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The House met at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!

ORAL QUESTIONS:

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I am amazed! This is Friday and no heat shield again today to try to get the weekend press. They have given up apparently.

Mr. Speaker, these are very poor times for the Premier to be out of the Province. I do not think I could think of a worse time. You have a crisis in the fishery, a crisis in the forest industry, and the Premier is gallivanting around Europe. Only a skunk, Mr. Speaker, would run away from problems when we are into the worse situation we have ever had in our whole history in the economy, and only a skunk would run away from his responsibilities and his duties.

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall). I am forced to ask him because the Premier is over gallivanting around Europe with the information -

MR. BAIRD: He is supporting the sealers.

MR. NEARY: Could I have silence,

Mr. Speaker?

MR. BAIRD: You do not deserve silence.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Well, the hon. gentleman will find out in a minute if I deserve silence or not. The question I am going to ask has to do with the hon. gentleman's own riding. The Premier is over gallivanting around Europe

MR. NEARY: with information that he was given last Wednesday by Bowaters about drastic measures that are going to take place in Corner Brook, on the West Coast, that will effect the whole West Coast of the Province, and he is gone off to Europe with that information. And out in Corner Brook, the people out there do not know what is happening. The employees are calling me. Other people in Corner Brook are calling me -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: - to find out what is going on. Now could the Acting Premier tell the House what is going on, what information Bowaters conveyed to the Premier last week at their meeting in connection with something drastic that is about to take place in Corner Brook.

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

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, first of all I know that all of the people, particularly in the rural areas of the Province, who are depending to a great degree upon the income that is derived from the seal fishery, will welcome the words and note the words made by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), that the hon. Premier is gallivanting around Europe when he is trying to save - and you know, a skunk and all of this type of thing, because he is over trying to protect the seal fishery of this Province in Europe, a very, very, I might say, necessary visit, Mr. Speaker, that was arranged by the Premier, And even the great hero of the hon. member there opposite, the one that he makes an apology for day after day after day, no less a personage than

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MR. MARSHALL:

the Prime Minister of Canada
himself, thought it meet and right that the Premier should
be over there and thought,

MR. MARSHALL:

with the Premier being over there, that he could lend a great deal to the situation to avoid the problems of the seal fishery and preserve it in this Province. So I am glad that the hon. gentleman interprets that as gallivanting around. I also, Mr. Speaker, want to say again that the hon. gentleman, just loves to make statements of the nature that he has made and I can say that they are, with respect to the question that the hon. gentleman has asked, you know, the way in which he frames his questions, geared for sensationalism, geared for his own base political purposes regardless and completely careless of the effect that may have on people in this Province be they the seal people who work in the seal fishery, the fishermen, the logger, the people who work in the pulp and paper industry, the people who work in the mining industry, he does not care, Mr. Speaker, just as long as he can spew his little innuendoe and make the kind of statments that he made. Now, Mr. Speaker, I can state that the people from Bowaters and that did have a discussion with the Premier. And incidentally as far as the Premier is concerned, even though he is very busy over in Europe, he is in daily contact with the affairs here, in this Province.

MR. HISCOCK:

By satellite?

MR. MARSHALL:

No, by telephone and by other mechanisms pretty well on an hourly basis. And the situation is that there have been meetings and ministers are going to be meeting further with Bowaters within the next few days. And I am not in a position at

MR. MARSHALL: this time, I do not think it serves the public interest, to make any more definitive statement other than that.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman may not like the way I phrase my questions but I have to repeat that only a louse and a skunk would run away from the disaster that is pending in Corner Brook.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: A point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The President of the Council has a point of order.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, we overlooked this before in the hon. gentleman because that is his

MR. MARSHALL:

style, but it is in Beaulieu that one member is not allowed to refer to another member in that manner and I think, particularly in these circumstances. The Leader of the Government happens to be over in Europe for a stated purpose, a purpose that everyone agrees with, not only here in Newfoundland but in Canada, with the exception of the hon. gentleman and I think the hon. gentleman must withdraw those remarks, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, Mr. Speaker -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS: When the hon. gentlemen opposite are quiet, let me say a word or two. It is, of course, up to Your Honour to rule what is Parliamentary or not. The books are filled with expressions that have been found to be acceptable and they are filled with expressions that have been found to be unacceptable. It is not up to the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) to decide, but the Government House Leader quite properly may raise a point of order.

My hon. friend, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) has used strong language; it is not vulgar, it is not offensive.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

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

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, if hon. gentlemen opposite wish to let me say what I am allowed to say, I would like to carry on without the barracking of these gentlemen.

MR. ROBERTS: I know we have hit a tender spot, I know they are ashamed that the Premier has left the Province at this time, but that is beside the point.

The point I wish to make, Mr. Speaker, is that the language is strong, it is not intemperate.

MR. REID: It is vulgar language, contemptible.

AN HON. MEMBER: Only a skunk would say it.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Trinity - Bay de Verde who is bothering us would be quiet, I would like to finish my few remarks.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS: The language is strong, it is not intemperate. My friend, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) feels, very obviously, that the Premier's conduct is most reprehensible and all he is doing is expressing that in acceptable but strong language.

I suggest, Sir, these words are not unparliamentary and that my hon. friend, the Opposition Leader, ought to be allowed to carry on with his question and then we will see what answer, if any, we get from the other side.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

The Question Period seems to have gotten off to a very poor start. I must admit that the hon. the Leader of the Opposition perhaps should confine himself to the limits within the Question Period and I refer to Beauchesne, Page 129, which says, "In putting a question a member must confine himself to the narrowest limits. In making a question, observations which might lead to debate cannot be regarded as coming within the proper limits of a question. The purpose of a question is to obtain information and not to supply it to the House." So I would ask hon. members to adhere to that.

MR. NEARY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, could the hon.

the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall), tell the House - because the people in Corner Brook know there is something going on; they have been calling our office, they have been calling me at home and in the office to try to find out what is going on. I am told that the Premier had a meeting with Bowaters and this was confirmed by the Government House Leader. Now, would the hon. gentleman tell the House

MR. S. NEARY: what information was conveyed to the Premier last week and why is he not here in the Province? Because, Mr. Speaker, we hear different figures being bandied about in Corner Brook ranging from 100 up to 800 or 1,000 people to be laid off. We hear reports about cuts in production ranging anywhere from 10 per cent up to 30 per cent, now, Mr. Speaker. So, could the hon. gentleman tell us just precisely what information was conveyed to the Premier and why the Premier is not here to deal with this matter? Because jobs in Corner Brook are just as important as jobs in the sealing industry.

MR. WM. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, we are well aware that jobs in any sector of this Province are just as important in one part of the Province as the other. The situation is as I have explicitly said, the Premier has had conversations with the people from Bowaters; it is not unusual for the Premier, I might say, to have conversations with people from either Bowaters or any large employer from time to time in this Province. Ministers of this government will be visiting Bowaters in the very near future, the Premier is in constant contact with the situation. I do not wish and I do not think, Mr. Speaker, it is in the public interest at this particular time to make any statement with respect to what went on in the conversations. These conversations are a matter of discussion and when it is propitious to do it - and when I say propitious I mean in the best interest of this Province and the best interest of everyone concerned - then a statement will be made. In the meantime I would suggest to the hon. gentleman that he does not attempt by squirting his own little bits of political interest

MR. WM. MARSHALL: in his trying to further himself politically, that he does not by his questions aggravate any potential situation or, at the same time, Mr. Speaker, cause concern in quarters of this Province until such time as a problem becomes realistic.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is attaching motives to my line of questioning. I believe that is against the rules of the House, Mr. Speaker. My only motive for asking these questions is that the Premier has information that he has carried off to Europe with him, that he should have been consulting with the city council in Corner Brook and the unions in Corner Brook and the people of Corner Brook. Instead of withholding the information and covering it up he should have been holding discussions to try to stave off an impending disaster in Corner Brook.

Mr. Speaker, let me ask the hon. gentleman if the Premier reported the discussions that he had to the Cabinet and to the members of the House of Assembly from the Corner Brook area, the four members who represent that area in this House. Has that information been conveyed to Cabinet or to the MHAs who represent that area in this House?

