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The House met at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!

Before we begin today's session, hon. members will recall that in private session last week the House gave permission for a photographer to take some pictures pertaining to a Newfoundland history book that is being written and there is a Mr. Justin Hall who will probably take three or four pictures of the Legislature today. Hon. members should be aware of that.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report that the position taken by this House in a unanimous resolution on May 18th has been endorsed by important segments of Canadian society. Strong support has been received from the Government of Alberta through Premier Lougheed, who has telexed Prime Minister Trudeau as follows: "I strongly recommend that you reconsider the decision of the Minister of Justice to take the issue of the Hibernia oil field directly to the Supreme Court of Canada, rather than following the traditional practice of allowing litigation of such matters to proceed first by reference to the provincial Court of Appeal and then to the Supreme Court of Canada. My understanding has been that in the past it was implicitly accepted that by-passing the Court of Appeal in references would only be done with the concurrence of all governments involved. In the interest of federal/provincial relations, I trust you will reconsider your decision on this matter."
Signed: Premier Peter Lougheed.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Support has also been received from the Editor-in-Chief of the influential Quebec newspaper Le Devoir, who, in a major editorial on Friday, May 21st, strongly supported the position of the Province, calling the political way in which this matter was handled "simply heartbreaking".

In addition, with respect to the major issue as to whether this unprecedented move breaks with Canadian legal tradition, the editorial stated as follows: "In the present case one must hope that the Supreme Court of Canada out of simple courtesy, out of respect for the good operation of the judicial system, out of respect for the institutions and to avoid being accused of prejudice will await the decision of the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland before taking into consideration the request of the federal government."

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER PECKFORD: I hereby table the translation of the LeDevoir editorial. I would also like to table a telex from me to Senator Eugene Forsey, a eminent Canadian Constitutional authority, on May 21st asking him for his view on the matter. On Sunday, May 23rd, I received the following reply from Senator Forsey, which I hereby table: "The Dominion government's action is, as far as I know, unprecedented. It is in marked contrast to the procedure that government itself followed on the patriation resolutions. It is certainly irregular. It interferes with the normal judicial procedure by virtually removing from the Newfoundland Court of Appeal an essential part of the questions placed before it. This is highly improper. It is a tactic which could undermine our whole judicial system." Signed: Senator Eugene Forsey.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER PECKFORD: Unfortunately, two of our Liberal M. P.'s, the M. P. for Gander - Twillingate (Mr. Baker) and the M. P. for Burin - St. George's (Mr. Simmons) have chosen not to support the government in telexes received to date, and rather jumbled telexes have been received to that effect from them. It is indeed a sad day when we have to look to the Quebec press for unequivocal and strong support on a matter of such importance to Newfoundland while our own M. P.'s find it impossible to break federal Liberal party ranks and support their own Province.

Mr. Speaker, I have one further point to make with respect to the federal government's unilateral attempt to circumvent the normal court processes.

Mr. Trudeau's telex to me of May 18th and Mr. Chretien's press statement of the same day refer continuously to Hibernia, and to Hibernia alone. I quote from the

PREMIER PECKFORD: Prime Minister's statement: "The federal government has today asked the Supreme Court of Canada to rule on the question of whether Canada or Newfoundland has ownership of and jurisdiction over the Hibernia field." That is the Prime Minister's statement.

But, Mr. Apeaker, the area referred to in the federal question, when plotted on a map, proves to be much larger than Hibernia.

Indeed, it covers some 820 square miles, and the Hibernia field only comprises some thirty-five square miles or some four per cent of the area in question.

The area contains, in addition to Hibernia, the Nautilus structure, which is presently being drilled and with encouraging results.

In addition, the area also contains the main part, but not all, of the Hebron Field, which was tested at a combined rate of 9,070 barrels of oil

PREMIER PECKFORD: per day and 6.2 million cubic feet of gas per day. Further, the area contains part of the Ben Nevis, West Ben Nevis and Terra Nova structures. The Ben Nevis structure has been tested at a combined rate of 1,857 barrels of oil per day and 22 million cubic feet of gas per day.

MR. DINN: In other word they are grabbing it all.

PREMIER PECKFORD: These are merely the structures which have been identified to date and other targets can be expected within the 820 square mile area.

Mr. Speaker, what does this mean? First, that the Prime Minister has again misled the Canadian public by conveying the impression that the Hibernia field, and only the Hibernia field, was at stake, and not Nautilus, not Hebron, not Ben Nevis, not West Ben Nevis, not Terra Nova, and nearly an additional 800 square miles. In addition, the fact that the Hebron, Ben Nevis, West Ben Nevis and Terra Nova structures straddle the boundary of the area which the Supreme Court of Canada is being asked to rule on proves conclusively that one cannot legally or practically decide the ownership of one part of the Continental Shelf without determining the ownership of the whole area in question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER PECKFORD: The use of the 'Hibernia only' concept is a subterfuge to induce the Canadian public in to thinking that the question before the Supreme Court of Canada is somehow different from the question before the Newfoundland Court of Appeal, thus

PREMIER PECKFORD: justifying an unprecedented interference with the established judicial system. This move, as Le Devoir states, demonstrates a contemptuous attitude towards the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland, and, as Senator Forsey has stated, is a tactic which could undermine our whole judicial system.

Members of this House should look forward with confidence as events unfold to receiving more support from other sectors of Canadian Society which will increasingly recognize the unfairness and danger implicit in this latest federal attempt to obtain total control of this Province's offshore oil resources.

And I table, Mr. Speaker, the relevant documentation as well as the map which shows the fantastic area of land involved in this court reference which, as the statement says, involves at least four or five other separate oil fields with many more oil fields to be identified as we do our seismic work through the companies over the next few months and years. Mr. Speaker, I table the related documentation.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we do indeed look forward to further comment from various individuals, prominent Canadians and newspapers and magazines across Canada on this matter. It is a very, very interesting case indeed. And as hon. members know last week

MR. NEARY: we, on this side of the House, voted in favour of the resolution. We want to maintain our own provincial identity in this particular matter and we look forward to hearing comments from prominent Canadians, from newspapers across Canada and from people like Senator Forsey. I do hope that other opinions that are given by Senator Frosey that the government will pay very strict attention to them. And, Mr. Speaker, as I say, it is going to be a very interesting case indeed and if I were the Premier of this Province, which I am not, and the administration of this Province, I think instead of carrying on a battle of words and propaganda campaign, I think what I would do is put the strongest battery of lawyers that I could find to work -

PREMIER PECKFORD: It is done.

MR NEARY: - the premier says it is done. Well, I am glad to hear that because all the rhetoric in the world is not going to help the situation now. What we need is a strong battery of lawyers -

PREMIER PECKFORD: In our own court.

MR. NEARY: - to fight this case. And then the other question that has occurred to me and has occurred to other people in this province: what would happen, Mr. Speaker - I have not heard the reply to this - if the federal government agreed to withdraw the case from the Supreme Court of Canada? Would the provincial government agree to withdraw their case before the Newfoundland Appeals Court and get back to the bargaining table for hard bargaining and to try to get a negotiated settlement?

MR. SPEAKER (RUSSELL): Before we proceed with other business I would like to welcome to the galleries today a delegation from the Burin Town Council, the Mayor, Lou Bailey, Councillor Gerry Appleby, Town Manager Keith Warren and Town Engineer Harvey Brenton. I welcome you to the galleries today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

Any other statements by ministers?

MR. POWER:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Minister of Forest Resources
and Lands.

MR. POWER:

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to
take a couple of moments to inform all members of this hon.
House on the forest fire situation this past weekend. During
the 24th of May weekend we had twelve forest fires reported
in the Province, which is a very serious situation.

MR. POWER: Those forest fires were in Whitbourne, Lewisporte, Bird Islands, near Port aux Basques, Roaches Line, Topsail Hill, St. Thomas Line, Topsail Pond, Mobile Big Pond, Stock Cove in Knights Cove, Lethbridge, Chance Cove and Kellys Pond.

Mr. Speaker, as all hon. members know the forests of Newfoundland are trying to recuperate from ten or twelve years of very serious budworm attack, Any further loss of the resource through forest fires or through negligence or neglect, carelessness, certainly puts the resource in great jeopardy and I just wanted to ask all hon. members of the House certainly to keep the part of the public that they deal with ever mindful of the situation as it relates to being careless in the woods, whether it be campfires or with throwing cigarettes from moving vehicles and that kind of thing.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. member for Fogo.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, let me say to the minister that we on this side are at least happy to see that he is reporting the number of forest fires in the Province to the House and I note, Mr. Speaker, that most of them are declared out. I would like for the minister, though, perhaps some other time in this House, if he might, to outline his plans and the equipment that he has this year, the number of bombers, the number of crews and so on. I agree with him that we cannot indeed lose any more of the forest and I would ask him if indeed the cause of those fires are being investigated.

ORAL QUESTIONS:

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Leader of the
Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure
which minister can answer my question, whether it is the
Minister of Finance or the hon. the Premier, but I would like
to know, Mr. Speaker, from either one of these gentlemen how
much this advertising campaign is costing the Province. You
can hardly turn on your radio without propaganda being blared
out over the radio, and full page advertisements in the newspaper
about the offshore case and so forth. How Much is this costing
the Province?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Mr. Speaker, I do not know the
figure right off the top of my head of the exact cost. What we
are doing is there will be ads in, as there was over the week-
end, in the weekend, of The Daily News, I guess it was, and the
weekend, of The Evening Telegram, however much a full page ad
there costs. So you are talking about close to \$1,000 perhaps
or more there. There will be the same ads run in the local
papers around the Province. They cost somewhat less individually,
collectively you might be looking at another \$1,000 or \$2,000. I
do not know off the top of my head, as I say, but that is perhaps
\$3,000 or \$4,000 in total there, \$4,000 or \$5,000. There were
two ads on the radio stations

PREMIER PECKFORD:

over the weekend and I do not know what the total cost of that is. I would say it will be another couple of thousand dollars for sure , and that is all right now. There will be additional ads, if need be, later on and what we are now doing as a follow-up is that the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) is in contact with all his counterparts in the other provinces and we will be getting a firm indication over the next few hours or a couple of days of how many provinces will be supporting us at the court hearing on Friday of this week , and I have been talking to some of the premiers as well. The negotiating team began in Vancouver and Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton area and have finished off the extreme Western extremity of the country. Next week they will be going to Toronto, then to Ottawa, and then to Montreal , so it will be their travel costs, however much it will cost for airplane tickets and hotel accomodations for them in those three cities. But in Toronto next week they will be meeting with all the governments , provincial governments, all the newspaper editorial boards, all the magazine editorial boards and individual or collective groups of press like the CP, with some of the other financial institutions, commercial institutions, oil companies, so it will be their air fare and their hotel accomodations. So that is where it is right now. Whether additional ads will be needed, for example, in some of the national papers, will depend as events unfold. the Province over the last weekend and for this week, perhaps, we are talking about four or five thousand dollars.

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

A supplementay. The hon.

Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I am happy to hear that the ads may not continue in the local newspapers and local radio stations because everybody that I have talked to and everybody that you hear talking about it do not seem to see any point to it. We just came through an election when this was the issue, the government has its mandate and now it is up to the administration to go on and finish the job. So perhaps as a final question and the Premier-really in answering my first question allayed any fears that I may have had in my mind that we were going to spend several hundreds of thousands of dollars on a local advertising campaign-could tell me what the point is in carrying on a local campaign?

MR.SPEAKER (Russell) The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Well, it becomes obvious to me, Mr. Speaker,

PREMIER PECKFORD: especially again today.

You would almost like to commit another few thousand dollars today. The Liberal M.P. for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Baker) does not understand. He has claimed, as has the Liberal member for Burin - St. George's (Mr. Simmons), that we went to court first. They have not read our proposal. I found out that the member for Gander - Twillingate has not read our proposal and we sent him a copy of it. He did not understand it. And the members for Burin (Mr. Tobin) St. George's the same way, and they are claiming out in the news media that we went to court first as a province. Now, if a Liberal M.P. from Burin - St. George's in the House of Commons does not understand what it is all about, well then, one has to question whether a lot of people know the niceties of the situation. So using that as a launching pad, I think the government would be justified in spending a lot more money on ads, if nothing else to inform the Liberal M.P.s in Ottawa.

The long and short of it, the point of it all is simply this, Mr. Speaker, to inform the Newfoundland people of what has transpired in the last seven days, that the federal government has taken, as Senator Eugene Forsey, a constitutional expert recognized across Canada, has said, an unprecedented step interfering with the normal process of law in this country, and, secondly, to make clear to Newfoundlanders two points, one, the federal government went to court first through the S.I.U. case, enlarged it, which forced us to go to court, because if we did not, our court might never get a chance to hear it if we had left it in the federal court before the S.I.U., and two, that we are reasonable Canadians who have a proposal on the table which we want to negotiate and we cannot find anybody

PREMIER PECKFORD: around to negotiate with.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: A final quick question for the hon. the Premier. I only received a copy of the proposal on Friday. I think one of the ministers sent me over his copy, I believe it was the new minister of Communications (Mr. Doyle). For the benefit of my colleagues, would the hon. the Premier arrange for my colleagues to get a copy of the proposal so they could read it?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Well, I will have it done in an hour. Obviously if the members of the House are interested they could easily get a copy. I mean, it is a two-way street and if there is something made public from the government and members opposite do not have a copy, it is easy enough for them to get one. But if they are waiting for us to do it, I am only too happy to do it and we will have it for them in half an hour.

MR. NEARY: We should not have to ask for it.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Yes, well, we will have it for you momentarily. You could have called Intergovernmental Affairs or my office and had a copy but I will have copies delivered to the hon. members. I cannot help but comment that it is absolutely abysmal that members of the Parliament of Newfoundland, who were aware of a press conference that was held by the Premier back a month or two months ago have never seen fit to take the initiative to go and get a copy of the material. I agree that the members should have a copy. I will concede the point, that the members should have had a copy, automatically, that is number one, do not get me wrong;

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PREMIER PECKFORD:

but number two, if the fish

do not come to me, I will go to where the fish are.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH:

Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) re this holiday that was called so hastily by the government on Thursday without, it would appear, Mr. Speaker, due consideration to the factors and circumstances in declaring a statutory holiday. It caused a lot of confusion, Mr. Speaker among our people, particularly the business community. So I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, whether the government are contemplating taking any action against those businesses, against those companies which did not take that holiday on Thursday?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Justice.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, no charges will be laid against any businesses which did not close.

MR. LUSH: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, the hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. ROBERTS: What about the Labor Standards Act?

MR. LUSH: Well, Mr. Speaker, I am certainly delighted to know that the government are not contemplating taking any action against those companies.

A further question to the minister, in view of the financial hardship that this holiday caused a lot of businesses throughout the Province in terms of lost revenues and in terms of paying employees, I wonder whether the government are contemplating assisting in any way the employers with payments for that holiday to their employees?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Justice.

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Mr. Speaker, no special subsidy programme has been approved by government to pay people who kept their shops open or indeed closed them. That would be somewhat unprecedented.

