coming back?" And I say, "Well, I have a job now up in Stephenville." And you know how reluctant

MR. STAGG: you are when people are asking you to do things. Well, I am still reluctant. The hon. member can be assured of that but I do have my breaking point and I just may go down there because I am a native son. The hon. member lives in my district.

MR. BARRETT: Maybe you could represent both districts.

MR. STAGG: Now, speaking of my area -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) Boswarlos.

MR. STAGG: Right, raised in the metropolis of Boswarlos, 300 people in 1942 and there are

MR. F. STAGG: still 300 there today. There is a stagnant population. Well, I represent the district of Stephenville. I am going to let hon. members off with the few barbs that I have given and I am going to deal with some things in my district now. I represent the district of Stephenville, let us say a tidy district. It is a metropolitan type district, cosmopolitan as well.

MR. FLIGHT: Deal with the Southwest Brook road.

MR. STAGG: I am going to deal with the Southwest Brook road that may yet rescue the hon. member, that may yet bring some prosperity to Buchans and thereby the hon. member can have some prosperity in his district and maybe they will attribute it to him. I doubt it. Although the hon. member is fairly clever, so you never know he might be able to twist it around. I represent the district of Stephenville which is the town of Stephenville and the two small rural communities of Noels Pond and Cold Brook, and has total population of approximately 15,000 people, approximately 6,000 of whom are voters, the majority of whom selected me in the last election and I must say I endorse their choice.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. F. STAGG: Now, Stephenville has an interesting history. It was forceably resettled, it was a farming community for many years, it was forceably resettled in 1941, and when you fly into Stephenville now and as I presume you will continue to fly into Stephenville for the indefinite future, as you fly into Stephenville you land on our two and a half miles of runway. Well, that runway was once farm land and these farms were owned by

MR. F. STAGG: relatively successful fishermen farmers in the Stephenville area. Well, their land was expropriated in 1940-41, taken from them and they were dispossessed and placed elsewhere. So, all of that land was all privately owned and very good farm land. Where the runway is, it is probably the best farm land in Newfoundland, among the best farm land in Newfoundland. And they were the original people who were resettled. It is basically a French community in the sense that the original people were French. Now there are people from all over the world and from all over Newfoundland because between 1941 and 1966 we had the Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, a strategic air command, employing thousands of civilians and brought an awful lot of cash into the Newfoundland economy. So Stephenville is a town with a difference and I will attempt to mention a few of these differences to you as time goes on. We are the hub of Bay St. George. It is the retail and commercial and professional centre of Bay St. George, comprising of the district of Port au Port, that I once represented, and the district of St. George's that is represented by the hon. the Minister of the Environment. These three electoral districts geographically make Stephenville their centre. Stephenville has a large modern airport. It is now becoming popular for Boeing 747's to drop in there on occasion. One day a couple of weeks ago there were two 747's, two Elution 111's, I think they are called, and two DC8's plus E.P.A. and Air Canada, executive jets and search and rescue. It was like the old Ernest Harmon Air Force Base days and the population of Stephenville turned out to have a look at it because, as you know, there is a certain question being debated about the future of our airports on the West coast. And I might just say a few words about that, Mr. Speaker. My position on that is that I have no objection to airplanes flying out

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MR. F. STAGG: of both airports. I support
the two airport concept -

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. F. STAGG: - and that is basically it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. F. STAGG: I support it and what else can
I say? I have said it on many occasions, but I think it is
appropriate that I say it here. Now, we are also at the
intersection of the Southwest Brook road. Now the South-
west Brook road leads down to Burgeo and that is opening
up a connection between the Burgeo area, Burgeo-Ramea area
and the Stephenville - Bay St. George area and, of course, gener-
ally to the whole West coast, where, hopefully, the road
will be extended to the East to become the Buchans-South-
west Brook road and would be a very significant advance
as far as the inter-action between the Buchans area and
Western Newfoundland is concerned. And we certainly hope
that that happens in the near future. With Abitibi now
cutting wood for the Stephenville mill, it may happen
sooner than expected. What sort of things go on in

MR. STAGG:

Stephenville? Well, Stephenville, as you may know, has the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Mill which may go on stream next month. That is not a small addition to any community and certainly I would take this opportunity to say that the Abitibi people have been good corporate citizens of Stephenville. We are delighted to have them. The Speaker nods. Obviously, he is quite delighted with the way Abitibi has been carrying on in his own district. They are very professional. In the question of hiring at the mill, for instance, the member is always approached. It is the tradition in Newfoundland, if there is alleged discrimination in hiring, you contact your member. Well, I have been contacted maybe two or three times by people who were disgruntled or whatever. When Labrador Linerboard was hiring I was contacted maybe on hundreds of occasions. We are building fibreglass boats in Stephenville at Guildfords Limited. They are building fibreglass boats for the expanded Newfoundland fishery that we are trying to get some control over. Dupont Limited is building paper cores for the Abitibi-Bowaters industries in Newfoundland. Central Foods, Mr. Roger Pike - not the Roger 'CBC' Pike but Roger 'Central Dairies' Pike - they have a number of operations in the Stephenville area - trucking. They own a fish plant and they are certainly quite a good addition to the area. We have a fishmeal plant in Stephenville as well. It is operated by a firm called Stephenville Hydraulics Limited. The company was formed originally for one purpose and he decided he would open a fishmeal plant. It is operated by a Norwegian gentleman, a Mr. Rorsted. 'Melvin' is probably getting close to seventy years of age now. He was told that you could never get it to operate, it is just a piece of junk. That is what he was told by various people, and he went down and by the sweat of his brow and his

MR. STAGG: grit and determination and his own expertise, he got it in operation, and the fishmeal plant operating in Stephenville at the present time, is a tribute to Melvin Rorsted and his industry and the few people who stuck by him when times were tough. We have a correctional centre in Stephenville. Now, this may take care of some of the overflow from the lock-up that the member from Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) is always talking about. We have the male correctional centre. The third floor is being opened now. It will take care of approximately sixty or so people who need incarceration for brief periods. We have a female correctional centre that is being built and that will take care of some ladies who may fall afoul of the law as well. We have the community college in Stephenville. It has been supported by and promoted by this government. It is a coming concept in all of Canada and other areas in the Province should -

MR. HODDER: (Inaudible) fight for it.

MR. STAGG: The member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) can take some credit for the community college. He and I were on a committee at one stage when we were looking for the regional college. We did not get the regional college but we did get the community college, and I am not sure that in the final analysis it may not have been a better institution to get. That will be housed in Building 361.

I have five minutes left.

I suppose the hon. members will let me speak til six o'clock, I think. I think that is generally what is understood, is it not?

MR. SPEAKER (Simms): Is that agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. STAGG: No leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no.

MR. STAGG: Well, the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Mr. F. Rowe) is next, I understand.

Anyway, the community college is now being put into Building 361. Building 361 is one of the two large high-rise - our version of high-rise, six or seven storey - buildings that are in Stephenville. Building 360 - no - the community college in Building 360, Building 361 was made into an apartment building some time ago which has significantly reduced the housing problems that we had in the Stephenville area.

We have tremendous recreation facilities in our town. Large areas of flat land enable us to have - we have a golf course that was professionally built by the Americans. It has the best greens in the Province. The greens, by the way - the ground, the earth for the greens was flown in from South Carolina by the Americans. That is the kind of money that was spent by Uncle Sam in Stephenville over the years. The ground was flown in from the States.

MR. BUTT: A bit of Georgia in Stephenville.

MR. STAGG: We have ball fields, a curling rink, a stadium that has probably one of the largest ice surfaces in Canada and very active, almost fraternal organizations that promote activities in these areas, and we are quite proud of them.

MR. FLIGHT: Good salmon fishing.

MR. STAGG: We do, however, in the Stephenville area - "Good salmon fishing", the member says. Yes, well, that is synonymous with the West coast. We do still, however, have an unacceptably

MR. STAGG:

high unemployment rate in the Stephenville area. Since it is the more urban area, it will attract people looking for jobs, and the Canada Manpower Centre that is there has a very high listing of people looking for jobs. So it is an unacceptably high unemployment rate but certainly, with the policies and the kind of leadership that this government is providing, we hope to bring it down over the next few years.

The two adjoining districts, the districts of St. George's and Port au Port are virtual treasure houses of natural resources. The district of St. George's at the present time is being used, I suppose, or - there is exploration for potash going on in the district of St. George's. There is approximately \$2 million being spent there. And if you discover commercial quantities of potash, potash is used in the fertilizer industries, and we have a world that is getting more and more into agriculture and potash at tidewater would be very competitive, and it is not to be underestimated as potentially one of the great industries for the 1980s. I am not making an announcement here today, gentlemen, but we cannot deny that there is a significant chance of potash in St. George's.