MR. WM. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I have nothing further to add to what I said. The fact of the matter is, all of these matters are a matter of deep concern. You know, any matter with respect to industry in this Province, to jobs and

MR. MARSHALL:

jobs security is a matter that is of great concern to the government of this Province, to the Premier, and to the ministers, and to all members of the caucus, and any attempt by the hon. gentleman there opposite to give a different impression is completely and absolutely without any foundation whatsoever.

I can only repeat to the hon. gentleman what I have already said, that there have been conversations between the Premier and officials of Bowaters, that meetings are going to be taking place between representatives of the government and Bowaters, that it does not appear at this time that it is in the public interest to make a report, but as soon as it is a report or an announcement or a statement or what have you, will be made.

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

MR. NEARY: What a shameful dereliction of duty for the Premier to have this information and to allow the people of Corner Brook to suffer while he gallivants around Europe. Mr. Speaker, it is a shameful dereliction of duty.

Now let me ask the hon. gentleman if the Premier was told by Bowaters that in due course, next Tuesday or Wednesday, they would be holding a news conference to make some announcements? And we have been unable to find out from the hon. gentleman what these announcements may be. And this is the real reason the Premier wanted to get out of the Province, so he would not be here when bad news was being announced. Could the hon. gentleman tell us if, indeed, that is so, that Bowaters will be calling a press conference, a news conference next week? And the Premier should be here in the Province when that news conference is called. Will there be, indeed, a news conference next week to announce good news or bad news or whatever news

MR. NEARY: it was that Bowaters conveyed to the Premier that he is withholding from this House and the people of this Province?

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

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I can only respond now with the measure of contempt that I feel, and I am sure most people would feel with statements made by the hon. gentleman about any member of this House, be it the Premier or any member opposite, gallivanting, as he says, around Europe when situations that he is alleging, which may or may not have foundations, are occurring. Of course, that is the type and manner and way and we are all used to the hon. member getting on that way, but when he gets on that way, when he is talking about matters so deeply affecting the livelihood of persons in this Province, I say it is beneath contempt that the hon. gentleman is acting in this way in the course of his questions.

MR. SIMMS: Irresponsible.

MR. MARSHALL: But, Mr. Speaker, all I can say, once again with respect to Bowaters, I am not in a position to make any statement as to what Bowaters will or will not say. I mean, whatever Bowaters will or will not say will be said by Bowaters and would not be said by the government of this Province.

MR. MARSHALL: I am not at this point in time prepared, because I say sincerely, and he can impute whatever he wants to, Mr. Speaker, with anybody in this government or in this House, or in this Province, but I say that it is purely and simply a matter of considering and balancing the public interest at this time that we shall say no farther with respect to it except to say that meetings are ongoing and the government is executing its responsibilities in this area in a responsible fashion as it has in all other areas. And we will do that, Mr. Speaker, despite the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) and the members there opposite.

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

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, these ongoing meetings the hon. gentleman is talking about, the Premier should be here to attend these meetings. And the hon. gentleman can sit on the information all he wants. The people of Corner Brook are demanding to know just exactly what transpired between Bowaters and the Premier and they are entitled to have that information, and not have it withheld from them the same as the information was withheld on the budget. And, Mr. Speaker, I remember in July, a representative of Fishery Products made a similar statement to that the hon. gentleman just made, when he blasted me; he said, "Fishery Products Chairman blasts Neary."

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

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

The hon. President of the Council
on a point of order.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, there is a time and a place for speeches in this House. Sometimes the speeches are good, sometimes they are tasteless. In most cases when the hon. gentleman gives a speech it is tasteless. So I think, Mr. Speaker, that we can be spared from his tasteless speeches during the Question Period. The Question Period is for asking questions.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!
The hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) appears to be getting into the realm of debate and I would ask him to be a bit more concise with his question.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, it is not the first time that I have been accused that my statements have been unfounded and irresponsible. Mr. Monroe made a similar statement in July. The fact of the matter is the Premier should be in this House and in this Province -

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

MR. NEARY: - with the crisis we have in the fishery and in the forest industry.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!
Does the hon. Leader of the Opposition have a question?

MR. NEARY: Yes, I want to ask the Minister of Education, who represents one of these districts out there in Corner Brook, on the West Coast, if indeed the news is drastic? If there is a drastic set back in the economy of Corner Brook? Will the hon. Minister of Education undertake to persuade the government to reverse a decision

MR. NEARY: made to have the Fisheries College located in St. John's? Will the hon. minister, under whose department comes the Fisheries College, try to persuade the government to reverse a decision made by the Premier to have the Fisheries College located in St. John's, and have it located in Corner Brook?

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

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, I thought the member opposite was supporting Port aux Basques as the location for the Fisheries College.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, that, of course, would differentiate him from the Minister of Education (Ms. Verge) who is known for not supporting her own constituency, would it not?

Let me ask a question of the Minister of Health who has been sitting there all week watching -

MR. CARTER: Some people are polite, that is more than we can say about the hon. gentleman.

MR. ROBERTS: - watching, Mr. Speaker, the health services of the Province

MR. ROBERTS:

deteriorate around his head. No doubt he was aware before it was made, the announcement by St. Clare's Mercy Hospital here in St. John's, yesterday, of quite drastic layoffs and curtailments in the services they are offering. I wonder if the minister could first of all share with us a little of his knowledge and tell the House why St. Clare's has been so badly hit. It would appear that St. Clare's, which is one of the essential base hospitals in the Province, St. Clare's has been worse hit than any other hospital in the Province, based on what we know publicly. And, of course, the minister may know more that we do, but could he tell us why St. Clare's has been so very badly hit, and why it appears to have been singled out for such drastic treatment?

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

MR. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, the hospital budgets were all determined on a fairly scientific basis during the year with boards submitting their budgets and, of course, the government officials, the Department of Health officials assessing them and trying to live with the money we had. And, of course, what we did was take the base budgets and sort of added something in the vicinity of 15.5 per cent to it.

MR. ROBERTS: What was the date of the budget? The 1981-82 Budget?

MR. HOUSE: The 1981-82 budget, yes, and added about 15.5 per cent to that and took into consideration various other problems and came up with the figure for all the hospitals. At the same time we did that we wrote the hospitals, in June, telling them that this was the amount of money they had. I believe St. Clare's has the second highest budget in the Province. We gave

MR. HOUSE: them the figure and said that this would be the total figure for this particular year. I again wrote them in September and said the same thing. Now what had happened in previous years was the hospitals had a severe shortage of nurses. Every year since I have been minister, I guess, and every year that I can remember, there has been a shortage of nurses in the Summer and a lot of the hospitals, of course, when they could hire nurses they hired them. So St. Clare's and a few others hired perhaps a completely full staff and, of course, they exceeded their budget and now they have to take measures to cut back to live within their budget. And what St. Clare's is doing - I met with them yesterday incidentally, the day before yesterday, and what they are doing is having a short-term layoff now to try and meet the budget requirement within this fiscal year.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister. He appears to be saying, and I want to be sure that I understand it, that St. Clare's overhired, that they hired more people than they were authorized to, or more people than there was money available to pay. He is nodding affirmatively. Hansard will not pick up an affirmative nod I say to the minister, but it will pick up his words.

MR. ROBERTS:

Let me then ask him this; he said, his officials, the government which he represents in this matter, took the base budget, the 1981-1982 year's figures and added 15.8 per cent and that is what the hospitals have been given. And I gather, perhaps he could confirm this as well, Mr. Speaker, the hospitals have been told recently that what they were told in April month they were going to get is all they are going to get and that is what has caused these layoffs, of course.

Now the base budget, was that the actual expenditures in 1981-1982, that fiscal year, or was it the authorized expenditures? And the minister I know will agree that these are two very different figures. Every hospital in the Province for years has had a cushion, as has the Department of Health, built into the estimates, Mr. Speaker, in the sense that a hundred positions are authorized and yet all hands know that 100 will be 1,200 person months and all hands know that there will not be 1,200 person months of employment because of difficulties in recruiting. So could the minister tell us whether that 15.8 per cent was applied to the authorized expenditure levels or was it applied to the actual expenditure levels?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

The hon. Minister of Health.