MR. LUSH: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. LUSH: And maybe, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) could address this particular question. I am wondering whether or not companies and businesses will be forced to pay their employees in view of the circumstances already outlined, in the way the holiday was declared, whether businesses will be forced to pay their employees?

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

MR. DINN: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member should know that under the Labour Standards Act there are several provisions whereby a company can comply with the law and that is that of course the holiday is a legal holiday and that comes under Section 14. As to what procedure should be followed, Section 17 covers that fairly clearly and that is that the employee either gets the holiday, gets paid twice the wages properly earned, can get another holiday within thirty days or can have the holiday added on to his vacation. Now if neither of those conditions are met then the

MR. DINN: employee has the option of going to the Labour Standards people in my department who will investigate and find out, and eventually they will proceed to the Labour Standards Tribunal, which will make an adjudication on whether the employee was treated fairly or not. That is the procedure under the act.

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

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Andrews). I understand that during the weekend there was an oil spill discovered in the community of Cartwright in Coastal Labrador. Could the minister give us a rundown on what is a close approximate figure on the number of gallons that have been lost through this spill? And what action has his department taken to clean up the spill?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Mr. Speaker, the latest information I have is that approximately 2,000 gallons of diesel oil is in a ditch surrounding the tank, Newfoundland Hydro estimates it would be a spill of a maximum volume of 7,000 to 8,000 gallons. Our officials are in Cartwright right now. And Woodward's Oil, who are the people involved here, have committed extra clean up activities today, beginning today. That is about all the information I could give right now. There is no sign of any oil in the harbour at the time.

MR. WARREN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary to the minister is I understand that at least one or maybe two of the community wells have been contaminated or are in the process of being contaminated within a matter of a few days with the drainage getting in there. Have any arrangements been made for an alternative water supply for the people who were using those wells?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Minister of Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: I am not familiar with that difficulty or even if there is a difficulty, but I will endeavour to find out for the hon. member sometime today.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I too have a question for the Minister of Environment (Mr. Andrews). A sixty to seventy ton whale has washed up in a community in my district, in the middle of the community I guess it is, close to where the fishermen -

MR. NEARY: What area?

MR. HODDER: Three Rock Cove - the landing site where the fishermen land and pretty nearly in the centre of the community, and it has been there for a week. I did not hear about it until the weekend, but I guess there is starting to be a strong smell in the community.

MR. HODDER: I was just wondering would the minister look into this matter and has he had a report on the matter?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Minister of the Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: No, Mr. Speaker, we did not have a report on this incident until the member just speaking now did report it to our department and our people from Corner Brook are heading out as quickly as possible. We have notified the RCMP. Under normal circumstances if it were not a large whale - it appears this is a large whale and there might be some difficulty for the local citizens to handle it. When I get a report back I will inform the hon. House.

MR. HODDER: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the whale, I understand is a blue whale, although that has not been confirmed -

PREMIER PECKFORD: Should be good eating.

MR. HODDER: Yes, perhaps so. It would probably cause as much trouble there as in Three Rock Cove, I understand it is about seventy feet long which means about sixty to seventy tons I guess of rotten meat. But I understand that in a case similar to this one time before that the coast guard came in, I was wondering if the minister has any liaison with the coast guard in matters like this? I understand there were a couple of whales beached several years ago as well in St. George's district, and I do not know what happened to those but I do know there was one dragged off by the coast guard. But I would ask the minister if he would look into that angle, as will I.

MR. SPEAKER (RUSSELL): The hon. Minister of Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will. Apparently there are a few whales around the coast at this point in time, different places around the Province. The basic policy of the department is that if it is in a municipality and the municipality can handle the situation, we prefer for them to do it. If, however, it is in an area where there is not a municipality and there are houses and people living around, we will assist in disposing of the whale along with the coast guard.

MR. POWER: EMO might be able to help you.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. CALLAN: Terra Nova? Bellevue.

MR. SPEAKER: Bellevue, I am sorry.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the minister responsible for wildlife, I am not sure what department or what division that is under now, but I want to ask the minister would he confirm or deny that the number of big game licences, which will be issued this year, will be less than last year. I know last year's number was down from the previous year. Will there be a further decrease in the number of big game licences issues this year, and if so could the minister tell us exactly, or approximately how many big game licences there will be, caribou, and moose, if the minister can make a distinction, the number of each?

PREMIER PECKFORD: We should have licences awarded in the city of St. John's.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, I am little surprised, the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) being a veteran of the House, would not be aware that wildlife is still in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Youth. But in any event, the answer to his question is first of all that consideration is being given, as

MR. L. SIMMS: has been stated publicly, to a lowering of the quota but no final decision has been made. We expect to be able to do that within the next two weeks or so and a public pronouncement will be made at that stage at that particular time. My understanding at this time is that there does not appear to be a need for a lowering of the quota with the caribou herd, but perhaps for the moose hunting licenses.

MR. W. CALLAN: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): A supplementary, the hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, earlier this month we had an announcement that there would be legislation introduced to possibly punish people who have been caught poaching big game. I wonder if the minister could tell us whether or not he intends to bring in that legislation during this session of the House of Assembly?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that matter is also under consideration actively and is being pursued and at such a time as a decision is made we will advise the hon. House. But consideration is being given to the increasing of penalties and so on.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: We still have a few minutes left yet.

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

MR. CALLAN: Yes, a final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

I am wondering if the minister could inform the House whether or not his department plans to make

MR. W. CALLAN: any changes in the issuing of big game licenses. Many suggestions have been made by members of the House of Assembly, and of course other people who are concerned with the wildlife in the Province, writers in different magazines and weekly papers and daily papers and so on, does the minister's department intend to make any changes in the issuance of big game licenses? For example, some people suggest, and I have made the suggestion myself, that the issuance of licenses should be like it was, say, ten years ago when there was no draw system, and by issuing more licenses and perhaps having a shorter season then the department could take in more money and thus hire on more wildlife officers who could catch a lot of these poachers which all of us, I am sure, frown on. So does the minister intend to make any changes regarding the issuance of licenses as far as that goes.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Well, Mr. Speaker, there are a few question, perhaps, in the hon. member's question. First of all let me say that I had a meeting, in fact today, with the wildlife people, the regional wildlife people and this was one of the items that we had up for discussion. I might add that it is my understanding at least that other provinces in Canada are in fact following our lead and look upon the system that we use in Newfoundland as being one of the best.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMS: I can

MR. SIMMS: also say that statistically indications are that approximately 60 per cent of those applicants, because of the new system that has been brought in, the party system and so on, approximately 60 per cent of the applicants who apply have success in terms of obtaining a licence. That is the party licence system, and the system is looked upon as being a major improvement over what we have had in past years and there are no - well, there are obviously always improvements discussed and considered and looked upon. There are no particular moves right now in this regard to make any drastic changes but it will always be looked upon as necessary for improvements and that will be continued.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I have a question as well for the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister is aware of the terrible practice currently being used in Newfoundland, a practice that is quite inhumane and a practice that is against, I am sure, all methods of conservation of our wildlife? I am referring specifically to the fact that gill nets, fishing nets are being used to catch rabbits throughout Newfoundland. I wonder if that has been brought to the attention of the minister?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Mr. Speaker, no specific reference has been made to me. That matter has not been brought to my attention in the two short weeks that I have

MR. SIMMS: been here as minister.

There have obviously been other matters, I guess, that have taken up the time of the department officials in briefing me and so on, but that particular issue has not been. I would suggest to the hon. member the direction of the department is to try to improve the educational measures, to try to get the co-operation of the general public in reporting incidents of that nature, and I would suggest to the hon. member that if he has specific incidents that he report them to me as minister and I will certainly look into them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that the minister is not aware of that. He can take it from me that it is being done, Mr. Speaker, being done in a very big way throughout the Central part of Newfoundland and the Northeastern part of Newfoundland.

My question to the minister is twofold; One, is this practice legal? And, Mr. Speaker, if it is legal or otherwise, will the minister undertake to look into this and certainly have this very terrible method of

MR. LUSH:

catching rabbits investigated and looked into? And as I have said it is not only rabbits you are talking about but birds, partridge, ptarmigan, all of this sort of thing, all being caught in these gill nets.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Russell): The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS: Well, Mr. Speaker, it certainly is a serious charge, of course, and as I say if the hon. member would like to provide me with some specifics outside the House I would be happy to look into it. In any event, I will look into it as he suggests. I am not sure what the legal implications are, but I do want to emphasize again that in matters of this nature, if the general public are aware of them, then the appropriate action is to report it to the department officials so that we can follow up on it.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, last year the increase in the number of charges that were laid regarding wildlife problems and so on, that were associated with wildlife, were as a direct result of information provided to the department by the citizens of this Province. And they are to be commended for taking that action and we hope we will get more of it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we should not take any more long weekends. It is hard to get into full flight after a long weekend.

I would like to ask the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) a question, Mr. Speaker, in connection with a statement that he made in the last forty-eight hours in connection with an agreement between Nova

MR. NEARY: Scotia, the government of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, that concerns the hon. gentleman because it obviously gives, as he indicated, Nova Scotia the edge on Newfoundland as far as getting spinoff benefits from the oil development off our coast is concerned. Would the hon. gentleman care to elaborate on that and tell us why he made that statement and what it is he is concerned about?

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Russell): The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: I will start at the end, Mr. Speaker. The reason I made that statement was because I was asked the question by a reporter as to exactly what were the implications of a federal/provincial agreement, a Canada and Nova Scotia agreement relating to ocean and marine related industries. So I outlined for that reporter just what the implications were. Briefly, Mr. Speaker, they are this;

MR. WINDSOR:

There was an existing RDIA federal programme which provides up to 35 per cent capital funds for new industries locating in Canada in particular regions. This new Canada Nova Scotia agreement subsidizes that by a further 25 per cent as it relates to industries moving into Nova Scotia and which are eligible for RDIA funding. In addition to that, and even more importantly I guess, is the fact that for industries which are ocean and marine related, which were not covered by the RDIA agreement, there is funding up to 60 per cent, which is equivalent to the sum of the RDIA plus the other subsidies.

So in other words industries located in Nova Scotia are eligible for up to 60 per cent funding. In addition to that the province of course is putting some funding into building a new industrial park, an ocean or marine industrial park and provide some relief from municipal taxation or subsidies on a decreasing scale to relieve new company from municipal taxation.

There is also funding there for a promotion of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia related industries. It is of some concern to us, particularly since the basis of that agreement is very much parallel to the proposal that this government put before the Government of Canada in 1980 for an industry development agreement. And in fact many of the concepts that are included in the Canada/Nova Scotia agreement were developed by this Province and by our Department of Development, and in conjunction with Intergovernmental Affairs we have been trying to get a federal provincial agreement very similar to the one that has been agreed to with Nova Scotia.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Mr. Russell): A supplementary, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, this is the first admission that we have had on the part of the administration that Nova Scotia is getting all the benefits of oil development off our shores and all we are getting in Newfoundland are the evils of the oil development so far.

PREMIER PECKFORD: Wrong.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, that is the message that I am getting from statements made outside of the House and the statement just made by the hon. gentleman. Now will the hon. gentleman indicate to the House what steps the administration of which he is a part, what steps have they taken to try to offset the attraction and the political climate in Nova Scotia? Are we considering tax concessions of any kind to entrepreneurs and business and industry that wishes to locate in this Province that has a connection with the offshore development?

Mr. Speaker, this is a matter which concerns an awful lot of Newfoundlanders and up to now the government have been denying it; now we have an admission that it is happening. And can we catch up to Nova Scotia, even if we do bring in some benefits similar to the ones that Nova Scotia Government is giving to attract business and industry. Could the hon. gentleman tell us if we can catch up with Nova Scotia now? Or is it too late, have we missed the boat?

MR. HODDER: Where is the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan)?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, first of all, I have not said that industries are going to Nova Scotia. I have said that the Nova Scotia Government - and quite naturally they would be - are making a very strong effort to attract oil-related industry, particularly marine-related industry in general to Nova Scotia, aided and abetted by the federal government, which objected to the fact that Newfoundland has certain local preferences, yet in this same Canada/Nova Scotia agreement there is a clause which provides preference to Nova Scotia based companies.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WINDSOR: So here is a government that has a different story for Nova Scotia than it does for Newfoundland. It is also another example, Mr. Speaker, of where the Government of Canada is aiding and abetting other parts of Canada to starve Newfoundland out of the oil business and other businesses. It is another example of agreements with Newfoundland that have been cancelled, funding that has been cancelled, or funding that has never been approved, DREE agreements that have not been approved and advantages going to other parts of Canada and not to Newfoundland.

I might add, however, Mr. Speaker, that although that may be going on, one thing that they do not have and they will not have is Hibernia, not as long as this government is in power.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): A supplementary, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: When you ask a question, Mr. Speaker, all you get from the ministers and from the Premier is whining and crying and bawling over the fact that Nova Scotia is upstaging us. Only because this administration did not do their homework. The hon. gentleman referred a moment ago to a proposal that was put to the Government of Canada by the provincial government here in connection with assistance to attract marine-related industries to this Province. Now, that is the first time we have heard of that proposal. Would the hon. gentleman tell us what kind of a proposal it was, what was included in the proposal, how much input would the Province have in the way of financial help and tax concessions and so forth, or was it just a one-sided proposal that was put up to the Government of Canada and nothing forthcoming on behalf of the Province?

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

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, this proposal was one of, I think, nine proposals which are before the federal government for DREE funding, none of which have been approved over the last three or four years. It provided a whole range of opportunities for industrial incentives for this Province, all of which, of course, were negotiable and all of which, I think, are basically federally/provincially cost shared. We are not looking for any handouts from the Government of Canada.

MR. WINDSOR:

We are looking for the same kinds of industrial incentives as they are giving to other parts of Canada.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. WINDSOR: We should expect no less and we should receive no less.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Supplementary, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, one example of how this administration have been negligent in carrying out their responsibilities has to do with a convention centre. We are told by people in the know in Ottawa that funding is available for a convention centre, yet the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) told the whole world there a couple of weeks ago that he knows nothing about federal funds being available for a convention centre in this Province. If we do not watch it, Halifax will get the convention centre. Could the hon. gentleman tell us what is being done now to try to bring that badly needed convention centre to Newfoundland, not necessarily to St. John's but to Newfoundland?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, first of all, the hon. gentleman is totally inaccurate when he says that I was not aware of any funding available for convention centres. That was not what I said at all.

MR. NEARY: You attacked George Baker.

MR. WINDSOR: I was responding to a statement by the MP for Gander - Twillingate which charged that I was deliberately trying to take funding which had been allocated for the Town of Gander for a convention centre and to put it into St. John's, which is totally untrue. What I said,

MR. WINDSOR: first of all, is that there has not been any funding allocated by the federal government for Gander or for St. John's or anywhere else in Newfoundland. There is indeed a programme available. To this date the only funding that has been made available from that programme has been to Montreal, Toronto, and two in Mr. Grey's own district up around the Hamilton area.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!
Time for the Question Period has expired.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Public Works and Services.