The district of Port au Port, of course, is similarly endowed with natural resources, barite down in West Bay. As a matter of fact, one of the roads that I paved while I was the member for Port au Port, has as its base barite. So we may have to tear up the roads there for the drilling mud.

And, of course, the limestone deposits in Port au Port are probably as prolific as any other place in the world, again, on tidewater.

AN HON. MEMBER:

By leave!

MR. STAGG: I presume my time is up, but I would like to say a few more words, Mr. Speaker, could I have leave to do so?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave;

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Simms): I understand the hon. member has requested leave. Is there leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No.

MR. SPEAKER: I understand leave has not been granted. The hon. member has one minute.

AN HON. MEMBER: Can we give him more?

MR. STAGG: I have a minute left. Well, Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about the licencing policy of the federal government. If hon. members do not give me leave to talk about the licencing policy -

AN HON. MEMBER: We give it to them.

MR. STAGG: I know we give them leave, but these things are not reciprocated, obviously. I understand it is only the member for Grand Bank (Mr. Thoms) who is denying me leave.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave!

MR. STAGG: The licencing policy of the federal government; Mr. Speaker, I just had a call from a fellow, he wants me to check into it, he originally sent in his application, he said he was a part-time fisherman. 'I guess I am a part-time fisherman. Even though I have a longliner, I have nets, I have trawls, I have this and I have that, I only fished last year for four or five months so I guess I am a part-time fisherman.' When he found out that he could no longer fish for herring if he was classified as part-time, he said, 'Well, gee, I must look into this.' So he is going to appeal. The Appeal Committee comes out and says, "No,

MR. STAGG: sorry, we do not have you, you did not file your appeal in time.' Well, he did file an appeal at a later date. Anyway, they say they are not going to hear him. Now, this is the sort of thing we are running into. The federal government has put the trappings of an elephant on the back of a mouse in many cases, when you are dealing with the emerging fishery on the West Coast. There is an emerging fishery on the West Coast of Newfoundland and we have a sophisticated system of licencing being imposed on us and it is going to lead to welfare and destitution for Newfoundlanders -

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

MR. STAGG: - during this Summer, and I suggest to hon. members -

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the hon. member that his time is expired.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave! By leave!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Trinity-Bay de Verde.

MR. F. ROWE: I move the adjournment of the debate.

MR. SPEAKER: A move to adjourn. The hon. the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde moves to adjourn -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. STAGG: Get up, boy.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde.

MR. F.B. ROWE: Okay, Mr. Speaker -

MR. FLIGHT: Call it six o'clock. Call it six o'clock.

MR. F.B. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, we have to make a decision, or the government has to make a decision this year -

MR. THOMS: You have fifteen minutes.

MR. F. B. ROWE: - regarding the revised high school programme for this Province. I would assume that the minister and her department and the government has made it policy that this revised programme will, in fact, be phased in in September 1981. We for one, Sir, believe that the revised high school programme -

MR. THOMS: How small!

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

MR. F. B. ROWE: - is a good concept, and is an excellent idea. We feel that there should be an enriched and a broadened curriculum in the high schools of this Province, and we feel that there is need to extend the number of years in high school in order that the students may reach a greater level of maturation before entering the other post-secondary institutions in this Province, and also before they go out into society in this Province or any other province of Canada or any other country in

MR. F. ROWE:

the world. But, Mr. Speaker, we, as do many other educators, teachers, people at the university, people in the other post-secondary educational institutions, some of the D.E.C.s, some of the school boards, parents and students themselves, do have some very strong reservations and concerns and worries about the method and the way the revised high school programme is being phased into this Province. They are basically asking the question, Is this the time to do it? Do the school boards have the finances to do it? Does, indeed, the government have the finances in order to have a truly successful revised high school programme in this Province? And, Sir, because of the answers to questions that I have submitted to the Minister of Education (Ms Verge), questions which have not been answered, I would submit that we may be a little bit premature in forcing this revised high school programme into the schools at this present time, and I would suggest that the minister should give serious consideration to actually postponing - not cancelling - postponing the timing of the phasing in of the revised high school programme.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. F. ROWE:

Now, Mr. Speaker, it being 6:00 P.M., I move adjournment of the debate.

MR. SPEAKER (Simms):

It being 6:00 P.M., the hon. the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Mr. F. Rowe) adjourns the debate.

The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL:

Mr. Speaker, I move that the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, at 3:00 P.M. and that the House do now adjourn.

On motion, the House at its rising adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 11, 1981 at 3:00 P.M.