MR. HOUSE:

Mr. Speaker, I think it is to the actual expenditure levels, but I believe it took in a certain peak month, and it took in what they call additions, the accumulative effects of what they did last year. In other words, a hospital was given a base budget. If they could not hire, and last year there were a lot of cases where they could not, they did not get all of the money, because they did not hire, certain amounts of money. We actually spent all of the money.

MR. HOUSE: But it was, I think, based on what they actually spent last year and not what they were budgeted for.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the minister. So it comes out it is not a 15.8 per cent in their budgets it is a 15.8 per cent increase in their actual expenditures incurred last year. So would the minister then agree that what has happened is the number of authorized positions has in effect been cut? Because last year if 100 positions were authorized and only 90 were filled, the only money spent was for the 90 positions. And he put a 15.8 per cent increase on those 90 positions. So far I think he will concur that what I have said is correct. Now given the increase in wages, which is beyond the control of the hospitals because of the contract signed by NHA and with the government's knowledge and blessing and with the hospitals knowledge and blessing, and given the increase in supplies which the hospitals must purchase, the cost of which they have no control over, it would follow, and I want the minister to confirm this, that what the

MR. ROBERTS: government have done is cut the authorized staff complement of the hospitals in the Province and St. Clare's, which apparently is worse off than other hospitals, is worse off - and the minister perhaps could confirm this - because it had been able to recruit far less of its authorized complement last year than had any other hospital in the Province. Is that what really has happened?

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

MR. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that is the case. They were able to recruit as many, I think, as most other hospitals last year. The fact of the matter is I do not think they started early enough in the year to take into consideration that they had to live live within the budgeted amounts. I guess they took somewhat of a calculated risk.

The fact of the matter is it is not as simple as just saying, 'We will take the base amount and just add 15.5 per cent. There are a lot of procedures they go through.

MR. ROBERTS: Oh, I know that, but I want to hear what the minister says.

MR. HOUSE: They go through assessing the medical needs, the surgical needs, and their equipment and dressings, that sort of thing, software materials, and I think they do it as scientifically as they possibly can. I do not think anybody is blaming - most hospitals will say, of course, they do not get their fair due, but when you consider that we have put, I believe, something like - the hospital budget has gone from \$60 million to \$288 million in ten years we have to realize that, You know, it does not seem that there are too many

MR. HOUSE: people hurting in the Province. And I will say, Mr. Speaker, right now, even with these layoffs - and these are short-term - we are going to have more people in the health field now than ever we had before and more beds open than we ever had before. So I think, basically, hospitals were treated reasonably fairly, as reasonably as could be. You cannot equate two hospitals and say they are exactly alike. St. Clare's, I think, gets as I said, the second largest budget, very close to the Grace, very close to Western Memorial.

MR. ROBERTS: The Health Sciences is surely the largest.

MR. HOUSE: The Health Sciences is the largest. The Health Sciences, of course, has the main building and the Miller Centre, which is also filled, and it is, I guess, the crisis centre of the Province.

MR. ROBERTS: It is the base hospital for the whole Province.

MR. HOUSE: Pardon?

MR. ROBERTS: It is the base hospital for the whole Province, the only tertiary care unit in the Province.

MR. HOUSE: Right, and there are about - well, the Janeway, we call that a tertiary one also for the children. I think about 60 per cent of the people from outside the city limits are occupants of that particular hospital.

So I do not think we can say, you know, that the base that we started from was not adequate, because it took a lot of other things into consideration. I reserve, incidentally, the right to correct if I have made an error in that. I am pretty certain we go from the base of the real

MR. HOUSE: expenditure last year and
build in the other things.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the member for the
Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate what the minister says and if he has
inadvertently misremembered then we would appreciate
the correction. It should be noted though, he has
changed completely the ground on which he is defending
this action and he did not

MR. E. ROBERTS: either confirm or deny, but I suggest it is correct, that the number of authorized staff positions has been reduced. Now, let me come back to another word or phrase the minister has used, I believe, two or three times in the course of the information he has given us this morning: He has spoken of short-term layoffs and he has told us the hospitals are laying off staff to reduce over-expenditures and he has told us they incurred over-expenditures because they hired more people than there was money to provide for them and he has also shifted the blame to the administration of St. Clare's. His words were, I think, 'They took a calculated risk, they did not begin to cut back as early as they should.' Fair enough, so be it. But I want him to tell the House how these could be considered short-term expenditures. Is he telling the House that hospitals next year will be given enough of an increase not only to allow them to meet the extra costs which they must meet in staff and in supplies - the services and goods which they purchase - but they are going to be given enough extra money, enough extra staff positions to enable them to provide jobs for the 160 people who have been given short-term layoffs? I suggest to the minister that most of these layoffs will be permanent, or a great number of them will be permanent, they have been told they are laid off until 31, March because that, of course, is the end of the hospitals fiscal year, the same as the government's year. How could he say they are short-term? Can he give the hospitals any assurance now that they will be provided in the next year's estimates with enough money to enable them not only to carry on at their present levels but at the increased levels which these people represent?

MR. W. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, we have not made any

MR. W. HOUSE: final decision on next year's budget for hospitals or for anything else for that matter. The fact of the matter is we have to look at things in total perspective and, bearing in mind what I said at the beginning about the excessive costs of hospital care and how it has escalated in the last number of years, you have to bear in mind one other thing; that the health field, as a lot of the other social fields, is becoming almost insatiable. So, you know, you cannot say how many of these will be long-term layoffs or what not. The fact of the matter is I got a note here this morning and I was talking to Sister Lucy a couple of days ago - basically the major number of layoffs is going to be between December 3rd and the Christmas period.

MR. E. ROBERTS: (Inaudible) that is when they are closing all of their beds.

MR. HOUSE: That is when the major layoff is going to be, for the period of about five weeks during the Christmas and the January season when the hospital is pretty well down for the Christmas season.

MR. HOUSE:

The remainder will be off until the end of March. What happens then we do not know, it will depend on the budget and we will have a handle on it by that time. But I cannot say that there will not be any layoffs, I cannot say what the level will be. But generally speaking, you know, if we follow the form that we have in past years it will be a reasonable increase.

And you have to bear in mind too, Mr. Speaker, that all of our health and social programmes have been predicated on the basis of established programmes financing, or funding, which was done in the last five years on a very generous percentage increase per year. And when you look at, of course, what happened this year, we got around 10 per cent in that EPF - or less than 10 per cent in that, but 10 per cent in equalization and EPF, we have got to trim our budgets to take care of this. If we had gotten a reasonable increase, the same as we did in the last five years, I daresay we would have been able to find \$7 million or \$8 million to be able to take care of these short-term problems. But as it stands now we are sticking with this dollar figure and we are in touch with the hospitals every day, and we are reasonably assured that there is going to be a high level of care. The quantity will suffer somewhat in St. Clare's, and the Janeway, incidentally, but the quality will remain high. And as I said, there are more beds in use in the Province now than at any other time in our history.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

Order, please!

The time for Question Period has expired.

Before we proceed with other business, I would like to welcome two groups of students to our galleries today, fifteen students from St. Boniface

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): High School on Bell Island,
and their teacher Louis Benoit.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: And fifty-five students from
Mary Queen of the World School, in the district of Mount
Pearl, accompanied by their teachers, Glavine and Quinn,
and I welcome you people to the galleries today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave
to table two reports, the Annual Report of the Northern
Oceans Research and Development Corporation, and the Annual
Report of the Gander Development Corporation.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, I give notice
that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,
"An Act To Revise The Law Respecting Innkeepers".

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Rural,
Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that
I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,
"An Act To Amend The Co-operatives Societies Act".

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

MRS. NEWHOOK: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The City Of St. John's Act".

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Health.

MR. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Pharmaceutical Association Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a bill entitled, "An Act To Amend The Tobacco Tax Act, 1978, No. 3", and "An Act To Amend The Retail Sales Tax 1978, Bill No. 2".