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Annual Report of the Public Service Commission. I would like to note, Mr. Speaker, that last year being the Year of the Disabled, that eighteen disabled persons were placed in the Public Service.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. YOUNG: Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the rental index as of April 1st, 1982, where we show every inch and every cent that we rent in this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Finance

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 28 of The Financial Administration Act, I wish to table copies of Lieutenant-Governor warrants for the year ending March 31st., 1982.

MR. NEARY: You should hear what Senator Forsey said about that.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Newfoundland Industrial Development Corporation Act."

PRESENTING PETITIONS:

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

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present a petition on behalf of some 170 citizens, voters of the Province of Newfoundland, concerned with the survival and economic viability of the community of Terra Nova, which, Mr. Speaker, is contingent upon the maintenance of the Terra Nova Road, that is the road leading from the Terra Nova National Park from the Trans-Canada Highway, to and through the village of Terra Nova. Mr. Speaker, I introduced it in that manner because the 170 people signing this petition do not all come from the village of Terra Nova. They are people actually from all parts of Eastern Newfoundland, from Terra Nova to St. John's, and that is why I have introduced the petition in that particular manner.

Mr. Speaker, I will go right to the petition before speaking to it, and it says, "To the hon. House of Assembly, the petition of we, the undersigned, residents of and visitors to the community of Terra Nova, humbly showeth that we protest in the strongest possible terms the deplorable condition of the Terra Nova road, that is the road from Terra Nova

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MR. LUSH:

National Park, to and through
the village of Terra Nova, and do hereby request that the
provincial government allocate funds in this fiscal year for
upgrading,

MR. LUSH: reconstruction and paving of this road as your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray."

Mr. Speaker, the reasons, of course, the general reasons that people want for paving their roads or reconstruction of their roads certainly exist in this particular case. The fact is that the people from Terra Nova, the residents of Terra Nova and the thousands of people that visit Terra Nova want their roads paved for safe and convenient and comfortable driving.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, all of the students from the village of Terra Nova are bused daily to the schools in Glovertown - they have no school there at all, no elementary school and no high school, all of the students are bused out daily, having to get up seven-thirty in the morning and not returning until five o'clock, and driving approximately a distance of some twenty to twenty-five miles, fourteen miles of which is all gravel and, Mr. Speaker, in a very, very bad condition.

Hon. members will know, of course, that Terra Nova was a logging community and fifteen years ago, when technology was introduced in the logging industry, Price (Nfld) closed out its operations in Terra Nova. Mr. Speaker, I venture to say that there has never been any major work, and construction work, upgrading done to that road since Price (Nfld) pulled out some fifteen years ago.

And, Mr. Speaker, the economic reasons for doing this road are fairly evident. First of all, the village of Terra Nova is fast becoming the capital, the tourist capital of Newfoundland, with many cottages there, many people with cottages Summer and Winter. Some fifty-seven cottages are there now fully developed

MR. LUSH: with people living in them all year-round. And again, even though hon. members are not listening, it is probably because they know so much about the village of Terra Nova.

MR. NEARY: It is a beautiful spot.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, it is again one of the most famous, one of the most popular hunting and fishing areas in the Province.

MR. NEARY: A small resort for big shots from Montreal.

MR. LUSH: And also, Mr. Speaker, located in Terra Nova is one of the largest farms in Newfoundland, a poultry farm and root-crop farming, one of the largest farms in Newfoundland. As a matter of fact, I suppose it is the farm now that gives the economic viability to the town and provides a livelihood for many of the residents in the town and in towns close to the village of Terra Nova, Charlottetown and Port Blandford,

So, Mr. Speaker, these are the reasons, Sir, the fact that it is becoming the tourist capital of Newfoundland visited by thousands of people right throughout the Province

MR. LUSH:

for living in their cottages, which are located by the Terra Nova Lake, and for the hunters and fishermen who travel back and forth to that community right throughout the year, not only in one particular season, Mr. Speaker, but right throughout the entire year. Certainly every reason why, if the government, Mr. Speaker, are promoting tourism, if they are promoting agriculture, then certainly this road needs to be upgraded, reconstructed and paved. And, Mr. Speaker, it was never in worse shape than it has been in this year. As a matter of fact, a feed truck that was delivering feed to the farm just went right down through the road, down to the cab, the driver had to get out through the window. And he could not open the doors he just went right down. That only happened about two to three weeks ago. So, Mr. Speaker, this kind of road in the twentieth century leading to a community that is the tourist capital of Newfoundland, a community with an economic viability and having one of the largest farms in the Province in its community, so, Mr. Speaker, there is every reason why this road should be paved and I support the petition wholeheartedly and ask for it to be put upon the table of the House and referred to the appropriate department.

MR. TULK:

The minister is going to support

this one.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (RUSSELL):

The hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. W. CALLAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was waiting just to see if the Minister of Transportation (Mr. R. Dawe) was going to stand and support the petition.

The road that we are talking about here, Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn), is the section of road, I think it is about thirteen miles, which runs from the TCH in the Terra Nova National Park to and through the town of Terra Nova itself.

MR. J. DINN: Oh! I went down that road a month and a half ago.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Labour and Manpower went down that road a month and a half ago. I am sure that the member for Terra Nova (Mr. T. Lush) hopes that the paving equipment will go down over that same road in a month or two from now.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, in standing in support of this petition so ably presented by my colleague from the district of Terra Nova (Mr. Lush), I might say that whenever anybody, either on this side or the other side of the House of Assembly, stands up to present a petition involving the upgrading and paving of dirt roads in this Province, I feel inclined, very much inclined to stand and speak in support of such a petition. Because, Mr. Speaker, the district that I represent, the district of Bellevue, is similar in this respect to many, many districts, especially the rural districts around this Province, Mr. Speaker. The member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg), the member for Grand Falls (Mr. Simms), the member for Gander (Mrs. Newhook) and a dozen or so members for St. John's and the couple of members for Corner Brook, Mr. Speaker, have no idea of the number of phone calls that I receive. Just this morning, Mr. Speaker, I received a phone call from my own district asking - because they know, as the people in the town of Terra Nova probably know, they will not get any pavement this year or any upgrading. But what they want to know is can they have the second best thing? Can they have the calcium chloride which this government has been using over the past three or four years, I think? And I wonder perhaps, Mr. Speaker, since the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) is in his seat and hopefully listening, perhaps the minister can provide the members, all members who have districts with dirt roads, with a list showing what roads and where will be covered, Mr. Speaker, with calcium chloride. I was trying to get that information this morning from the minister's department and I could not get it after half a dozen phone calls, So perhaps the minister would be

MR. CALLAN: kind enough to provide members, like the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn) who has over 100 miles of dirt road, and other districts - Twillingate is another one that comes to mind - and the district of Bellevue, what time, and how much calcium chloride will be placed on these dirt roads?

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, this petition asking for thirteen or fourteen miles of pavement for the dirt road that leads from the Trans-Canada in the National Park to and through the town of Terra Nova -

MR. WARREN: Historical town.

MR. CALLAN: - Mr. Speaker, I remember back in 1972 when the PC Party was campaigning to be the alternative government, one of the big planks in the PC platform at that time was that we will have a systematic roads programme, not roads ad hocly done here and there at the whims or on a moment's notice -

MR. WARREN: By MHAs.

MR. CALLAN: - from an MHA, but there will be a consistent and systematic roads programme. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, whatever happened to that plan, whatever happened to it, because here ten years later, in 1982, we have the same system existing about which the former- or the party that took government in 1972 was complaining about.

MR. HODDER: The tallest Premier.

MR. CALLAN: It went out through the window, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I support the petition on behalf of the petitioners, the -

MR. NEARY: It is not very hopeful.

MR. CALLAN: - 160, or 170 petitioners in the town of Terra Nova, and I trust, Mr. Speaker, that when the budget comes down in a couple of days, that there will be funding provided not only for that particular stretch of road, but for roads all over the Province, including of course the district of Bellevue.

MR. NEARY: Right on!

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

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, unlike the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) I will try and stick to the petition and not wander around and ask questions more applicable to Question Period.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: The hon. member was right on that time.

MR. CALLAN: The member from Norman's Cove, included in the district of Bellevue.

MR. DAWE: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I have travelled over the road in question before the member representing the district has. The road is like many roads in this Province, Mr. Speaker, roads that this government would like to see upgraded and paved, new roads built; unfortunately the federal government in the past couple of years has refused to address itself to a number

MR. DAWE:

of major highroad construction and trunk road construction applications through DREE which would have allowed this Province, with the amount of funding available to it, to address itself to some of the secondary roads and by-roads of the Province.

The recent election, Mr. Speaker, on April 6th, that was a tremendous victory for all the good blue side over here, was an election -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. DAWE: - fought on this government trying to obtain for this Province the necessary amount of capital funding and the resources. The federal government does not seem willing to address itself to the needs of this Province, not only in transportation but in other areas. This Province fought an election on an opportunity to develop its own resources and subsequently to get the necessary funding to do all the roads which are a major priority in not only the hon. member's district but all through the Province.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I support the petition.

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

MR. WOODROW: Mr. Speaker, I have a petition. I would like to read the prayer of the petition first of all and then make some comments on it.

The petition, Mr. Speaker, comes from the community of Summerside and there are 166 names on it. It reads as follows: "We the undersigned residents of the community of Summerside in the Bay of Islands district do hereby seek government assistance in constructing a new road which would open up approximately twenty-five acres of land for new building lots and would

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MR. WOODROW: also eliminate the problem
the families living on First, Second and Third Avenue have
in Wintertime trying to get to their homes over a road
which usually

MR. WOODROW:

only four wheel drives can accomplish. The road would provide an alternative route around a very steep hill which would provide access to about seventy-five homes, the Town Hall, and Recreation Centre. This has been a problem for years for the residents of Summerside. At one time we were promised by the provincial government that this road would be built but to date this has not been done. So we are again seeking assistance in trying to have this road built.

MR. NEARY:

Are you going to get it done?

MR. WOODROW:

There is no problem in acquiring the land needed for the proposed road, as we have met with Bowaters and they agreed to turn over the land we need in the community to the Community Council.

They also have, Mr.

Speaker, an exhibit here, a map which shows the route of the road and a lot of work has been done on getting this petition ready.

I would also like to say, Mr. Speaker, that I have been in contact, have talked this matter over with the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) because it is the local road. And I would just like to read a letter here I have received from the Secretary of the Finance Committee. "The petition from the residents of the community of Summerside seeking government assistance in constructing a new road was received by the Finance Committee. The Committee decided to refer this matter to the regional office for assessment and recommendation". I would just like to read that into the record, Mr. Speaker.

Now the matter is therefore under consideration at the regional office level in the city of Corner Brook. I would like to say, Mr. Speaker,

MR. WOODROW:

I give my full support to the petition. I would also like to add that the communities in the Bay of Islands district, that is, Mr. Speaker, on both sides of the Bay, are growing. It is amazing how these communities are growing. And I suppose what is happening people are leaving the city of Corner Brook and moving to the North and the South Shore of the Bay of Islands and also, Mr. Speaker, they are going up to the community of Pasadena as well.

MR. WOODROW: Most of the local roads in these communities are very poor and councils have been trying down through the years and even with the 60/40 amount given, 60 per cent by government and 40 per cent by council, it is still very difficult for these people, no matter what goodwill they have, to try to maintain their roads and upgrade them and pave them.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, I would probably say that the answer lies in what the hon. the Premier has been doing over the past couple of years, that is getting a settlement for the offshore. How easy it would be, Mr. Speaker, for us to get our secondary roads upgraded and paved and our water and sewer systems completed and new ones started if we had our offshore rights settled, with a just and a fair share for our Province.

When you come to consider the amount of money - I do not want to be controversial about it, Mr. Speaker - when you come to consider the \$1 billion that the Province of Quebec is getting and we are getting a mere pittance from the Upper Churchill, these are the things really that are keeping the progress of this Province back.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WOODROW: And, of course, now the present offshore dispute: I do hope, Mr. Speaker, that this matter, the offshore dispute, will be settled soon so that we will be able to get along with helping our people, not only to maintain the main roads through the communities but the local roads which are essentially important.

I support the petition, Mr. Speaker, and I ask that it be passed along to the

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MR. WOODROW: Department of Municipal Affairs
for their consideration. Thank you.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I rise to present
a petition on behalf of sixty-three people from the town
of Rigolet.

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Speaker,

this is the second time in the past three years that I have presented a similar petition and basically it has the same prayer.

"Since caribou has always been hunted and used as a main source of diet during Winter by the residents of our community of Rigolet and since it is economically feasible to go to Nain to hunt caribou and since government will not subsidize the charter of an aircraft to hunt caribou for the residents of Rigolet, we the undersigned ask that the Mealy Mountains be opened so that we may hunt caribou for food."

Now, Mr. Speaker, to do a little preamble, the people of Rigolet have said in the past three or four years, in fact, I had to go along with the government, there about five years ago, when they closed the Mealy Mountains because at that time the caribou herd in Mealy Mountains was pretty well slaughtered to extinction. However, as of now, I was talking to the wildlife biologist with the Department of Wildlife, he estimates there is somewhere between 500 and 600 caribou in that area now. Last year there was some thought of opening the Mealy Mountains on a sort of low-key basis, probably a limited number of caribou per community or something in that respect. But, Mr. Speaker, during the last provincial election I believe the hon. member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie) mentioned that he would be encouraging the government to take a serious look at the Mealy Mountain caribou herd. You know, if we open it up for Rigolet it also has to be opened up for Goose Bay, North West River, Mud Lake, Cartwright and so on, all this area. And I am concerned that if we do not watch our -

AN HON. MEMBER:

Bobber.

MR. WARREN: - bobber, yes, that we may completely annihilate the herd there again. But I would think if the Department of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development would do for the people of Rigolet what they are doing for the Indians in Sheshatshit, where there was money available for them to go into the country and hunt caribou for food, and if the provincial government would treat the people in Rigolet as

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MR. WARREN:

Can prosecute the caribou

hunt North of Nain.

Thank you.

MR. NEARY: _____

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker, I support the

petition presented by my colleague the member for Torngat

Mountains (Mr. Warren). And in the process of

MR. S. NEARY: presenting the petition, my colleague made a very a very strong case, a very valid case indeed for allowing the residents of Rigolet to hunt the ever increasing caribou herd in the Mealy Mountain area. He certainly made a very valid case, Mr. Speaker, And with the price of meat, even here in St. John's going up all the time, going up we are told by thirty three and one third per cent this week one can imagine how much more it costs in Northern Labrador to buy a bit of beefsteak or a roast of meat? You go down to the supermarket here in St. John's now, Mr. Speaker, and it costs anywhere from \$20 to \$25 to buy a little pot roast for your oven for Sunday dinner, \$20 to \$25, Can you imagine what it costs in Northern Labrador? It is like gold dust. Fresh meat, I would think in Northern Labrador, Mr. Speaker, is almost like gold dust. And what these people -

AN HON. MEMBER: No, it is not.

MR. CALLAN: It tastes better.

MR. NEARY: It is not? How much does fresh meat cost in Northern Labrador? It will cost you about \$30 for a small roast in Northern Labrador. It will cost \$20 or \$25 down here at Dominion Stores.

MR. GOUDIE: (Inaudible).