MR. SPEAKER: Are there any other Notices of Motion?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, I table the answers to Question No. 111 appearing on the Order Paper of Thursday, June 3, asked by the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) in relation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation. The answer to Question No. 100 asked by the same hon. member in relation to again the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation, the amount of legal work undertaken by that corporation. Now the answer to Question No. 69 in reference to the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, the amount of work undertaken by that corporation in Labrador. The answer to Question No. 121 by the same hon. member for Bellevue, all of these are from the same member, Mr. Speaker, dealing with the amount of overtime and extra assistance in the Department of Mines and Energy for the fiscal

MR. WINDSOR: years 1980-1981, 1981-1982, 1982-1983. And I have the answer to Question No. 126, again from the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan), dealing with Newfoundland Fibreply Limited, their Board of Directors and Shareholders and so forth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. MARSHALL: Motion 2, Bill No. 68, Mr. Speaker.

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions relating to the guaranteeing of certain loans under The Local Authority Guarantee Act, 1957, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!
We are discussing the resolution concerning Bill No. 68.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to prolong this debate, I merely want to throw some figures on the table of the House to refute what hon. gentlemen like the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), who now has his own little index system over on his desk. He spends all his time now, his officials spend all their time trying to figure out how much money was spent in Liberal districts so that he can come into the House and attempt to embarrass members on this side of the House. Most of the figures given out by the hon. gentleman yesterday had to do with maintenance and these costs would go on anyway.

MR. DAWE: That is not true.

MR. NEARY: It is true, most of it is maintenance. I challenge the hon. gentleman now, I challenge the hon. gentleman to stand in his place in this House and show the House where one foot of pavement has been laid in LaPoile district since 1975. I challenge the hon. gentleman to do it. But the people in Grand Bay West, who have been looking for pavement for the last seven years can look up in the hon. gentleman's own district and they can see country lanes being paved and roads being paved to Summer cottages.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: And they have a legitimate request to have the road to Grand Bay West paved in a community where people live and commute back and forth to work. Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman should, instead of trying to embarrass members of the Opposition, he should hang his head in shame for the extravagance and the waste that he is responsible for. And then he

MR. NEARY: was aided and abetted , of course, by the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn), who got up and started to read from the list of the bill that we have in front of us, municipal loan authority, started to read off names of communities in Liberal districts, Mr. Chairman. Well let me set the record straight. Last night we got out the old calculator and we added up the number of communities on that list that are in Tory districts, the amounts of money that are spent in these communities, the number of communities where water and sewer projects are going ahead in Liberal districts, and we added up the total amount spent in Liberal districts. Now here is the truth of the matter, Mr. Chairman, just listen to this: Tory towns, a total of over seventy listed in that Act that we are passing now to approve loans and guarantees, seventy Tory towns-

MR. S. NEARY:

- as a matter of fact there are seventy-four, over seventy -
as opposed to seven Liberal towns. Seventy-four versus seven.
Now if that is not lopsided I do not know what is.

MR. L. BARRY:

You only have one tenth of the seats.

MR. NEARY:

I beg your pardon?

MR. BARRY:

You only have one tenth of the seats.

MR. NEARY:

I see. Now the former Minister
of Mines and Energy is using his own argument which is a
different argument. Yesterday members tried to embarrass
members on this side by telling us about all the money that
being spent in Liberal districts, in Liberal towns. The
argument put forward now by the member is trying to justify
the little political trickery and political games that were
being played over there yesterday, now the hon. gentleman
is trying to justify it.

Anyway, on that list is seventy-
four Tory towns for a total of over \$32 million, seven
Liberal towns for total of \$2 million.

MR. F. STAGG:

That is not bad

MR. T. LSUH:

Just look at the percentage.

MR. NEARY:

'That is not bad,' some hon.
gentleman said over there. 'That is not bad.' Well, it is not
good either and it explodes the argument, the deceit
that is being spread in this House by hon. ministers who
have nothing better to do with their time then to try to play
little political games with the member for Terra Nova (Mr.
T. Lush) and the member for Bellevue (Callan).

MR. T. LUSH:

I am going out today to find the roads.

MR. NEARY:

The actual fact of the matter
is, Mr. Chairman, and the record speaks for itself, these
figures speak for themselves, hon. gentleman can take their

MR. S. NEARY: calculator, the same as we did last night and they can add up the totals and they will discover. I will just repeat just in case hon. gentlemen ever want to use that argument again, ever want to get up to play their political games and political trickery again in this House: On this list there are seventy-four Tory towns for a total of \$32 million, seven Liberal towns for a total of \$2 million. Now, Mr. Chairman, if that is not pork barrelling, if that is not playing politics with water and sewage projects, Mr. Chairman then I do not know what is.

MR. L. SIMMS: That is not true.

MR. NEARY: What is not true?

MR. SIMMS: These figures you are using are not accurate. That is last year's projects and a lot more of those towns were in Liberal districts at that time.

MR. NEARY: Oh! Now the hon. gentleman now is going to use a different argument again. Now, we heard what the Minister of Transportation (Mr. R. Dawe) said yesterday and we heard what the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn) said now does the former Speaker want to make his contribution to this debate? If he wishes to make a contribution then I would welcome him to get into the fray and never mind sniping at members from his seat in this House, which is against the rules and the hon. gentleman should know better as a former Speaker of the House.

So, there is the truth of the matter, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SIMMS: You are not representing your districts properly.

MR. NEARY: I beg your pardon?

MR. SIMMS: You are not representing your districts properly.

MR. NEARY: Oh, I see.

MR. CALLAN: You cannot use that argument for that one. That is the Premier's line.

MR. NEARY: If I had the time -

MR. ROBERTS: Tell us about Placentia West.

MR. NEARY: Yes, that is right. If I had the time I would give the hon. gentleman a good argument on that one too, but I do not have the time; we want to get on to some of the other bills and some other members wish to comment on this bill.

The fact of the matter is that when the estimates are being drawn up and when communities are being selected for water and sewer projects, the list should be tabled in this House. The list of highways projects should be tabled and the list of municipal projects should be tabled, water and sewerage and road paving and so on. And, Mr. Chairman, the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall), I am sure, approves of that, because I remember when the hon. gentleman sat on this side of the House, the hon. gentleman argued -

MR. TOBIN: You cannot go back that far.

MR. NEARY: Well, the hon. gentleman may be back here sooner than he thinks. If the roof keeps falling in the way that it has in the last several weeks, the hon. gentleman may be over here sooner than he thinks. As a matter of fact, I am happy to say today, the news I heard this morning that an NDPer in the Northwest Territories is going to cross over to the Liberal side of the House.

MR. NEARY: I have no doubt if things keep happening in this Province -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, could you ask the Government House Leader to restrain himself while I am speaking?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I have no doubt at all that within a short time with the way things are happening in this Province, with the state of the economy, the financial mess that this administration have gotten the Province into, the skunkish way that the Premier is treating the people of Corner Brook and the people in Burin where a fish plant is going to close - he runs away from his responsibilities, shirks his responsibilities and runs away, which is an action in my opinion, lower than a skunk, taking all the information with him in his inside pocket and will not give the people any information, will not hold meetings to try to stave off these impending disasters in the fisheries and in forests and in the paper mills; he is prepared to wait for the axe to fall and then rush in at the last minute and try to turn himself into some kind of a folk hero.

MR. MARSHALL: That is not relevant.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, this is relevant.

MR. MARSHALL: You said all that before hundreds of times.

MR. NEARY: Well, I am going to say it again.

MR. ROBERTS: The people of Corner Brook are going to be saying it again and again too.

MR. NEARY: The people of Corner Brook are not very happy about the shabby way they are being treated

MR. NEARY: by their members and by this
administration, their members sitting on information
and will not even meet with the Mayor or the

MR. NEARY:

town council or the union, or the Chamber of Commerce, to discuss these matters, to try to stave off an impending disaster, instead of that he runs away with the information. I doubt if he has told his Cabinet. I presume he has told the Cabinet, and told the members for the district what is going on. They should send out an SOS and get the Premier back in this Province at once.

MR. ROBERTS: By satellite.

MR. NEARY: Send it by satellite, an SOS by satellite if they can. Get him back in the Province where he should be at this time.

MR. STAGG: The member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) (inaudible) soon be coming over.

MR. NEARY: Is that so?

MR. ROBERTS: I think the Premier has been gone for a long time.

MR. NEARY: Gone in more ways that one for a long time.

MR. HODDER: They had to send him away or keep him in a strait jacket, one of the two.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I hope that when we present argument and debate from this side of the House in future that the ministers will not get up with their little cardex systems prepared by their officials. They must have more to do in the departments than to watch telephone bills and put together little cardex systems.

MR. DINN: You do not like to hear the truth.

MR. NEARY: We like to hear the truth. The hon. gentleman was out when I just gave the House the truth.

MR. DINN: Oh.

MR. NEARY: Seventy-four Tory towns listed, \$32 million; seven Liberal town \$2 million.

MR. DINN: You do not count the ones that were Liberal before the last election.

MR. NEARY: Well, if I counted the ones that were Liberal before, that would be 100 per cent.

MR. DINN: Well I meant that was when the money was spent.

MR. NEARY: I see. That is when the money was spent.

Mr. Chairman, I know that Burin is a Liberal town and will be a Liberal town again. The hon. gentleman has shirked his responsibilities and his duties so badly in the last few days, he has shown his true colour. He has shown that he puts his party before the people of Burin. He puts his party and the Premier and his -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: No doubt he carries a picture of the Premier around in his wallet all the time so he can take it out every day and kiss it, Mr. Chairman. He has the coloured picture, the one like we have down at the airport.

MR. ROBERTS: What really is bad is that we are paying for it.

MR. NEARY: And we are paying for these pictures -

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - these doctored pictures.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the hon. member his time has elapsed.

MR. YOUNG: Your time has elapsed.

MR. NEARY:

Well, I will have another round after my colleagues, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward):

The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS:

Mr. Chairman, my colleague has exposed the shoddiness of the government

MR. ROBERTS: on this issue as on so many others. And they can laugh, you know, if they want to snicker and laugh, let them, that is up to them, but all I need to say is that the facts speak for themselves. The Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) I think is a prisoner of events. She is not master of this situation. I do not think for a moment -

MR. YOUNG: Garbage! Garbage!

MR. ROBERTS: - if the gentleman for Public Works (Mr. Young) would become private instead of public the debate could go on a little more effectively, Mr. Chairman.

What I am saying is I do not believe for one minute that the Minister of Municipal Affairs is guilty of perpetrating this type of rank and arrant discrimination. The most that we could say of her is that she has not had the courage to do what she ought to do which is to speak out against it publicly. I have no doubt she has spoken out.

MR. DINN: It is a shame.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, it is a shame. I say it certainly is a shame. The minister came into public life with high ideals and with a marvellous record of public service behind her, and came in anxious and fully equipped to make a contribution to the affairs of this Province. It is a matter of regret, which I have heard expressed by admirers and former admirers, more of the latter than of the former, admirers and former admirers of hers throughout the Province that she has become party to this rank - it is not gerrymandering; gerrymandering speaks only of electoral districts, we will see that in a year or so when the government brings in the new Electoral Act -

MR. MARSHALL: They show this discontent very easily.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, they certainly did. They certainly did, Mr. Chairman.

MR. ROBERTS: Let me deal with that. You know, we can talk about lots of people who won elections and then felt that that wiped away everything. I heard on the radio this morning Mr. Clark, a gentleman who knows a little bit about winning and losing elections, referring to Mr. Richard Nixon, he was using it in a sense uncomplimentary to Donald MacDonald. But all I need to do, since it has been put in my mind by Mr. Clark, the gentleman whom those opposite wish to see as Prime Minister of Canada, that, Mr. Nixon won a very large election in 1972, just as large as this hon. crowd opposite won in 1982 here in Newfoundland. Mr. Chairman, if they want to be -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. ROBERTS: - bipartisan I could point out that Mr. Trudeau won a large victory in 1980 in this country. There is some considerable evidence that if an election were held today he would not win any kind of victory.

MR. ROBERTS: We are not going to find out, I suspect we will have to wait a year or two to see what will happen. But if hon. gentlemen opposite really believe that winning an election excuses all the arrogance and excuses all the chicanery and all the improper conduct that they wish to indulge in, then they are entitled to that belief. All I will say on this side is that just reinforces my desire to have the conduct of the government exposed to the people through the means of television and radio in the House and that of course is why they will not allow it. Now let me come back, Mr. Chairman, to the point I am making. I said what I have to say about the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs Newhook). She is a fine member, a fine person; I just find it a matter of regret that she has allowed herself to be used in this way to be part of this rampant -

MR. STAGG: Be nice.

MR. ROBERTS: I am being very nice. I say to whoever opposite said to be nice that I am speaking in the kindest possible terms. I am not saying what many people throughout the Province are saying about the Municipal Affairs Department.

Now I just want to speak about three situations in my own constituency. The minister is thoroughly familiar with these. She has had a number of letters from me over the years, she and her predecessors.

If the gentleman from St. John's West (Mr. Barrett) could control himself- I know he is communing with his minister and I have no doubt they are communing on important thoughts which would be the first important thought his minister has run across in some time. I wonder if the gentleman

MR. ROBERTS: from St. John's West (Mr. Barrett)
could commune a little more quietly with his minister. I am all for him communing; whatever passes between the two of them I am all for it. We are paying handsomely for it. And I do not mean the salaries we are paying, I mean the price we are paying in this Province for the incompetent administration of the financial affairs of this Province. I can only say that the hon. gentleman from St. John's West is close to the front benches and that is a considerable improvement, Sir, over what we normally see in the front benches in this Province. The Premier would be well advised, in my opinion, when he comes back from Europe, when next he visits us, immediately to replace the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) and make him the Parliamentary Secretary and let the member for St. John's West become the Minister of Finance. That sort of change would be a considerable improvement. The only people who would suffer in that result might be the medical profession if in fact the Minister of Finance returned to his first love.

MR. ROBERTS: Now, Mr. Chairman, I heard a remark the other day about my friend from Stephenville (Mr. Stagg). I am told he has moved to St. John's and one of his colleagues in our mutual profession, who has a high opinion of my hon. and learned friend, said, 'Have you heard that' - naming him - 'has moved to St. John's?' I said, 'Yes, he has a big job in the government now, he has moved to St. John's from Stephenville.' 'Yes,' said the man, 'from Stephenville.' And I said, 'What does that mean?' And he said, 'Well, it means a substantial improvement in the intellectual ability of each community.'

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me come back to these three particular situations -

MR. STAGG: That is not what it says in my book.

MR. ROBERTS: It took awhile for hon. gentlemen opposite, some of whom are not too bright so it takes awhile, but they do get it. My friend from Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) and my friend from Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews), who has made a mark on the House in his time here, I am glad they saw it and I am grateful to them.

MR. MATTHEWS: I do not expect you to know where Grand Bank is. You hardly know where your own district is.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, that is true. That is why I have been elected six times down there, which is five times more than the hon. gentleman has been or will be elected.

MR. MATTHEWS: If they knew you they would not elect you.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, Mr. Speaker, we will leave that to the Strait of Belle Isle citizens. Any time the government wish to call an election, I am quite happy to put my fate in the hands of the district of the Strait of Belle Isle and the electors therein.