MR. NEARY: No, but -

MR. WARREN: Store beef.

MR. NEARY: Store beef, I am talking about.

It would cost, I would say, at least \$30 for a small roast to put in your oven for Sunday dinner, in Northern Labrador. And what these people are asking is that they be allowed to hunt caribou exclusively for food. And, Mr. Speaker, that is their right. They have every right to ask that. We are told that the caribou population in the area is now up to 500 or 600. I do not know

MR. S. NEARY: where the caribou migrate in that area, Mr. Speaker, but I will tell you something that has concerned me for some time is the fact that we have very strict conservation measures in this Province and the moose and caribou go across the boader to Quebec Province in Labrador and they can kill them at random.

MR. G. WARREN: Yes. Right on.

MR. NEARY: Random! They can do what they like. There are no conservation measures. I would imagine, Mr. Speaker, that a lot of these caribou find their way into the Province of Quebec.

MR. WARREN: In Fort Chimo they use caribou meat for dog food.

MR. NEARY: And in Fort Chimo they use caribou meats, according to my hon. colleague, for dog food.

MR. WARREN: I saw it myself.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, is there nothing we can do about that? The Province of Quebec does not have the strict rules and regulations, conservation regulations, that we have in this Province and the caribou herds and the moose are back and forth across the

MR. NEARY:

Quebec border. When a caribou wants to migrate or move around he does not look and say, "Well, I am staying in Newfoundland, there is the Quebec border there." I doubt if they can read and write. And so our people are not allowed to kill a caribou, or to kill a moose for food, but they can do it in Quebec Province, Mr. Speaker. And I think the people of Rigolet have made a very reasonable request, and I think the government should look at it very seriously. I saw the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie) shaking his head and saying, "No," when my hon. friend was presenting the petition. Well, I would like to hear the hon. gentleman's views on this matter.

MR. CALLAN:

He is going to speak now.

MR. NEARY:

My hon. colleague is not advocating that the caribou herd be hunted at random, that it be in any way threatened. That is not what my colleague is asking for. No, he is not, Mr. Speaker. My colleague is merely asking that there be a draw in these communities, that there be a quota, that is really what my hon. colleague is saying, a quota every year so that so many people in each one of these communities can kill caribou for food. That is a reasonable request, Mr. Speaker, and it gives me great pleasure to support the prayer of the petition.

MR. CALLAN:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

The hon. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

MR. SIMMS:

I just want to address myself briefly to the petition presented by the hon. member for Torngat Mountains. First of all, I believe what the hon. Leader of the

MR. SIMMS: Opposition (Mr. Neary) was talking about really did not have anything to do with the Mealy Mountain herd because that is a herd that really does not go anywhere. The question of Quebec and everything else is a question that was addressed in this House before by my predecessor, now the hon. Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), and he tells me that when he presented this statement in the House he was told to sit down and stop wasting the time of the House.

MR. DAWE: Hear, hear! That is true.

MR. SIMMS: In any event the question that the hon. member for Torngat Mountains -

MR. NEARY: Now, now, now, do not get mad because I (inaudible).

MR. SIMMS: Now the hon. Leader of the Opposition had his say, I did not say anything to interrupt him and I ask him for the same respect, okay? Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. He is showing himself now, I guess.

In any event, the issue that has been addressed has been addressed properly by the hon. member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) and all I want to simply say at this stage is that I understand and I know that the departmental biologists and the people in the department

MR. SIMMS:

understand the necessity of obtaining protein for the people who live in that area. We understand that clearly, but we also know that there is a very small herd in that particular area - the hon. member alluded to it himself - and that, of course, would create some problems. And I understand that the herd now is even smaller than it used to be. But that would, in itself, create some problems.

So let me just say that I have discussed the matter with my colleague, the hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie), who has more knowledge and understanding of the history of Labrador than all of us, probably, put together in this House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMS: And I will continue to avail of his expertise and knowledge in history on this particular matter as we address the question raised by the hon. the member for Torngat Mountain (Mr. Warren) in the petition he just presented.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SIMMS: Order 1, Mr. Speaker, Address in Reply.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order 1, Address in Reply.

I think when the debate adjourned last day, it was adjourned by the hon. the member for Bellevue.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, I just stood for about thirty seconds or a minute last Tuesday and I have about twenty-eight or twenty-nine minutes left. I think that is about correct.

MR. CALLAN: Now, Mr. Speaker, what I was going to do last Tuesday but time did not permit, what I was going to do was perhaps a little bit different from what I will do today because a lot of time and a lot of things have happened since last Tuesday, a week ago. We had the emergency debate last Wednesday and then, of course, the emergency holiday on Thursday and the unexpected but welcome holiday on Friday, and, of course, the traditional holiday yesterday, an extra extra long weekend for those of us in the House of Assembly.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, a couple of speakers who spoke last Tuesday, before I stood to adjourn the debate, made what I think you could classify as district speeches. They talked about their own districts, and that, Mr. Speaker, when you are talking about the Speech from the Throne is traditional, especially, of course, the new members of the House of Assembly who were anxious and did a good job, I might say, of talking about their own particular districts.

Mr. Speaker, if I can take perhaps five or ten minutes to talk about the district of Bellevue, the historic district of Bellevue, I might say, Mr. Speaker. I have been proud to represent the district of Bellevue, except for a couple of years when it was represented by the hon. Don Jamieson, which is another reason, of course, why it is historical, the fact that it was represented by such a fine gentleman who served on the federal scene for years and years.

MR. TULK: (Inaudible) very successful.

MR. CALLAN: But, Mr. Speaker, ever since the district of Bellevue was created under redistribution in 1974, I was the first member elected in 1975 during that election campaign and, of course, twice elected since then.

MR. CALLAN : Mr. Speaker, the district of Bellevue is historic for other reasons besides the fact that it was represented by the former Minister of External Affairs, and DREE and other departments of the federal government. The Premier, Mr. Speaker, was also born in the district of Bellevue. Our present Premier was born in the district of Bellevue. He was born at the Markland Cottage Hospital.

MR. CALLAN:

While I am on the topic of the Markland Cottage Hospital, Mr. Speaker, we had a couple of petitions presented here earlier today asking for improved roads, and I stood to support at least one of these. Our medical facilities around the Province, especially our cottage hospitals, Mr. Speaker, is another example of where we needed improvements.

Mr. Speaker, let me read from a newsletter that was sent to about half, I suppose, because there are two cottages hospitals in the district of Bellevue, there is the cottage hospital at Come By Chance and, of course, the one I am talking about now, the one at Markland. So the Markland Cottage Hospital covers about half the district of Bellevue, the Come By Chance Hospital covers the other half

MR. CALLAN:

of the district of Bellevue and other areas down on the Burin Peninsula as well, the one at Come By Chance.

Mr. Speaker, as part of the tactics used in the recent provincial election by the P.C. candidate and the P.C. Party and supporters thereof, one of the tactics that was used during the campaign was a tactic used by the Markland Cottage Hospital Improvement Committee, all of whom were Tories. Why they had to wait for an election campaign to put pressure on the Premier, who was born in this hospital, is beyond me, but it says, a newsletter that went to Chance Cove and Norman's Cove and Bellevue and all of the towns around where I live and down in the other part of the district, down the shore, Old Shop, Blaketown and so on - and I might say, Mr. Speaker, that, mentioning Blaketown, the former and the last President of the University, Mr. Mose Morgan, was also born in the historic district of Bellevue, he was born in Blaketown, another example of the history that we find associated with the district of Bellevue.

But anyway, Mr. Speaker, the newsletter which came from this Improvement Committee said, "Our committee wishes to inform you of recent developments regarding our efforts to improve facilities at Markland hospital" - where the Premier was born. It says, "On April 6th, 1981," - that was four days before polling day, in the by-election last Spring - "we met with the Premier. He assured us that his government is opposed to closing or downgrading cottage hospitals, including Markland hospital. He also gave a commitment that his officials would research and introduce proposals regarding a new outpatient clinic for the Markland Cottage Hospital." That was April 6th, 1981, four days before polling day that

MR. CALLAN:

that commitment was made.

The Improvement Committee, of course, wrote this letter just before voting day on April 6th of this year. It says, "On March 17th, 1982 we received a letter from the Premier assuring us that the outpatient clinic would receive serious consideration in the Spring budget." The Spring budget, of course, has now become a Summer budget or just about that. Hopefully we will get it on Thursday. And then it says, "On March 30th, 1982 at a public meeting in Norman's Cove"-which made The Journal and National News and so on in my own home town -

MR. CALLAN: "On March 30, 1982 at a public meeting in Norman's Cove, the Premier made a commitment that he will make every effort to ensure that a new outpatient clinic at Markland Hospital becomes a reality." That is three times in a row, April 6, 1981, March 17, 1982, and March 30, 1982.

And fourthly, "Following the public meeting in Norman's Cove" - the one that made The Journal and The National - "following the public meeting representatives of the Hospital Improvement Committee" - all Tories - "met personally with the Premier" - met personally. "The Premier stated emphatically that the outpatient clinic will be constructed during his term" - or this term, I am not sure what that is. I think it is this term of office - "of his administration. He further stated that the clinic would be constructed adjoining the Markland Hospital" - rather than out, say, at the Whitbourne intersection of the Trans Canada -" would be constructed adjoining the Markland Hospital as per the recommendations of the Committee."

Then, of course, here is the clincher. "Further developments obviously await the outcome of the provincial election on April 6, 1982." That was the general election, of course, we just came through. Then it says, "We will be meeting with government officials immediately after the election and hope to keep you informed of events as they unfold."

Nobody's name signed to it, Mr. Speaker, but it is the Markland Cottage Hospital Improvement Committee. It will be interesting, Mr. Speaker, to see whether or not anything happens on Thursday, whether there is anything in the Budget which will give fruition to the hard work and the many meetings held with the Premier by the Hospital Improvement Committee.

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MR. NEARY:

Their tough luck.

MR. CALLAN:

The Minister of Culture, Recreation
and Youth (Mr. Simms) -

MR. SIMMS:

I would say that is a beautiful area,
down around Markland.

MR. CALLAN: It is a beautiful area, yes -
MR. SIMMS: I would like to find a cabin.
MR. NEARY: But if you are down there dying (inaudible)
MR. CALLAN: I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) does build or buy a cabin in the Markland area because then that will give us an additional reason not only to have the facilities at the hospital improved, but the Markland Road paved as well. That was another promise, by the way, that was made during the recent by-election.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, if I can mention again the tactics, and I do not want to get into this in much detail because it is a bit late now, it is two months ago since all this happened and when you win, I suppose you kind of have a tendency to forget the tactics, but if I can mention the tactics that were used by a local doctor affiliated with the Markland Hospital, Mr. Speaker, to say the least his tactics were ungentlemanly, unprofessional -

MR. STAGG: Unliberal.

MR. CALLAN: Very much unliberal, yes. When a doctor says to his patient, "Now, lady, if I thought you would vote PC on April 6th. I could probably get you transferred to St. John's quicker, to the Health Science Complex," or whatever, unprofessional, unethical, perhaps unlawful, perhaps unlawful Mr. Speaker - it is the kind of a thing, Mr. Speaker, that points to the fact that the empty promise - I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the promises that the Premier made to the Markland Cottage Hospital Improvement Committee are not as empty as the promise that was made three years ago when he said that he was going to bring in a new Election Expenses Act which would have, hopefully, not permitted the sort of action that that doctor was involved with, and the many other actions that were carried out and not only in the district of Bellevue. Because some of the shenanigans that I have

MR. CALLAN: heard from other parts of the Province are, to say the least, not at all -

MR. PATTERSON: (Inaudible) vote in Arnold's Cove.

MR. CALLAN: The vote in Arnold's Cove. I can roll it off for you. The vote in Arnold's Cove last Spring in the by-election, by the way - do you want to jot it down? - last year in Arnold's Cove, and I can spend an hour

MR. CALLAN: talking about Arnold's Cove and I am sure the member for Placentia East (Mr. Patterson) would be interested in hearing it because I, you know -

MR. PATTERSON The member for Placentia East (inaudible).

MR. CALLAN: As part of that conversation -

MR. NEARY: (Inaudible)

Resettlement, yes.

MR. CALLAN: - resettlement would have to be an integral part of any discussion regarding Arnold's Cove. But anyway, in Arnold's Cove in last Spring's by-election the vote for the Liberal candidate was 346. It went up by the way, by thirty-two votes.

MR. TULK It went up in the by-election when Stagg went out there.

MR. CALLAN: It went up by thirty-two votes for the Liberal candidate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: Now, then, coincidentally the vote for the PC candidate last Spring, the man who is still enjoying a job that was given to him by the infamous Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), provincially -

MR. HODDER: Who did not turn up in the house by the way.

MR. CALLAN: - who got a job compliments of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: - a contractual job.

MR. HODDER: We are waiting for him.

MR. CALLAN: The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) gave Jim Peddle a job last Spring. And nothing wrong with that. Nothing wrong with that.

MR. CALLAN: Anyway. I do not even want to talk about it. I do not think there is anything wrong with it. The former member for Gander , Harold Collins, was paid for the blood that he shed for the PC party as well and so it goes.

 But anyway, getting back to Arnold's Cove the vote for the Liberal candidate and the PC candidate in the general election increased by thirty-two votes for both, so there was no real change in Arnold's Cove. There was no real change.

MR. SIMMS: What about the district of Bellevue?

MR. NEARY: What about the croaking bullfrog?

MR. CALLAN: Well, now, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) talks about the district of Bellevue but perhaps what I should do - if you want a chuckle I can tell you about the town of Bellevue. By the way,,

MR. CALLAN: you know, a lot of people think and they say, 'You are going back to Bellevue'. I do not live in Bellevue, I live in Norman's Cove which is where the infamous meeting, the one that appeared on the Journal, that is where that one was held.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: But in Bellevue, Mr. Speaker, for an obvious reason or for several obvious reasons but one more obvious than others which I dare not mention because -

MR. STAGG: Why not?

MR. CALLAN: Well, I will tell you outside. But anyway, I obtained in the town of Bellevue four votes - four.

MR. STAGG: You got what?

MR. SIMMS: You took Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: No, I had thirty-five votes in Bellevue. Bellevue is traditionally Tory like St. John's and Grand Falls and Corner Brook, anywhere. It is traditionally Tory for the reasons that people are Tory. Because everybody knows that the Tory philosophy, Mr. Speaker, the Tory philosophy is: 'I have everything, you have nothing and that is the way it should be'. Now that is Tory philosophy and it has been for years; I have everything, you have nothing and that is the way it should be. Now that is why St. John's which has everything, which has the paved roads and the stadia and the swimming pools and the water and sewer, that is why St. John's and Gander and Grand Falls and Corner Brook, the places that have everything, that is why these people vote Tory, because it is right in line, it is right in line, Mr. Speaker, with Tory philosophy; I have everything, you have nothing and that is the way it should be.

MR. BAIRD: Tell us what happened in Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: I obtained four votes on the ballot paper. There were four ballots that were counted for me in the town of Bellevue.

MR. SIMMS: Are you sure you got four?