MR. ROBERTS: They have sent me here six times. They may or may not do it a seventh time, that remains to be seen. I do say the gentleman from Grand Bank (Mr. Matthews) is in his first and last term in the House and he knows that, his electors know that, and so do we all.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I do want to say a word about three areas in my district, two of them communities and one an area embracing a number of communities, where the need for water - and I hope the minister could divert herself from whatever she is doing and at least listen to what I am saying; whether she responds to it or not is for her to say. The community of Conch and the community of Raleigh have both been seeking assistance from the government for a number of years now, their councils, to enable them to install water systems - not water and sewer systems, but water systems. Conche has between 500 and 600 people, Raleigh has rather more, 600 to 700 people. Both are prosperous fishing communities, both have a large number of fine, new homes, new schools; they are in every way viable and prosperous communities and communities that provide fine places for people to live and raise their children. Neither of them has a publicly funded water supply. Delegations have come to see the minister on many occasions, letters have come in from the communities; I have written many times, I have spoken to the minister and to her predecessors, and

MR. E. ROBERTS: and each year, for whatever reason, no money is allocated. Now, I am not going to dilate upon the reason, I have my own views and so do the people in Raleigh and in Conche, but I simply want to make a very brief but very heartfelt plea for those people. In Raleigh, the only publicly available water system is now, as it has been for some time, seriously polluted. In the interest of delicacy I will not describe the pollution, but the minister's officials are well aware of it; I believe she too is. So I simply say to her that if she has humanity and any concern for these people I would hope we would see reflected next year in the amounts made available. Given the way government have allocated money elsewhere in the province, there is no justification for a failure by the government to provide some money to these communities. The amounts involved are not terribly large when viewed against the other amounts that are being spent. I do not for a moment resent the amounts of money that are being spent anywhere else. I know of nothing in the Municipal Affairs field that is more important than providing people with an adequate supply of decent drinking water. It is not very much to ask in this day and age and I know there are many demands on the treasury but there is a large chunk of money cut out for Municipal Affairs both in direct expenditures and by means of the loans which are guaranteed by the government under the authority of the legislation we now have before us. And I would say to the minister, and I know she would agree - she has got a heart and she has got a head - there is nothing that is of greater importance to people than having an adequate supply of pure and decent drinking water. Once we have it it becomes irrelevant and unimportant, we just take it for granted. I often ask my constituents, - they have seen, over the years that I have known them, a lot of progress -

MR. E. ROBERTS: and I ask them what is the last thing they would do without, the paved roads in the places where we have them or the electricity or what have you? And inevitably the answer I get - and I can say to any hon. gentleman who represents a rural area to ask his constituents the same question, what would they last give up, what would they least want to give up of the so-called modern progress - and the answer is inevitably water, piped water, running water, a public water system.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! I have to inform the hon. member, his time has elapsed.

MR. ROBERTS: May I have a minute or two more by leave?

MR. CHAIRMAN: By leave? A minute or two by leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

MR. CHAIRMAN: By leave, the hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. N. WINDSOR: Let us hear every word.

MR. ROBERTS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, my friend from Mount Pearl (Mr. N. Windsor) has asked me to say something. I could only say that I can lead a horse to water - I can only lead half a horse, in the case of the minister, to water-but I cannot make him drink. Now, I am not talking to him, I am talking to an important minister, the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. H. Newhook). The situation -

MR. S. NEARY: Development.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes. The Minister of Development's (Mr. N. Windsor) record speaks for itself. He has become Minister of Development and we have had disaster after economic disaster and he fiddles and now Bowaters is next. You know, where does the line end? Where does the litany

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MR. E. ROBERTS:

of disasters end? The first
place it could end is taking the minister out of the portfolio
and putting in somebody with some energy, some ideas, some
initiative and some courage.

MR. ROBERTS:

Mr. Chairman, let me come back to the situation of the people of Conche and of Raleigh. The minister is well aware, I believe, of the situation. I would ask her if she can find time in the next few months, with or without me - I would be delighted to accompany her if she wishes, but if she prefers not to that is fine. I am not offended, nor will anybody else be - to go to those communities and to meet with the people there. Neither of them has an adequate supply of drinking water. They find it very difficult to understand. They see the television, they read the newspapers, they hear, they travel, they know what is going on, they are unable to understand why they have no assistance from the government when compared to some of the other projects that are being funded by this government throughout the Province. Now they have formed their own conclusion as to why that is so. And of course that was reflected on April 6th. too, reflected in increased votes against this government in those communities.

But that is not the point I want to stress. The point I want to stress is that their needs are there. These are men and women and children. They are Newfoundlanders and they have the same rights and the same desires and the same needs as any other part of this Province. So I want to say to the minister simply as eloquently as I can, as eloquent as that may be or as uneloquent as that may be, help them. Do something for them. Help them. It is not a lot of money. And I want to add to that very briefly the situation with the unincorporated water - what is it called? - the water service districts. Only \$500,000 was allocated this last year and it is the most valuable \$500,000. It should be doubled or tripled. A year or two or three, at that level of expenditure -

MR. ROBERTS: \$1 million or \$1.5 million-
would probably meet the needs. These are the water
service districts in the small unincorporated communities
where the government provides I believe it is \$1500 per
home, is it?

MRS. NEWHOOK: Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: I thank the minister for
confirming it. I think the people pay \$100 and then the
government puts up \$1500 and that is lumped together and
it is used to provide a little water system.

Now, you know, small little
communities, the only way they will ever get water is through
that, and I am sure the minister has asked for more money for
it over the years. \$500,000 is not very much. Maybe we could
do each year - what do we do? - about 5 out of the 50 projects,
that kind of number?

MRS. NEWHOOK: We do more than that.

MR. ROBERTS: There are more than 50.

I am sorry.

MRS. NEWHOOK: No, no, we do more than 5.

MR. ROBERTS: Okay. But I was more
concerned with the proportion. I mean, if there are 100
we do 10. We do a very small proportion of those which are
eligible under the rules to receive help because there is
not enough money. The minister will agree with that.

MRS. NEWHOOK: We do about 50 per cent of
the ones that are eligible.

MR. ROBERTS: About 50 per cent of the ones who are eligible. Well, how come there has only been one in my constituency? That means all of the others are being done, That perhaps makes it worse.

MRS. NEWHOOK: You know, we look at all of the requests from all over.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes. Well, you know, I am concerned about what is going to come next year, Mr. Chairman, What is passed is past, but there are a number of communities in my district that look for help to it: Green Island Brook, Green Island Cove — Green Island Cove got some help this year, Green Island Brook needs it — Croquet, Ship Cove; I could name others, but you know they are not big places. But, you know, if you need water it does not matter if you live in a city of a million or in a community of one hundred, your need for water is exactly the same.

So I would simply say to the minister — you know, she is human, she knows how people live, women, mothers, ladies who have small children and cannot wash the clothes, you know, that kind of problem. And that is what we are talking of. It is a small amount of money. Look, Mount Scio House, if we closed it would pay all of these places. You know, it is relatively insignificant — but for all that is sacred will she try to get more money this year for these people, not just in my district, but every district where the need is there. Surely to heavens in Newfoundland and Labrador in 1982 we can provide people, Mr. Chairman, with a drop of water fit to drink. That is not too much to ask in a Province that does the kinds of things we do.

MR. ROBERTS: I thank the Committee, Sir, for their forbearance, I appreciate it. I hope the minister will - whether she wants to respond now is up, of course, to her, I will gladly listen to her if she wants to - but I would hope that she will respond to these requests. These are people who have real needs, very great needs, and only the government can help them. And the thought that the government is denying them for partisan reasons is despicable and I do not believe that of the minister. But I will say that the events will tell us what happens. As always, actions speak louder than words, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to have a few words on this particular bill because it ties in with an issue that I have been onto now for several days.

MR. CALLAN: Of course, fortunately for the good people of this Province, people now are beginning to see through the Premier's tactics and evasiveness.

The Premier is very evasive. As the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) pointed out this morning, the Premier is a master at evading issues, evading crises and problems, taking all the glory but when something comes along, as the Leader of the Opposition was suggesting this morning, the Premier decides, "Well, I will have to run away from that and hope that by the time I get back that people will have gotten accustomed to it, and they will not be blaming me. Because I was not here when the announcement was made or when it happened."

The same thing happened, Mr. Chairman, last year leading up to February 15th., and following February 15th., when the Ocean Ranger went down. There was no sign of the Premier on television or anywhere else in any way sympathizing with the families who lost their friends and husbands and sons and so on on the Ocean Ranger; the Premier was noted totally and completely by his absence in the media. He put somebody else up front, namely the Minister of Energy (Mr. Marshall). Did the Premier put the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) up front when he announced his big pre-tendering last Winter, which as the Minister of Transportation described was just before the budget, when actually it was just before the election call? Did the Premier put the Minister of Transportation up front and let him announce this pre-tendering? Oh, no! The Premier loves to take the glory and so there was no sign of the Minister of Transportation when the Premier was on one of his routine news conferences.

MR. CALLAN: So anyway, Mr. Chairman, let me ask the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) is it going to be necessary for me to cross the House and shake it out of the minister, the list of roads programme?

MR. DAWE: If the hon. member for Bellevue would like to try it he is certainly welcome to.

MR. CALLAN: Is it going to be necessary for me to cross the House and shake it out of him? Is he too stubborn? What is the minister covering up, Mr. Chairman? That is the question. Why?

AN HON. MEMBER: Liberal reform.

MR. DAWE: This is a new experience. I have not been threatened in the House before.

MR. CALLAN: Why, Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, did the Minister or did not the Minister of Transportation deliberately mislead this House? Let me ask that question. Let me read it once more.

MR. SIMMS: That is unparliamentary.

MR. CALLAN: I know what is unparliamentary.

MR. SIMMS: You cannot say indirectly what you cannot say directly.

MR. CALLAN: I got kicked out of this House a few months ago for calling the Premier a liar.

MR. DAWE: You deserved it.

MR. CALLAN: Naturally. I accept parliamentary procedure.

MR. SIMMS: You would not call him a skunk, would you?

MR. CALLAN: But anyway, the people out in the boondocks, Mr. Chairman, the people out in the district of Bellevue, when they talked to me after,

MR. CALLAN: they said, 'It is awfully strange democracy.' I said, 'What?' They said, 'It is awfully strange democracy. The Premier lied, told lies, and you reminded him of his lies and you were the one who had to leave the House. Obviously it should have been the Premier.' This is what people said to me.

DR. COLLINS: You corrected them?

MR. CALLAN: And, of course, I explained to them about parliamentary procedure.

DR. COLLINS: It was your perception that he lied. He did not actually lie, it was just your perception that he lied. You explained that to them.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I am glad that the good doctor that we have in the House - because we have a very sick economy - I am very glad that he spoke. The doctor says that it was my perception that he lied. It was my perception that he lied. Mr. Chairman, 'Hospital closing and the Premier' - this letter to the editor, Mr. Chairman, signed by Raymond R. Gosse, Whitbourne, Mayor at the time, was put in the newspaper. It is a letter to the Premier, which he published. He says this: "Dear Sir: It is with both disbelief and disgust that I find it necessary to address this letter to you publicly, disbelief because it was but a few short months ago that you sat in council chambers at Whitbourne and with your assurances buried our fears that our hospital would ever close 'as long as you were Premier of this Province'" - quotation marks, a direct quote by the Premier, quoted by the Mayor of the Town of Whitbourne. "'I,'" says the Premier, "'am not in the business of closing hospitals, I am in the business of upgrading them.'" "I," says Mr. Gosse, "with my own

MR. CALLAN: ears, heard you when you met with the hospital committee and repeated your promises of not only keeping this facility open but also of upgrading the outpatient clinic as well." So he expresses disbelief and disgust - "and disgust," he says, "because obviously, Sir," talking to the Premier, "these were the hollow words of a common politician hustling votes. We thought you to be above this. We were proud that at long last we have a leader, someone who would tell it as it is, someone

MR. CALLAN: "who would defend our right to be first-class Canadians" - they thought - "But, you Sir" - to the Premier - "have done what a dozen Trudeaus were unable to do, you have destroyed the faith your fellow Newfoundlanders had placed in you."

MR. YOUNG: Why are you reading

Dear Abby?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. CALLAN: It would have been honourable

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! I have

to inform the hon. member his time has elapsed.

MR. STAGG: Table the letter. Your time has elapsed.

MR. CALLAN: That is tabled, my friend, in every home in Bellevue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Eagle River.

MR. HISCOCK: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to comment briefly with regard to water and sewerage in this Province. I suppose I am probably one of the most fortunate members in the House that I have \$13 million -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. HISCOCK: - I have approximately \$13 million being spent on water and sewerage projects in my district, thanks kindly to the federal government under Coastal Labrador DREE agreement.

With regard to that I would like to comment upon what is happening with regards to the installation of some of these water and sewerage projects. For example, Cartwright is now going to be going into its third phase of water and sewerage, and when the Bottom, or what is known as the Bottom in Cartwright, the people wrote

MR. HISCOCK: me and asked me if they were going to be getting water and sewerage, I automatically assumed that it would be part of the five phases going into Cartwright.

So I wrote the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) and said, "Cartwright is imposing a property tax on all citizens of Cartwright and the Bottom of Cartwright wants to know if they will be getting water and sewerage because they are down on back of the clinic?" And the answer that came back from the Minister of Municipal Affairs said, "No, we are going to impose property tax on them but they are not going to get any water and sewerage services.

Also now that the hookups are going through Cartwright, some of the houses are quite far away from the main line or the main road and the people are responsible for hooking up these themselves. So what you are going to see is a reoccurrence of Makkovik, where a house is probably worth \$10,000 or \$5,000 and the hookup cost will probably end up in the range of \$5,000 or \$10,000. Yet the Minister of Municipal Affairs is not dealing with that and having it as part of the contract. They are saying, "No individual houses are responsible for their own hookup".

With regard to another part in the community, water and sewerage is being installed in Forteau. And with regard to being installed in Forteau, what is happening there? Again a property tax is being imposed on the people of English Point. They wrote the Minister of Municipal Affairs and asked, now that they have to pay property tax would they be getting the benefits that they have to pay for, like water and sewerage? And the answer, of course, is no.

MR. HISCOCK: So here is the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) allowing municipalities to have guaranteed loans and imposing property tax, and yet they have to go around and not service the full community.

The same thing is also true for L'Anse-au-Loup and all of the other communities all along.

MR. E. HISCOCK: I want to bring to the attention of the minister that \$13.5 million is being spent, 90 per cent of that is federal government money, yet the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. H. Newhook) is saying to these communities that are getting these benefits from the federal government, you have to impose property tax, and so these communities have agreed. But the most pressing problem as the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. E. Roberts) pointed about the pollution of the water in Conche, the most pressing need in my district, and the minister knows this also, is in regard to Black Tickle. Black Tickle only has surface water, they do not even have wells because of the geology of the area, and the government has probably spent at least \$250,000 going in and drilling artesian wells only to find out that all of them have come up dry. The residents have said, 'You are not going to find any water.' I have told them what has happened in the past but no, they went in again this year and spent probably \$50,000 drilling more wells and finding that again they are dry. And what happens now in Black Tickle, they only have surface water, small shallow wells, they have to boil their water before using it in any way, there is a higher proportion of gastroenteritis, stomach complaints in that community, next only to Davis Inlet on the Coast. Black Tickle is the one that most needs immediate attention with regard to the water. We are not asking, they are not asking for the sewage facilities. They are asking for something basic and that is water and I cannot help but think about the vast territory of Labrador and all its hydro potential and all the water that is running into the seas and the Lower Churchill and the Upper Churchill and the other one and all water and yet here you have not places like Davis Inlet and Black Tickle that do not even have fit water.