MR. CALLAN: I do not know - yes, I am sure. The minister is not dense. Yes, I got four votes in Bellevue, in the town.

MR. SIMMS: How many were (inaudible)?

MR. NEARY: Do not overestimate him now.

MR. SIMMS: I would not be sure (inaudible).

MR. CALLAN: But anyway, Mr. Speaker, I will not be sidetracked, I have some other important things I wanted to say about the district of Bellevue.

Mr. Speaker, if the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), if I can change the subject now, if the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth -

AN HON. MEMBER: He is gone now.

MR. BAIRD: Why are you talking to him all the time?

MR. CALLAN: Well, Mr. Speaker, if I may make a comment about the member for Grand Falls (Mr. Simms) I would like to say this, I meant to say it earlier, that I really appreciated what he had to say last week. I thought his speech was excellent and I am certain and I am quite confident that the member, who is now a minister, who represents Grand Falls will be

MR. W. CALLAN:

around in this House of Assembly, I am certain of that, for other reasons besides the one that I just gave, that Grand Falls has everything and therefore they are going to continue to vote Tory. But if the member who presently represents Grand Falls (Mr. L. Simms), if he wants to run in the next ten elections I am sure he will get elected on his own personality and his personal ability alone.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: Since the Premier just came back into the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to just respond to a quirk or a quip that the Premier made when he was talking about me and how I lost some votes in Bellevue, you know, I kept going down in the polls. It is interesting to notice for those who have not noticed, Mr. Speaker, that the Premier also went down in his district. He did not have the vote this time that he had in 1979 for example, he went down by 164 votes. So -

PREMIER PECKFORD: You said approximately.

MR. CALLAN: Well, you know, if you want to talk about percentages that is fine. I might also mention, Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the people like the member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. G. Tobin) for example, who won - what? - less than 300 votes.

MR. WALSH: (Inaudible).

MR. CALLAN: It is less than 300, I looked at it during lunch actually. I want to say for the benefit of the member for Burin - Placentia West who won by a small margin, do not let it worry you because the Premier has not always been into the high vote bracket either. He won one election by a measly 135 vote majority. So, there is room for you to

MR. W. CALLAN: go up just as the Premier went up and then, of course, in the last one went down a bit, so we go up and down depending on the issues, depending on our opponents and depending on a number of factors.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: If I might, Mr. Speaker, obviously threatening letters, threatening letters like the one the Premier sent out in the district of Bellevue during last Spring's by-election, you know, that does not necessarily turn on people, it frightens some people and makes them vote in ways that they probably would not.

I do not know how much time I have left, Mr. Speaker.

MR. TULK: Lots of time, boy.

AN HON. MEMBER: You have plenty of time.

MR. CALLAN: Let me get back to a subject that I raised during the Oral Question Period, Mr. Speaker, a question that I put to

MR. CALLAN: the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) regarding the issuance of big game licences. Mr. Speaker, on December 29th, 1981, a few days after Christmas, I put out a press release in which I stated - and at that time, Mr. Speaker, you would pick up the Clarenville Packet - every week you picked it up, you know, they were talking about the tremendous amount of poaching that was going on, especially in the Clarenville - Random Island area. The member for that district, I have not seen him, I do not think, since opening day; I do not know where he has been, perhaps he is out hunting down some poachers. I hope he is, because I disdain poachers and poaching. I do not even like poached eggs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Here, here!

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, in that press release of December 29th, 1981, I said, "Chief among the reasons for the increase in poaching is the P.C. Government licencing system." I still stick by that, even though the minister today said that other provinces are following our lead. You know, it is so easy to say that unless you can produce facts or figures or books or whatever to prove it. But I still believe that chief among the reasons for poaching in this Province is the P.C. Government's licencing system, number one, That is the chief one, but there are others. You know, obviously, the lack of employment in this Province, where people have nothing to do only sit around in beer taverns and once they get drunk or half drunk they go out and have - or the next day, you know, they go out and poach a moose, because they have nothing better to do, they have no work; and,

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, an insufficient number of game wardens is -

AN HON. MEMBER: And they need the meat.

MR. CALLAN: Yes, they need the meat, obviously, to feed their families if they have no employment. But idle time on their hands is another obvious reason. And, of course, Mr. Speaker, another one that I mentioned in this press release was the lack, the total lack or the total absence of any public education programme at all. Some people need to be educated, Mr. Speaker. I mean, if we can put on - I do not know how much money the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) spent in the last eight months or six months in trying to convince us all that, you know, it is beneficial, it saves lives and everything else, to wear seat belts, getting people ready for July 1st. I do not know how much money that minister spent, but, Mr. Speaker, I think it was money well-spent, I agree with that. But at the same time, I would like to suggest to the minister that a public education programme regarding poaching, you know, and something that will point out to people

MR. CALLAN: who do not really know that moose and rabbits are not native to this Province, they were brought in here. They were brought in here, you know, and for careless people and non-caring and uneducated in this sense that , you know, their conscience has not been touched, so as to speak -

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. CALLAN: Exactly, exactly, which is what I also said in that press release.

But, Mr. Speaker, that was on December 29 I put out that press release. I noticed on that same weekend, I noticed on that same weekend and obviously I will not find it now, but I noticed -- yes, here it is -- I noticed in the weekend paper of January 2, about three or five days later, after I put out that press release, I noticed that Ray Simmons, in his column on wildlife and so on, on Saturday January 2, here is what he says "After doing such a fine job on moose management" - I do not know if the minister read this, perhaps he has the clipping in his files somewhere - "After doing such a fine job on moose management for so many years, it now appears that what happened was mainly because of the moose, and not man. Now moose and man are combining to make a mess of things as the numbers of animals decline annually." Now, then here is what he says - this is Ray Simmons, Outdoors With Ray Simmons, now then he says, "This year the number of hunting licences was decreased", That was last year, and we were told, I think today, that there is going to be a decrease again this year. "This year," he said, "the number of hunting licences will decrease , which, from where I sit - and I agree with him, by the way, or he agrees with what I said a few days earlier, it does not matter - "which, from where I sit, just made more animals available to the poachers by decreasing the number of

MR. CALLAN: licences." He said, "I would have sold more licences and used the licence money to beef up the warden force", which is what I was saying. We should have more game wardens to catch more poachers. You know, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

AN HON. MEMBER: Shame!

MR. CALLAN: I mean, the minister talks about punishing these people. But who are you punishing? And what are you doing with them? You know, you send them up to the Salmonier Line to the prison camp for a month or a couple of months and, meanwhile, the government is left holding the bag, to feed their families while they are up there. So an ounce of prevention I believe is worth a pound of cure.

MR. STAGG: (Inaudible).

MR. CALLAN: So stop the poaching rather than punishing the poachers - The Stag At Eve Had Drunk His Fill, from Stephenville.

So he says, "I would have sold more licences and used the licence money to beef up the warden force and overall protection services. Hunters",

MR. CALLAN: he says, "are never as efficient as poachers and so we would have reduced the kill ratio, increased the number of convictions and provided more hunting opportunities. It is not important that everybody gets a moose," he says, "it is important that more people get a chance." Good points raised by Ray Simmons. "Meanwhile," he says, "moose in remote areas continue to overbrowse," and he says, "Special licences outside the draw to tourists and wealthy locals who will pay a premium price would seem to be a solution to this problem." Mr. Speaker, Ray Simmons in his column Outdoors talks about other wildlife, by the way, in this particular article. It was one of Ray Simmons' more interesting articles, even though most of them are interesting and educational, I believe, Mr. Speaker.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I talked about the Markland Cottage Hospital. I hope that when the budget comes down on Thursday that there will be funding there for the clinic. The Come By Chance hospital has not been doing badly the last several years. They have good facilities down there. So the Come By Chance hospital, I think - you know, I do not think there is any danger that it will be phased out. That was something that was raised last Spring during the by-election. I think some government official raised it so that it would give the Premier an opportunity to go out and squelch it. You know, that sort of thing sometimes happens with smart politicians and crafty people and manipulators, which, of course, all of these adjectives suit the Premier to a 'T'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, in an earlier speech I mentioned that there are approximately

MR. CALLAN: forty-five to fifty miles of dirt road left in the district of Bellevue. I listened to the member for St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn). He made an excellent speech, as well, by the way. And I made a remark to the member for Placentia (Mr. Patterson), up behind the curtain, that he seems like a fine fellow and a good speaker and we both agreed on that.

I trust, Mr. Speaker, that when the budget comes down in a couple of days that there will be funding provided for some pavement for the district of Bellevue.

As I have said on other occasions, Mr. Speaker, I believe --

MR. CALLAN: Do we get a one minute warning or just a five? I am not sure.

I have said, Mr. Speaker, that what I think should be done is the way they do it in Ottawa, that if there is \$500,000, if there is half a million dollars that can be allocated for Bellevue, that

MR. CALLAN: I, as the member, should determine whether it goes on the Markland Road or the Hillview Road or the South West Arm Road or between Thornlea and Chance Cove and Bellevue, but such democracy does not exist here unfortunately. Of course, if that were the case, Mr. Speaker, the onus would be on me. If I decided the money was going to go down in Hillview, then I have to answer to the people in Markland who would be saying, "well, you got one half million dollars for your district and you spent it down there. Why did you not spend some of it here?" I would be satisfied to live with that, Mr. Speaker. I would be satisfied to live with that. But, anyway, since it does not happen that way, I hope that when the budget does come down and one half a million dollars or a million - a half a million will pave - what? - about four miles of road now a days, I suppose, perhaps less than that. Less than four miles a half a million.

AN HON. MEMBER: Upgrade and pave them?

MR. CALLAN: No, the roads I am talking about are upgraded already.

AN HON. MEMBER: Most of them are upgraded.

MR. CALLAN: You will get about four miles. That is about what we got last year, anyway. I hope that there is a million dollars for the district of Bellevue for roads. I would welcome the opportunity to decide where it should be spent. If I were given the choice I think I would go along with roads that the design work has already been done for rather than something that has to be done in a hurry, for which there was no design work. Which is another example, Mr. Speaker, and I am sorry that the man is not here, but I am sure

MR. CALLAN: - that when the Auditor General made that remark in his report, that I say to the newly elected members on the other side, especially the ones who have rural districts, keep an eye on the Minister of Fisheries, keep your eye on him, If there is any way that he can get an extra half a million dollars for his district, he is going to get it, because it has happened in the past. I would say that if the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) or the Premier or whoever were to table a list of the roads that were done in the district of Bonavista South over the last ten years

MR. CALLAN: and also show when design work was done, you will discover the design work was done after the road was identified.

MR. SPEAKER (AYLWARD): Order please!

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, on that I conclude my few remarks. Thank-you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Here, here.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Member for St. John's Center.

DR. McNICHOLAS: Mr. Speaker, the first duty I have is to congratulate the Speaker on his election. I would like to congratulate you also. Sir on your election as Deputy-Speaker. For myself, I would like to thank all hon. members, both on this side and on the other side of the House, for electing me as Deputy-Chairman of Committees. I know only full well that I am going to make some mistakes but the ones I make will be mistakes of judgement and I can assure you there will not be any question of bias on my part.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Here, here!

DR. McNICHOLAS: I would like to congratulate, also, all hon. members both new and old. I would like to congratulate my friend, the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary). I might be permitted, in conveying my congratulations, to mention to the hon. Leader of the Opposition that people in glass houses do not throw stones. If I read correctly in the press over the last week or so, there seemed to be a fair amount of criticism of the hon. the Premier's salary of forty thousand a year. I do not know if all members of this hon. House are aware that the Leader of the Opposition is paid almost three quarters of that salary. And while the job of Leader of the Opposition is a very responsible and onerous one, and one which I think

DR. McNICHOLAS: well intitles him to that salary, I do not think it comes near the awesome responsibilities that the Leader of this Province has. Sometimes I think we all have our priorities wrong. I know that in my own profession some of the new doctors, ones who have only just interned, if you like, who are still wet behind the ears, can go out and in their first year of practice they can make \$100,000. Now, I am not questioning the salaries or incomes of doctors, far be it for me to do that, but I think sometimes we get our priorities wrong. The general public have an idea that those in politics are not doing or working at a very hard job. From my little experience of members on both sides of the House, I know that to be absolutely incorrect. I would like to congratulate the hon. the Premier on a fantastic win.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Here, here!

DR. McNICHOLAS: I am sure if we had had another week to go, some of the hon. members on the other side would not be with us at the present time. I think, Mr. Speaker, it is very sad that, after this tremendous vote of confidence by the people of Newfoundland, the federal

DR. MCNICHOLAS: Minister of Justice (Mr.Chretien), he sneaked in here last week - or do you call it snuck in? - but anyway he came in here last week, not to see the Premier of this Province, not to see any responsible member of government at all, he came here to see the defeated member for the district of Bonavista North (Mr.Stirling) and other members of the Opposition Party. I think, Mr. Speaker, that was an awful insult to the people of Newfoundland. I think it was an awful insult to the highest court in Newfoundland, when he brought a message that he was by-passing that court and presenting a different story to the Supreme Court of Canada, instead of first going through our own Supreme Court here, which is the traditional way of resolving constitutional problems. I think we were insulted by a federal government that really has lost all credibility in Canada. We are in the worst depression since the thirties. I know that the rest of the Western World is going through a depression, but any of us who read the financial papers will realize that Canada is worse off than any of the other industrial nations such as the U.S. or Europe or Japan. And I feel, Mr. Speaker, if we had a federal election tomorrow morning the result would be the same as we had a few weeks ago here in Newfoundland. And, Mr. Speaker, - these are the people who want to take over the running of our offshore, take over control. This is part of their great scheme of oil self-sufficiency in 1090.

The federal government had three prongs to their National Energy Programme. And that programme, as we all know now, is in a shambles.

DR. MCNICHOLAS: We had, first of all, the Alsands Programme. The federal government dickered, and dithered with the private oil companies until the oil companies threw up their hands and said " We want none of your programme, because you want to grab too much". The other prong that the federal government had

DR. P. McNICHOLAS was the Alaskan Highway natural gas pipeline. What happened there? That is a pipeline going to nowhere, an empty pipeline that cost the Canadian tax payers millions and millions of dollars. Mr. Speaker, at long last it looks as if we may be getting some way along the road to a corridor for our own hydro-electric power. I am sure in my mind that the federal courts will uphold the decision of our own Newfoundland court, and I pray when that comes, that we can get down to discussions with the Quebec Government not to build a new transmission line across Quebec and other places at an enormous expense but to come to an agreement, a reasonable agreement, that instead of the Quebec Government getting a profit of 500 million dollars per year and we getting \$10 million, that we can come to an acceptable arrangement that will give us a fair deal and give the Quebec Government a fair deal and allow us to transmit the power from the Lower Churchill along the route that is already established. I want to just say one brief word about the fish stocks. I can not pretend to be an expert on the fishing industry, but it seems ludicrous to me that when our fish plants and our fish workers are out of work, that we are having this love affair with the communists. It seems to me that with the federal government, to get an extra share of fishing off our coast, you have to be communist, you have to be a Russian or a Pole, or a Cuban. But our

DR. P. McNICHOLAS: own fishermen cannot get it. What we want is not complete control, what we want is a meaningful say in the fisheries off our own coast. Mr. Speaker, before I finish I want to say a few words about my own district of St. John's Centre. I want to pledge to the voters there that I will look after their interests to the best of my ability. I want to thank them very sincerely for electing me again as their member. I think in my maiden speech in this house I mentioned that we had two main problems in St. John's Centre and, unfortunately, we still have these two main problems. One is unemployment. Unemployment is just frightful in St. John's Centre, Mr. Speaker. I cannot blame the federal government completely for that, I would be dishonest and unfair if I said that. I certainly cannot blame our own provincial government. There are, however, transfer payments that are due to us that would help. There are DREE programmes that, if they were implemented would help. But there is a general air of despondency throughout St. John's Centre. I am looking forward to the offshore oil programme being implemented which will be a tremendous boost, both directly and indirectly, to the people in my district. The last or the second problem that we have in the district, and one that I get more calls about than anything else is from the people who cannot afford to pay the going rate for housing. That is really a tremendous problem, to get enough subsidized rental units for the people in St. John's. I bombard the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing all the time about getting facilities and help for my constituents.

DR. MCNICHOLAS:

While they do the best they can, they come back and tell me that there are 600 and 700 and sometimes 800 people on the waiting list.

I was interested--there before the last election, the hon. the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) tabled a document that showed we were having 148 new subsidized units in the St. John's area. I think it was dated St. Patrick's Day, that is why I remember the day. But I would like to say to the Minister of Development I would like to see him get together again with Mr. Rompkey, the hon. Mr. Rompkey or whoever deals with the federal side, and they provide 75 per cent of the cost of these units, because the 148 units here in St. John's will only be a small drop in the bucket. We want at least 500 to break that impasse.

Mr. Speaker, I am looking forward to the next four years or five years. I am very grateful for the opportunity to take part. Thank you very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (AYLWARD): The hon. member for Stephenville.

MR. STAGG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue today is whether or not we support the amendment put by the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) which basically would negate all of the matters put forward in the Speech from the Throne read in the House of Assembly some time ago. Well, let me say from the beginning, Mr. Speaker, that I am unconvinced by the arguments put forward by the member for Terra Nova, that his motion should not carry

MR. STAGG: and I will
be voting against it at the appropriate time.

Now, the traditional means of approaching the Address in Reply or an amendment thereto, is that a person says something about his district, and that gives a person an opportunity to lead members of the House of Assembly and anyone else who might be interested, on a sort of a geographical tour and an environmental and economical tour of his district. I would like to take a few minutes to do that, Mr. Speaker. I represent the district of Stephenville which is one of the more urban districts in Newfoundland.

MR. HODDER: Can you go for half an hour
on it?

MR. STAGG: Can I go for half an hour?
The hon. opposition House Leader (Mr. Hodder) - I do not know if he is honourable or not but I will put it there with a small 'h' - wants me to go for half an hour because he does not have any speakers lined up on his side of the House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, Hear.

MR. STAGG: Yes, I can go for half an hour.
As a matter of fact, I can go until six o'clock if hon. members want me to.

I want to speak
about my district, Mr. Speaker. And the highlight of this year will be the Stephenville festival which is coming up in July of this year. I have already distributed to hon. members the brochure which has been put out by the committee.

MR. HODDER: How about the free tickets?

MR. STAGG: There will be no free tickets.
I will say that to the hon. member. The Auditor General need not fret - if the Auditor General decided to come over, however, I would buy him a ticket. And I would also say this to hon. members opposite and also hon. members here,

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MR. STAGG: any hon. member who attends these
marvellous theatrical functions will get tickets bought
by the member for the district. So I will put that in
writing if necessary.

MR. F. STAGG: But if you want to come over to Stephenville in July of this year, beginning on the 19th of July and going on until August the first, you can see Jesus Christ Superstar. This is not me of course, I am not in that one. Of course it is going to be a very entertaining musical. A comedy by Oscar Wilde, called, The Importance Of Being Earnest. The Newfoundland premiere, on the World Premiere of a new musical, written by Barry Stagg,

MR. TULK: Who?

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, Barry Stagg. I have a brother Barry Stagg, but it is not the Barry Stagg who is my brother who has written this musical, it is written by a gentleman from Montreal

MR. CALLAN: Any relation at all?

MR. STAGG: No relation though. I think we imminately Devon, originally back in antiquity, some time in the eighteenth century or so, I think. There maybe some connection because there are not too many Stagg's around. Anyway, this musical is called "Sometimes We Die" and it concerns the Newfoundland seal hunt. It is a tribute to the sealers and the things that they go through and went through, and it is set at the turn of the century. I have heard some of the songs. They are excellent! It would be an evening of great enjoyment for hon. members. Three other productions: The Newfoundland Herald; which is a comedy review, spoofing the Newfoundland Herald; A play called Tennessee and Me, about the works of Tennessee Williams, and a play called The Children's Crusade, which will have the local theatre group, children's version, doing the work on it. So I submit to hon. gentlemen, if you are planning to tour around Newfoundland this summer -

MR. SIMMS: How about the ladies?

MR. STAGG: Hon. Gentlemen and ladies too, of course, it would be a delightful stop. It is a

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MR. STAGG:

non-partisan affair, and I

welcome hon. members opposite as much as I welcome hon members
on this side of the House. It should indeed be a great function.
Of course in Stephenville we also have the Abitibi - Price, Pulp
and Paper Mill, which is the successor to the Linerboard mill.
A lot of people still call it the

MR. STAGG: Linerboard mill but it is not a linerboard mill, it is in the business of manufacturing the finest paper in the world. The word back from the press rooms of the world, the great newspapers of the world, is that the paper made at Stephenville is, if not the best, among the best made in the world.

MR. NEARY: When the Liberals build a mill 'boy' they build a good one.

MR. STAGG: Of course, hon. members opposite caterwaul and say that you can thank the federal government for it and so on. Well, I will just demure on that. It was at best a joint effort between the federal and the provincial governments. And, by far, the lions share of the accolades for the resurrection of that institution and the construction of the Labrador Linerboard and its perseverance through years or difficulty go to the provincial government and do not anybody forget that.

MR. NEARY: Who built it?

MR. STAGG: The mill, by the way, Mr. Speaker - I get a bit of prompting - the mill was built by John Crosbie and Frank Moores from 1971 until 1973. It was opened in 1973. It was a shell when we took over the government in January of 1972. I know, I lived through it. So it was built - make no mistake about it - it was built by this government, by this -

MR. NEARY: It was a Liberal concept.

MR. STAGG: Yes, it was a Liberal concept all right. It was a grand imperial Liberal concept, yes.

MR. NEARY: Because of the loss, that, of the United States base concept.

MR. STAGG: I could go on for days, Mr. Speaker, about the grand Liberal concepts that fell aborning and died aborning in Stephenville. We have been the recipients of a great deal of bad publicity, and much of it extrapolated to the people of Stephenville and to the people of the area, to some way say that they are

MR. STAGG: responsible for the failures. The failures in the Stephenville area have been, by far, the result of government inattention.

We also have in Stephenville, Mr. Speaker, the Bay St. George Community College.

MR. NEARY: I hear that the government is going to charge tuition fees out there now in the college.

MR. STAGG: Going to start charging tuition fees.

MR. NEARY: Too much! Too much!

MR. STAGG: Well, surely there are tuition fees. There have always been fees at the Bay St. George Community College, Mr. Speaker. They have been most reasonable and they have been availed of by thousands of people. It is an excellent institution. It is a landmark institution. As a matter of fact, approximately two weeks ago I officiated at the opening of the main campus of the Bay St. George Community College, building 360, which was once owned by Mr. Doyle and his people, the Javelin group, and is now the subject of a constant serial coming down from a

MR. STAGG: courtroom either somewhere
in Ottawa or Quebec.

MR. HODDER: What courses do they charge
for now?

MR. STAGG: Pardon!

MR. HODDER: I was just wondering how
much they were charging for courses.

MR. STAGG: Well, there are fees for
a number of courses.

MR. HODDER: But, these are non-credit
courses right?

MR. STAGG: Certainly, yes. Non-
credit courses.

MR. WARREN: There what?

MR. HODDER: Non-credit courses.

MR. STAGG: And, of course, the Bay
St. George Community College is a joint project of
Canada Manpower and the Provincial Government and,
generally speaking, it works well. Now, the institution,
is a landmark institution, Mr. Speaker. It is one that
people in other districts, who are looking for increased
emphasis in education in their districts, might well
pattern themselves after. It is something that is a
harbinger of things to come, both in Newfoundland and in
other parts of the country. We also have in Stephenville,
of course, an International Airport which has been the subject
of some considerable discussion over a period of years.
Let there be no mistake about it, Mr. Speaker -

MR. NEARY: Thanks to a good
Transportation Minister

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, let there be
no mistake about it, we have a superior facility in
Stephenville. It is on a par with the -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Here, here!

MR. STAGG: - it is on a par with the
Goose Bay Airport. As far as the major components of

MR. STAGG: airports are concerned,
it is an airport that really has very few equals in the-

MR. NEARY: Are you going to give
(inaudible) a little praise or not?

MR. STAGG: I will deal with
Labatts do not worry. Hon. members opposite hope that
they can interject and maybe get me off the topic,
but I have some notes made.

MR. TULK: We are trying to get
you going.

MR. STAGG: You are trying to get
me going? I will get to you fellows eventually.
Although Mr. Speaker, I must say that these days
you pretty well have to talk over the heads of the
Opposition, because they are so few of them. They are
leading a charmed life. The press will not let anybody
critize them. Because they are so few in number, they
can pretty well get away with anything in the House.

MR. STAGG: The CBC and other media have set themselves up as the Opposition in the province, and now the major objective of the Opposition is to regain their status as Opposition. So, if I can help the Hon. members in doing that, by all means.

MR. CALLAN: The Ombudsman is helping us and the Auditor General.

MR. STAGG: Yes, well they may be doing their best to help hon. members but the hon. members are leading a charmed life. You are in the honeymoon period now. Hon. members are in the honeymoon period - and the honeymoon is going to last for a year or so.

MR. NEARY: The honeymoon is over, over there.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, in the Stephenville area, although we have made tremendous strides since 1966, as I have said many times, the history of Stephenville really began in 1966. It is a community that is really only sixteen years of age as far as industrial development is concerned. Because in 1966, when the Americans moved out in a rather - I guess, course is not exactly the correct word, but they moved out with very little notice and with very little feeling towards the area - gave very little notice - and the economy that had been built up around the American Airforce Base really was rent asunder and the town literally turned into a ghost town over night. And through the various interventions by governments and by the private sector -

MR. NEARY: And by the Liberals.

MR. STAGG: - we have achieved considerable gains in the Stephenville area over the past sixteen years.

MR. STAGG: But, Mr. Speaker, let me say that I am not satisfied with where we stand at the present time. Stephenville is the focal industrial point for the Bay St. George Area. And we are not satisfied with the unemployment rate in our area, it is very high, it is unacceptably high and, I guess, to some extent we are a microcosm of the Newfoundland economy verses the Canadian economy. We sit in the midst of tremendous resources. The Bay St. George, which is the salt water bay on which we border, is a prolific bay. It has all kinds of fishery resource in it, yet very little of the fish is caught and processed in our area and that is a matter that is of considerable concern to me and I am sure to other Bay St. George members, that we want to get the - the resource is just offshore and it is being taken elsewhere. We have the possibility, of course, of oil exploration in the area and hopefully something will come of that. We have had oil on the West Coast for a long time. We have had oil in our family for quite some time. Out in the district of Port au Port, which I had the honour to represent from 1972 to 1975, when all the paving was done out there, Mr. Speaker, the magnificent roads, the Stagg highway on the North and South of the Port au Port peninsula,

MR. STAGG: there are tremendous resources there as well. In addition to the possibility of oil being commercially discovered there, there is one of the greatest limestone resources in all of the world.

MR. HODDER: You would not know but the whole district was Stephenville.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, I am in the center of Bay St. George, and I do not consider that Stephenville stands alone or aloof from its neighbouring districts. That is the historical -

MR. TULK: I bet it was discovered by the vikings, was it?

MR. STAGG: - that is the historical pattern that is developed in our area. If the hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) does not want me to say anything nice about his district, well, that is too bad, because I am going to continue to do so.

MR. BAIRD: What about Corner Brook?

MR. STAGG: He will have the opportunity to speak in the debate as well. And, of course, the great district of St. Georges is probably one of the largest districts geographically in the whole of the province, and it is literally a treasure trove of resources. The potash development there, of course, is a very distinct possibility, there is a lot of drilling going on. Stephenville will be the focal point for development in all of these areas, the retail and wholesale and professional center for all of Bay St. George. Hon. members opposite want me to talk about Labatts. They must be getting thirsty, they want me to talk about Labatts. Well, let me say what I said about Labatts earlier, Mr. Speaker, that I consider what Labatts did to Stephenville a very despicable act. They did a very despicable thing, they moved into Stephenville in 1973 and they took over a brewery and they produced a high quality product.

MR. STAGG: It is one of the best little breweries, best breweries in the whole world, it was State of the Art at the time, in the late sixties and seventies, and to some extent it still is, and they surreptitiously and in a coarse and cavalier manner, used the Stephenville brewery to develop and maintain the markets in the whole of the Province and then expanded their St. John's operation to such an extent that they could take care of the whole market and then they closed down the Stephenville operation. They announced it, and it was like sending the shock troops, it was done very professionally and there was no way they could come back. There was no way they would come back. Now that is what Labatts did, Mr. Speaker, A lot of us still drink Labatts, as a matter of fact I even have the odd Labatts myself, because some people that I know and respect still work for them. But it is an indication of the kind of business that is not welcome in the Province and I deplore what they did. Now, the hon. member opposite, the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder), would have liked to have had the government in and declare Stephenville a Labatts area

MR. STAGG: and force them to go back into operation and the people there could only drink Labatts or something of that type. Well, I decided that that is not consistent with our philosophy. I am not content, I am not happy with what happened, but suffice it to say that I have let my feelings be known far and wide on that particular subject.

AN HON. MEMBER: The hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) has spoken staunchly on that subject, you know.

MR. STAGG: Yes, for sure. The member for Port au Port waited around for quite a while before he said anything on it.

Now, Mr. Speaker, in the Stephenville area, as I said, all is not well as far as employment is concerned. We have an awful lot of poor people in the Stephenville area. And I must say that going around in March and April of this year I was astounded at the poverty that I saw, driving along the main street in your car and so on as I do most of the time. I do not get around door to door other than in elections. And I must say that probably that is something that I will have to remedy.

AN HON. MEMBER: You should expose yourself more.

MR. STAGG: The hon. member said, I should expose myself more and then they might defeat me. But I was astounded at the poverty. Maybe it is that time of the year. But there is definitely an onus on me, as a legislator, to do my utmost to rectify that situation. And certainly I am directing myself in that direction and will continue to do so.

One of the programmes that the federal government has that I think is a magnificent programme and is fairly and impartially administered, is the

MR. STAGG: RRAP Programme which is basically throughout Newfoundland and in some urban areas.

MR. HODDER: I have had it four years before you did.

MR. STAGG: Yes, the hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) has had the RRAP Programme in his district and it has been excellently implemented by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and their people. It is now extended into St. George's and other area of St. George's, the Codroy Valley through the efforts of the member for St. George's. And I must say, Mr. Speaker, that one of the things that I have directed myself towards, in my representation of the district of Stephenville since 1979, is to get the RRAP Programme extended to Stephenville. It is called Urban RRAP. And that is coming very near to fruition. It is in the discussion stages and just the loose ends have to be tied up. At least that is what I have been told recently.

So that will mean, Mr. Speaker, that the people of Stephenville, many of these poor people, that I saw living in accommodations that are substandard, and they need a break to

MR. F. STAGG have these accommodations upgraded, they will get the opportunity under the RRAP programme formula of so much of a grant and then a relatively low interest loan, and that should be coming to the Stephenville area in due course, hopefully sometime in 1982. I must commend the Stephenville Town Council for their efforts in that regard. On this occasion they have very enthusiastically embraced the idea of the RRAP programme. Unfortunately, in 1977 and 1978, almost coincident with the closedown of the Labrador Linerboard, there was a possibility of a RRAP coming to Stephenville but it was rejected at that time by the then council and I think that was a mistake. I was not the member for the district at the time, Mr. Speaker, so I cannot be faulted on it. But the present council has agreed. And whatever the financial input they have to put in to it, they have agreed to do so and I must say I commend them for it. The citizenry of the community are going to be quite delighted about it. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct myself briefly to some of the issues that are topical within the Province at this time. I do not know- how much time I do have left Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER Six minutes.

MR. STAGG Six minutes. Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not have time to work myself up into my usual frenzy, so I will have to speak in a more - in the temperate manner that I have become accustomed to in this particular foray.

MR. WARREN Speak up.

MR. STAGG The Province, Mr. Speaker - we again are speaking over the heads of the Opposition on matters relating to resource development. Members of the Opposition and ourselves were unified and unanimous on one subject recently. It is a kind of unanimity one sees very seldom and it has transcended the partisan nature of the House. When one looks at the situation in this Province, of where we stand at this particular time, I am sure that hon. members Opposite, when they

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MR.F. STAGG are called upon in 1984 to support their federal colleagues, are going to have smirks of satisfaction on their faces. They will say, " Well, I got in 1982, in spite of you guys, got in

MR. STAGG: in 1982, in spite of you fellows. And in 1984, when they go back to the electorate, 'They have made their beds and they will have to lie in them.' And why, Mr. Speaker, why will the members of the Opposition be reluctant to go out an campaign for the federal candidates in 1984, or thereabouts? Well, I will give you a couple of reasons why, Mr. Speaker. Because in the field of resource development, the field of resource development, fisheries development, for instance, hon. members opposite, they feel as keenly about Newfoundland as we do in many areas.

MR. WALSH: Not in all areas.

MR. STAGG: No, not in all areas. They are made of quite as stern stuff as we are.

MR. TOBIN: They would not like to settle.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, in the field of fisheries development, why will the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) not be out slobbering at the jaws to support the member for Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin)? Well, I will give you one simple reason, Mr. Speaker, that in the field of fisheries development that member stood silently by and has been unwilling or unable, or too scared, or too chicken or whatever you want to call it, to speak out against the devastation of our caplin resource by the federal government and their friends the Russians, and the giving of hundreds of thousands of tons of fish, millions and millions of pounds of fish to the Russians, of all people, to the Russians. And what do we get in return? Is there anything given in return? No, Mr. Speaker. They do not even restrict the selling of Ladas, in the province. You can go downtown and you can get a Lada that is apparently one of the cheapest vehicles that you can get, and its sididized by the Russians

MR. HODDER: Is there any difference between a Lada and a Toyota?

MR. STAGG: There is not much difference between a Lada and a Toyota, Mr. Speaker, because they are both the result of give-aways by the federal government, the friends of honorable gentlemen opposite. The current cliché, the current cliché in fisheries, Mr. Speaker, is that there are too many fishermen chasing too few fish. How many times have we heard it? And it is such a poetic, - is almost poetic; too many fishermen chasing too few fish. Its like how people in a semi-academic way talk about what inflation is, too much money chasing too few goods, and that sort of thing. And if you say it often enough you will think, oh yes that is the problem with the Newfoundland fishery. Well, Mr. Speaker, it appears, it certainly

MR. STAGG: appears as if there is something wrong with that, because evidently there is an awful lot of fish, there is surplus fish off our coast that the Federal Government gives over to Mr. Brezhnev and his people so that the people of the Steppes in Russia and the various republics in Russia have protein, and meanwhile, Newfoundlanders suffer under the yoke of unemployment. If it were not so tragic, one could think it humorous. Here we are in the midst of the greatest fish resource in the whole world and we are being denied the use of it, and it is certainly something that has to be rectified. Now, time will take care of it, Mr. Speaker. At least I have optimism that time will take care of it, but I am not sure that we will be alive when it happens. Because it certainly appears as if the current philosophy that is extant at the federal level is that these are resources out in the hinterland, they are there for the exploitation of the central powers, And that seems to be something that vast numbers of people in Central Canada accept, that there are people out there in the hinterlands and they exist for the benefit of the chosen majority who happen to live in Central Canada. And that is something that is not only held by the Liberals, not only held by Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Chretien, but there is a creeping acceptance of that among people, among the journalists who say that if the Premier of this Province speaks out against the devastation of our resources as far as fisheries are concerned -

MR. BAIRD: Time is up!

MR. STAGG: Maybe the hon. member is coming events casting their shadow. One of our hon. members is sitting over there heckling me, and has caused me to

MR. STAGG: forget my train of thought here, Mr. Speaker, I have not even mentioned the current fiasco and the problems that we are having with the Federal Government on the offshore. Those of you who want to hear what I have to say about the offshore, I suggest that you get the Hansard of May 19, 1982 where I made a 20 minute speech on the subject. I think I covered the subject quite well.

MR. STAGG:

Suffice it to

say, Mr. Speaker, that it would appear that the offshore can only be solved at the political level. Only at the political level can it be solved. The courts will never solve this problem because it is a problem that goes beyond a legal solution and it is inappropriate for the courts to be deciding it. It is not inconceivable that the courts will still be dealing with this subject when the federal election of 1984 or thereabout is called. And I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the people of the Province, the people of this Province, will be speaking loud and clear in 1984 when they vote and we send seven or eight - I am not sure if under redistribution we get eight - members to the House of Commons and we will then be able to rectify this situation that has pervaded our economy for so long.

I just want to read into the record again, Mr. Speaker, what Mr. Clark said on September 14, 1979. Almost three years ago, Mr. Clark enunciated the basic principles concerning offshore mineral resources. And the first principle is the one that is important. This is the embodiment of an agreement between Peckford and Clark, the Peckford-Clark formula for development of Newfoundland resources where he said, "The Province of Newfoundland should own the mineral resources of the Continental margin off its coast. Insofar as Canada is entitled to exercise sovereign rights over these resources in accordance with international law, such ownership should be, to the extent possible, of the same nature as if these resources were located within the boundaries of the Province. The legislative jurisdiction of the Province should, to the extent possible, be the same as for these resources within the boundaries of the Province". Now, that was Prime Minister Joe Clark in September, 1979. And we were faced with the

MR. STAGG: It is a matter that has taken up the creative energies of our leaders for the past three years. And I have no doubt that it will sap the creative energies and the endurance of our leaders for quite some time. If we accomplish nothing else, Mr. Speaker, during our term in office but to maintain and assure that the people of this Province have that resource to call upon for the preservation of our way of life, then our time will have been well served. I know I am over, Mr. Speaker, and I certainly would like to go on for the next half hour.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

MR. STAGG: By leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

MR. CALLAN: Set an example for the new members.

MR. STAGG: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have leave to continue. So I certainly will continue.

MR. NEARY: No you have not got leave.

MR. STAGG: Leave once granted cannot be taken back, Mr. Speaker, as you will know from the rules. The House Leader said, "By leave", and I guess -

MR. NEARY: Sit down you are out of order.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, they are withdrawing leave. Mr. Speaker, can leave once granted be withdrawn? I raise that as a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I heard it distinctly, I am sure Your Honour did as well, that the House Leader for the Opposition (Mr. Hodder) said that I could carry on by leave. I am prepared to carry on, Mr. Speaker. So I raise that as a point of order, whether or not I may carry on.

MR. SPEAKER (DR. MCNICHOLAS): A point of order. The member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) has raised a point of order about continuing speaking. And I understand that leave has been -

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, are you taking any contributions on that point of order, any submissions, Your Honour?

MR. SPEAKER (MCNICHOLAS): Yes.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order. Personally I do not think there is a point of order, Mr. Speaker. And I believe if the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) was being courteous to the Chair that he would withdraw that. Because all he is doing is being mischievous. It is not a point of order, Mr. Speaker. In the first instance, there was no leave granted. And even if leave was granted, the Opposition has the right individually, collectively, to withdraw leave any time they feel like it. There is ample precedence in this House, Mr. Speaker, there are numerous precedents as my hon. friend the member for Grand Falls (Mr. Simms) knows. They are almost too numerous to count. So I would think that my hon. friend from Stephenville is just being catty with Your Honour, trying to take advantage of Your Honour.

MR. HODDER: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: And I think if he wants to be courteous to the Chair that he should withdraw that mischievous, so-called point of order that he just raised.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Speaker, I asked for leave to speak, to continue speaking. I had

MR. STAGG:

spoken for half an hour, I was getting into the offshore issue and I had a lot to say about it. I asked for leave and then hon. members opposite unanimously said that I had leave. But obviously, hon. members opposite did not think I would take them up on it, because when I started off they wondered whether I had half an hours worth of material. So, Mr. Speaker, I will just withdraw my point of order as a courtesy to the Chair, but I think it further indicates the kind of behaviour one can expect from members opposite.

MR. SPEAKER(McNicholas): The hon. member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, we are speaking this evening to an amendment put forward by the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush). The amendment, Mr. Speaker, reads, 'This House re-affirms its faith in the future of Newfoundland and Labrador'. It calls upon the ministry to present to the House and to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador details, a specific outline of their goals for the development of this Province, and the means by which they plan to achieve them. Mr. Speaker, before I get into the few remarks that I want to make on this, let me first of all congratulate the Speaker (Mr. Russell) the Deputy Speaker who is the member for Kilbride (Mr. Aylward), The Chairman of Committees who is the member for St. John's Centre (Dr. McNicholas), the new members, and the older members on their re-election and all those people who filled the various offices. I want especially, Mr. Speaker, to congratulate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), who, after eighteen years, has to come to fill -

MR. NEARY: Twenty years.

MR. TULK: Twenty years. You will not let me

MR. TULK: forget, will you? - after twenty years has come to fill one of the most important posts in this Legislature.

MR. NEARY: I only have one more seat to occupy now.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, I was surprised when the member for St. John's Center (Dr. McNicholas) rose to defend the salary of the Premier in this Legislature, and he went on to point out that the Leader of the Opposition's (Mr. Neary) salary was approximately three-quarters of the Premier's and he felt that that justified everything that has been in the media, and I think, in some ways took the member for LaPoile, or the Leader of the Opposition to task for this weekend's news. I do not think, Mr. Speaker, the concern in this province is as much about the salary of the Premier of the Province as it is about some of the perks -

MR. NEARY: Right on.

MR TULK: - some of the perks that the Premier of this Province gets. And I am going to refer to what I call a short list. It is only a short list, Mr. Speaker, a rent-free house and, I understand, free lights, free telephone, gardeners, bodyguards, chambermaids, chain-link fences, private dining-rooms, free motor cars, airplanes,

MR. TULK:

The district of Fogo, Mr.

Speaker, is perhaps as bad off as any district in this Province, with the exception of perhaps the Northern Peninsula and the Labrador Coast in water and sewer, road work and a transportation system in general. The transportation system on Fogo Island, Mr. Speaker, is ridiculous, it has been ridiculous. Mr. Speaker, the strange thing about it is that when we talk about economic development in this Province, Fogo Island should perhaps be the one place, perhaps the best place if not the only place, in Newfoundland that we should point to. As you see, Mr. Speaker, there has been a great movement by governments, there has been a great movement by governments, to first of all to go in and put in the infrastructure in any community or in any economic area and then afterwards hope that economic development will take place. Mr. Speaker, the reverse is what has happened on Fogo Island. People of Fogo Island themselves, when faced with either the choice to resettle or choice to develop, said, No, we will stay. We will develop this Province, and they have done that, they have done that. They have made an economic base that is almost second to none in this province. And they have done it out of the fishery and they have done it themselves through their own efforts. Yet, they do not have a decent transportation system, they do not have a decent water and sewer system, there is not a community on Fogo Island with a water and sewer system.

MR. TULK: Not one, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HODDER: And after this budget there still will not be one there.

MR. TULK: After this budget there probably still will not be one. In 1979, Fogo Island produced 22 million pounds of ground fish. And the other day the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) rose in this House and spoke about the Russian quotas. I want to tell the Minister of Fisheries that that particular part of my district alone produces one-fifth of the wealth of what he was talking about in that particular fishery.

MR. BAIRD: You are agreeing with the give-away. Are you?

MR. TULK: So, the value - I will get to the give-away in a few minutes now, Mr. Speaker. I will get to the give-away. There is only one thing that I would like to give-away and that is the member for Humber West (Mr. Baird). I tried to give him away just now but he left.

MR. TULK: There is not a community that has the right type of transportation system, recreation problems; If the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) needs a place to go to try an experiment on what should be done with recreation, perhaps Fogo Island is the place to go. It is a place, Mr. Speaker, where, if those people got their justice, the social infrastructure should be there. They have made it, its not a gift to them. Perhaps, we should, in recognition of the new dollars that they provide every year to this economy, perhaps we should undertake, as a House and a government, to see that they get that social infrastructure. Mr. Speaker, most of my district is a fishing district, and the same applies to communities like Lumsden, and Musgrave Harbour. Lumsden has one of the unique problems. I think there are now 17 or 18 longliners, operating out of Lumsden. It was one

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MR. TULK of the salt fish capitals of Newfoundland, and with the death of the salt fish trade, of course, Lumsden lost its importance. Today now it is starting to gain importance as one of the fresh fish ports in this Province.

MR. TULK: But mention harbour facilities, and they are long overdue, but mention them, Mr. Speaker, and you get a deaf ear. Musgrave Harbour; Again there is a need for expansion in the processing sector and in furthering fishing facilities in that community. The fishermen in Musgrave Harbour, in order to get a boat out of the water, have to go either to Wesleyville or Twillingate for haulouts for some of the largest longliners in Newfoundland.

The communities of Ladle Cove and Aspen Cove, the community where I live, they have struggled for everything they have. In 1978 this government had the audacity to send the RCMP in and push those people in the ditch. And, at the end of it, promised them that before the Bonavista North Loop Road was finished they would have paved highways. Well, Mr. Speaker, the Bonavista North Loop Road was paved some two and-a-half years ago and the people of Ladle Cove and Aspen Cove still do not have that commitment honoured by this government.

AN HON. MEMBER: They never will honour it.

MR. TULK: Carmenville and the Gander Bay area. Carmenville obviously has great potential for development. But, as the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) knows, all of the pleas of that municipality have fallen on deaf ears. The potential for forestry is great in the Northern Cove, Davis Cove, Main Point, Gander Bay South and Clark's Head area.

AN HON. MEMBER: Call it six o'clock, will you.

MR. TULK: You can leave anytime you feel like it. The potential for forestry is great - was great I should say, it was great. The forests in that area, Mr. Speaker, have been largely devastated partly due to the budworm but, by and large, due to overmature timber and allowing the companies to do what they wish. Mr. Speaker,

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The problems now being experienced by fishermen in this province have been experienced by them ever since John Cabot let down the first basket. What are they? What are the problems? What are the basic problems that fishermen face? The Throne Speech again speaks of a cost price squeeze. I suspect that the Premier must of invented that one. Because it says nothing, it is just new words saying the same thing. Mr. Speaker, throughout the history of the fishery along the Northeast Coast, with rare exception, when the costs were up the prices were down. If you could get the costs down the price also stayed down with it.

MR. NEARY

Good point.

MR. TULK

With rare exceptions along that coast, Mr. Speaker, those who caught that fish were at some government's or some fish buyer's mercy, for both the cost of their gear and the price of their fish. Marketing again, marketing: They have always been, the Northeast Coasters have always been at the mercy of those not accountable to fishermen for their action. They can lower the price at will. So, Mr. Speaker, short-term, what is called the short-term in this Throne Speech has indeed become long-term. Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves this year, in this Province, in a very peculiar situation. Not really peculiar, because it has happened many times before, but we find ourselves, where - it is happening on the West Coast right now - where, if we catch fish, if we have a good harvest of fish, we may not be able to sell it. Mr. Speaker, the other point is, if we are able to sell it, then perhaps at today's price we may not be able to catch enough fish to pay for the cost of operation. And now, Mr. Speaker, we find our Fisheries Minister using the catch worth of 'quality', quality again, and again the primary emphasis is put on fishermen and not the processor's to see that quality is brought up to par. We know, as every fishermen in Newfoundland knows, that a large part of the problem with the quality is the producers themselves

MR. TULK: and the way they handle their fish.

Mr. Speaker, the Throne Speech also goes on.

MR. NEARY: Not the producers, the processors.

MR. TULK: The processors. Another word, another phrase that has been thrown around the fishery, another catch word for years has been

MR. TULK: structural changes: In this years's Throne Speech we see product diversification as part of the structural change. Quality is part of the structural change, and marketing.

MR. NEARY: That is like an overview. The word a couple of years ago was 'overview'.

MR. TULK: Yes, I think it was. The word a few years ago was 'overview'. Mr. Speaker, I want to emphasize two key words. Two of those key words are 'product diversification' and 'marketing'.

Mr. Speaker, I had no problem the other day when the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) in this House stood up and said, 'We cannot allow foreign boats to take our offshore fish'. I have no problem with that. I agree with him. Because, you see, Mr. Speaker, I am finding it very difficult - I went on to ask the Premier (Mr. Peckford), the member for St. John's Centre (Dr. McNicholas) and I asked the minister the other day what he meant by 'surplus stocks'. Now, Mr. Speaker, what are they? Surplus stock is supposedly something that we have not traditionally caught or that we do not have the capability now of catching. Mr. Speaker, I will repeat that, we have not traditionally caught that species of fish or we do not have the technology to catch it.

MR. NEARY: Right on! That is what they call a surplus stock.

MR. TULK: That is a surplus stock.

MR. NEARY: That is right.

MR. TULK: Now, Mr. Speaker, surely after 400 to 500 years that is a sad commentary on the Canadian fishing industry. There should be, Mr. Speaker, no surplus stock. There are no surplus stocks. If we have not developed the capabilities then as a Province and as a country, surely we should develop them.

MR. TULK: Mr. Speaker, I want to come to something else. I heard the Premier groan last week when I asked the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) if it meant the Russians were going to pull out of St. John's, I heard the Premier groan, Mr. Speaker. I think he feels that I have got something against St. John's. I heard some groans from over that way. I think it was the Premier. If it was not, well - and the minister refused to get out of his seat and answer the question. There was that feeling that I had something against St. John's. It is not true, Mr. Speaker. That is not true. That is not true. There is a feeling over there that we are saying that urban versus rural. Well, Mr. Speaker, it is vice versa. We say - no it is not vice versa - we say that urban depends on rural and rural depends on urban in this Province. There can be no doubt about that.

MR. TULK: We depend on the urban areas in rural Newfoundland for certain services and I think, by and large, it is fair to say that the urban areas depend on us for perhaps what has been called new dollars. Mr. Speaker, I asked the question because it is a very real point. One of the quotas that were given away, that were given to the Russians, was 8,000 tons - I believe it was 8,000 tons of a species called Silver-egg.

MR. NEARY: It is a beautiful tasting fish.

MR. TULK: Now, surely, surely we in this Province can develop that, can develop that fishery, and, Mr. Speaker, supply far more new dollars to St. John's. We may, Mr. Speaker, even be able to bring in some of our own fishing ships to be serviced in St. John's. Now, Mr. Speaker, 103,000 metric tons, surely would provide more new dollars than the \$4 million that we are now getting from the Russians for fish products that they buy from us, and the \$2.25 million that they spend in St. John's. But yet the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) could not get out of his seat.

MR. NEARY: So our people do not catch Silver-egg, is that it?

MR. TULK: Our people do not catch at least as much Silver-egg as they should.

MR. NEARY: I see, okay.

MR. TULK: Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to praise the Federal Fisheries Minister (Mr. LeBlanc) though. I asked him if he would agree, I asked the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) if he would agree with the Federal Fisheries Minister -

MR. NEARY: That is another thing.

MR. TULK: - okay? And, Mr. Speaker, what did he say? What is the Federal Fisheries Minister now ask-

MR. TULK: ing, now asking the Russians to do?

He is saying, "alright, in order for you to get that quota, of one hundred and some odd metric tons, you must buy \$22.5

million worth of our fish. Now, Mr. Speaker, surely, that -

MR NEARY: How many did they buy?

MR. TULK: return - they bought \$ 4 million worth last year.

MR. NEARY: They have got to buy their boats.

MR. TULK: \$2.25 million spent in St. John's

MR. NEARY: their boats

MR. TULK: Surely the \$22.5 million is a better deal than we have now. Even if the Russians leave St. John's, it is better for this Province and better for St. John's, better for the provincial economy. So, Mr. Speaker, the policies on that side, in my opinion, are shortsighted and they lack some vision, and the first thing they do is they try to paint somebody off against somebody else.

MR. BAIRD: What are you talking about?

MR TULK: He do not know what I am talking about, the poor fellow.

MR. BAIRD: unfortunately, I have not been around as long.

MR. TULK: I have been around fisheries, my son, as long as you and-

MR. PATTERSON: You know no more about the fisheries

MR. TULK Is that right? You love to fight, do you.

MR. PATTERSON: You know as much about the fishery as I do about the other side of the moon.

MR. TULK: The other side of the moon? You mean, you have not been there? I am surprised. Mr. Speaker, -

MR. NEARY: He was only born and raised right in a fishing settlement.

MR. PATTERSON: That is what astounds you.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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MR. TULK: That is what astounds you.

MR. SPEAKER(Russell): Order, please!

MR. TULK: Frightens you to death.

MR. NEARY: You were born in Markland.

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On motion, the House at its rising
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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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MAY 18, 1982

QUESTION: Mr. Warren (Torngat Mountains, to ask the Minister of Rural, Agriculture and Northern Development to lay upon the table of the House the following information:

~~The cost of renovations to Minister's offices in the fiscal years 1979, 1980 and 1981.~~

Names and Salaries of Executive Assistants in 1979, 1980 & 1981.

ANSWER:

FISCAL YEAR	SPECIAL ASSISTANT	ANNUAL SALARY	SALARY PAID BY DEPT.
1979-80 Apr. 1/79 Apr. 8/79	Gerald Power	\$22,478	\$511.32
May 7, 1979 March 31/79	Joseph Collins	\$22,478	\$19,283.58
1980-81 Apr. 1/80 June 18/80	Joseph Collins	\$25,490	\$2,723.31
Sept. 1/80 Mar. 31/80	Winston White	\$25,490	\$14,038.42
1981-82 Apr. 1/81 Mar. 31/82	Winston White effective 1981 04 01 effective 1982 01 01	\$28,906 \$30,351	\$29,750.62

ORDERS OF THE DAY TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1982 QUESTION NO. 13

QUESTION: Mr. Hodder (Port au Port) - To ask the Honourable the Minister of Finance to lay upon the table of the House the following information:

The number of trips taken by the Minister during the fiscal years 1979, 1980 and 1981.

- (a) reason for trip;
- (b) places visited;
- (c) date of departure;
- (d) date of return;
- (e) cost of travel;
- (f) other costs;
- (g) class of air travel;
- (h) airlines used;
- (i) individuals not directly related to government business who accompanied the Minister at government expense.

ANSWER:

Trips taken by Hon. Dr. J. F. Collins

9 - trips - 1979-80
 16 - " - 1980-81
 9 - " - 1981-82

<u>Year</u>	<u>a.</u> <u>Reason for Trip</u>	<u>b.</u> <u>Places Visited</u>	<u>c.</u> <u>Departure Date</u>	<u>d.</u> <u>Return Date</u>	<u>e.</u> <u>Travel Cost</u>	<u>f.</u> <u>Other Costs</u>	<u>g.</u> <u>Class of Air Travel</u>	<u>h.</u> <u>Airlines Used</u>	<u>i.</u> <u>Individuals who accompanied Minister</u>
1978-79					\$185.90 (Mrs. Collins)				
N/A									
1979-80	Representing Premier & Mrs. Peckford Atlantic Premiers' & Eastern Governors Conf. in Montreal and attending First Arabian meetings in Toronto.	Montreal	June 25/79	June 28/79	\$358.00 (Dr. Collins)	\$673.20	Economy	Air Canada	Mrs. J. F. Collins
	Cabinet Meeting	Toronto Wabush	Sept.26/79	Sept.27/79		\$91.63			
	Accompanying Premier to Meetings	Calgary	Oct. 8/79	Oct.11/79	\$575.05	\$503.00	Economy	Air Canada	
	Economic Development Conference	Ottawa	Oct. 22/79	Oct.24/79	\$133.90	\$243.96	Economy	Air Canada	
	First Ministers' Energy Conference	Ottawa	Nov. 11/79	Nov. 13/79	\$263.00	\$249.30	Economy	Air Canada	
	Attending Federal Budget Speech	Ottawa	Dec. 11/79	Dec. 12/79	\$263.00	\$191.00	Economy	Air Canada	
	Cabinet & P & P Meetings	Corner Brook & Stephenville	Jan. 13/80	Jan. 17/80		\$258.94		N/A	
	Treasury Board Meeting	Clareville	Feb.11/80	Feb.12/80		\$276.39 (Includes car rental)		N/A	
	Cabinet Meeting	Corner Brook	Feb.20/80	Feb. 22/80	\$125.30	\$195.10	Economy	E.P.A.	

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1980-81	Closing of Provincial Bond Issue	Toronto	Apr.10/80	Apr.13/80	\$423.00	\$326.51	Economy	Air Canada	
	Accompanying Premier for Power Commission Meetings	New York	Apr.20/80	Apr. 22/80	\$382.30	\$401.16	Economy	Air Canada	
	Petroleum Conference	Houston, Texas	May 4/80	May 8/80	\$1,066.40	\$617.15	First Class	Air Canada	
	Cabinet Meeting	Happy Valley	May 15/80	May 17/80		\$253.42		N/A	
	Power Commission Meetings	New York	Aug. 6/80	Aug. 8/80	\$388.30	\$570.00	Economy	Air Canada	
	Accompanying Premier to First Ministers' Conference	Ottawa	Sept.7/80	Sept.13/80	\$295.00	\$968.52	Economy	Air Canada	
	Finance Ministers' Meeting	Ottawa	Sept.18/80	Sept.19/80	\$295.00	\$357.63	Economy	Air Canada	
	Atlantic Lottery Meeting	Halifax	Sept.30/80	Sept.30/80	\$203.00	\$ 40.00	Economy	Air Canada	
	Premier's Conference	Toronto	Oct.13/80	Oct.14/80	\$347.00	\$167.80	Economy	Air Canada	
	Cabinet Meetings	Grand Falls	Nov. 4/80	Nov. 6/80		\$166.82		N/A	
	Guest speaker at Rural Development Council Meeting	Gander	Nov.8/80	Nov. 9/80	\$ 25.40	\$105.74		E.P.A.	
	Visiting business community re Upper Churchill	New York	Nov. 20/80	Nov.22/80	\$411.00	\$775.17	Economy	Air Canada	
	Finance Ministers' Conference	Ottawa	Dec.16/80	Dec. 18/80	\$305.00	\$385.33	Economy	Air Canada	
	Eurodollar Bond Issue	Paris	Jan.18/81	Jan. 22/81	\$2,371.00	\$332.40	First Class	Air Canada	

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1980-81 (cont'd)	Visiting Hancock Insurance re Upper Churchill & Borrowing Program	Boston & Edmonton	Jan.28/81	Jan.30/81	\$1,193.00	\$445.19	First Class one way	Air Canada	
	Cabinet Meeting & Treasury Board Meeting	Baie Verte Corner Brook	Feb.17/81	Feb. 21/81		\$303.41		N/A	
1981-82	Presentation to Senate Committee	Ottawa	June 15/81	June 16/81	\$ 451.50	\$161.75	Economy	Air Canada	
	Meeting with Alberta Finance Minister & Finance Ministers' Meetings	Edmonton & Victoria, B.C.	June 23/81	June 27/81	\$1,446.50	\$628.25	First Class	Air Canada	
	Finance Ministers' Meetings & Premiers' Conference	Victoria, B.C.	Aug. 10/81	Aug. 14/81	\$1,389.50	\$654.05	First Class	Air Canada	
	Signing of Bond Issue	Paris	Sept.9/81	Sept.12/81	\$2,316.50	\$195.00	First Class	Air Canada	
	Finance Ministers' Meeting	Ottawa	Oct.1/81	Oct. 2/81	\$ 371.50	\$181.94	Economy	Air Canada	
	Lotteries Meeting & Finance Ministers' Meetings	Toronto, Halifax & New York	Nov.19/81	Nov.25/81	\$ 758.50	\$531.09	Economy	Air Canada	
	Finance Ministers' Meetings	Toronto	Dec.13/81	Dec.15/81	\$ 421.50	\$449.95	Economy	Air Canada	
	Finance Ministers' Meetings	Ottawa	Jan.21/82	Jan.23/82	\$ 403.50	\$542.28	Economy	Air Canada	
	First Ministers' Conference	Ottawa	Feb. 1/82	Feb. 5/82	\$ 403.50	\$637.32	Economy	Air Canada	