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MR. E. HISCOCK:

So, Mr. Chairman, I hope that the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. H. Newhook) will address the serious health problem with regard to Black Tickle as well as other areas in this Province and

MR. HISCOCK: put more money into this area because, Mr. Chairman, if we do not look after the basic things like water then what type of society are we? When we find out, Mr. Chairman, that we are spending money, \$2.5 million in Labrador on air subsidies for helicopters instead of combining and using Labrador Airways, \$2.5 million, Mr. Chairman, some of that \$2.5 million could be used for water and sewerage. And also I want to point out with regard to certain loans under the Local Authority Guarantee Act that there are many, many places in this Province, as members said before me and will continue to say, and a lot of these communities are asking how do they get this cost sharing? You want to get sixty/forty with regard to roads in the municipalities, they want sixty/forty on other municipal things, so they apply to the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs Newhook), They apply, the councils put their money up front, the local residents say, okay, if it means property tax then we will invoke property tax if that is what it means to get water and sewerage and to get half decent roads within the local districts. They go to the Minister of Municipal Affairs with their money and say, Would you please cost share these projects? And what is the answer? No. No, is the answer. I believe last year probably about 50 per cent of the communities that asked and had their money up front, and the communities were willing to have property tax because they wanted the facilities, but the government said no, and the same thing also with regard to loans to the municipalities. I am amazed really sometimes at the perception of our people in that if they are getting water and sewerage when an election comes the government of the day reminds

MR. HISCOCK: them that they have water and sewerage and says since I have been elected you have water and sewerage and all this. And the people sort of say, yes, you as the member or the minister or the Premier at that time, we got water and sewerage under your term of office and therefore they try to return the person as a favour for getting the water and sewerage. But do the voters realize that all the government is doing is guaranteeing the loans to the municipalities, only guaranteeing the loans? The people themselves are paying them through the property tax and whether we had a government or not it would be the same thing, that they could form a small - well, it is a local government - but because of the legislation they have to go through the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs Newhook). So, Mr. Chairman, here are the people in the Province thanking the government for water and sewerage when in actual fact all they do is guarantee the loans.

MR. HISCOCK: And when they come forward with more money on a 60/40 cost sharing, the answer, Mr. Chairman, is the government says no to 50 per cent of the municipalities and councils in this Province.

They also say to the councils too, last year in the Municipalities Act, the big act that was proclaimed as being the cornerstone for the '80s for this government, and that would not have to be changed, as soon as it was brought in, within six months they brought in major changes and now, Mr. Chairman, one of the cornerstones is that, "If you can collect more taxes, municipalities, the more taxes you collect and cut down on costs for the provincial government, we will have an incentive basis. And the incentive will be the more taxes you collect, we will match that on a proportional basis."

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! The hon. gentleman's time has elapsed.

MR. HISCOCK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. HEARN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HEARN: Mr. Chairman, I am sure that hon. members on both sides of the House realize that at any one time, especially in recent years, we get a tremendous amount of requests for funding for municipal projects, and that at any one time only a certain amount of money can be allocated for such projects.

In listening to the hon. gentlemen opposite, they seem to wonder why there seems to be a discrepancy between the amount of money spent in what they

MR. HEARN:

call Tory districts and what is being spent in their districts. Perhaps the reason should be clarified, there is an old saying, "It is a long road with no turn", and if we go back a few years and we look at the so-called Tory districts, very little money was spent. The reason why we are spending so much money now is because those districts have been neglected for so long.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. HEARN:

Not only were the districts that are now recognized as Tory districts neglected, not only were they neglected when they were held by Tories, the districts that were held by Liberals were neglected, Mr. Chairman.

MR. YOUNG:

Harbour Grace is one of them.

MR. HEARN:

Well Harbour Grace, I can give you two that I am very familiar with, the district of Ferryland and the district of St. Mary's-The Capes, where until 1972 practically nothing, not a jot or an iota, as a former Premier used to say, was spent in relation to road paving, or water and sewer projects.

MR. ANDREWS:

They had lousy members, flunky members.

MR. HEARN:

Since 1972, 126 miles of pavement has been laid in St. Mary's-The Capes.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. HEARN:

I could add the number of miles that will be added the next three or four years, I will not, I will leave that up to the hon. Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe).

However, before 1972 not an inch of pavement in the twenty years the Liberals were in power.

MR. WINDSOR:

Shame! Twenty years.

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MR. HEARN:

Even though for twenty years that district was represented, almost all of the time, by a Liberal member.

MR. WINDSOR:

Shame!

MR. HEARN:

No water and sewer, more

MR. HEARN:

whatsoever. The same thing in the district of Ferryland, held by the hon. the Minister of Forest Resources and Lands (Mr. Power), the same thing occurred there. Not a cent was spent even though for practically all that time the district was held by Liberals. But, of course, there is a reason for it. If you remember, the Liberal leader back in those days did not like the people of Ferryland district or did not like the people of St. Mary's - The Capes, simply because they did not support him in his fight for Confederation. He said, 'I am sitting on the chest,' famous words that turned out to be famous last words because he is no longer on the chest and the money is now flowing into those districts, thanks to our government. So when the boys across want to complain about us spending money in certain areas, we are only catching up, evening out.

Mr. Chairman, it is about time that the members across realize that this government is trying to bring Newfoundland up on par to other provinces. We are trying to provide the various outports with water and sewer, with pavement, we are trying to make sure that all of them are treated equally, and in order to bring them up to par we have to put a little extra in the districts that were not held by then. Now we are spending money in the Liberal districts and we have a good reason for it, perhaps not so much to satisfy the political whims of the people who hold the districts right now, but we want to make sure, Mr. Chairman, that after the next election we do not have so much to do ourselves when our own members sit in the seats that are now held by these people. Thank you very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward):

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, when my ten minutes ran out earlier, I was quoting the Mayor, a former Mayor now, actually, but he was the Mayor at the time, of the Town of Whitbourne, the first inland town to be settled in all of Newfoundland, a town where the Premier was conceived and, of course, born at the Markland Hospital about two or three miles away from Whitbourne. Anyway, I was quoting. I want to read this into the record, Mr. Chairman, because students in ten or fifteen years time will not remember that this was a letter to the editor or that the Premier was sent a letter of this kind. But students of political science or whatever will be able to read what the former Mayor said. He was disgusted and he was filled with disbelief. He said, "It would have been more honourable, Mr. Premier, to explain to us" - the council - "then the difficulties your government may have had in keeping this hospital open. Why did you not lay it on the line?" Why did you not tell us that we do not have the money and here is why' and so on and so on - but no, you pulled a colossal bluff. "At least

MR. W. CALLAN:

he said, ' we would have had an opportunity to explain to you in detail why we need that facility improved upon not downgraded. We would have been able to explain some of the difficulties we anticipate in travelling to medical centers in St. John's, the increased traffic of the Summertimes and the unpredictable and treacherous driving in the Winter. We would have shown you proof that our needs were legitimate and our concerns real, but since you have relieved us of our fears we saw no need to dwell on grizzly facts and figures. We believed you. You lulled us into a false sense of security,' says the Mayor of Whitbourne to the Premier. 'However, you denied yourself of the opportunity of seeing and hearing our concerns, something your experts with all their statistics and human trends are unable to give you. Then you, Sir, must bear the responsibilities of this decision and the consequences that will surely come of it. Not only have you done that which you said you would not do, but you have not explained to us exactly what you have planned for us.' "

This new clinic - I was asking the Minister of Health (Mr. W. House) behind the curtain yesterday afternoon - when the Premier was out in Norman's Cove during the campaign, the big rally that had about fifteen buses there from all over the Province -

AN HON. MEMBER:

Why was he not defeated?

MR. H. YOUNG:

I say the majority wanted to see him.

MR. CALLAN:

The Premier lost his majority in his district this time around as well, I have reminded the Premier of that already.

MR. H. YOUNG:

Did you lose any votes?

MR. W. CALLAN:

A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

I would like for the Minister of Public Works (Mr. H. Young) to listen because I know I am hitting a sore point but if he has the common decency to listen I would appreciate it.

But anyway, Mr. Chairman, what I was saying is that the Premier when he was on stage with the P.C. candidate, Bas Jamieson, that night - and the press were there; it was covered live, I can verify this, anybody can - he turned to Bas and he said, 'You got most of that money in your pocket now.' What a political gag for a premier of a province to pull on 400 or 500 people. What an insult to their intelligence. He turned to him and laughed and said, 'You got that money in your pocket now, have you not?' Anyway, Mr. Chairman, let me get back to the letter - the money of course was supposed to be for the new clinic that was supposed to have been built, that Bas supposed to have had in his pocket - 'However,' he says, 'you denied yourself the opportunity of seeing and hearing our concerns. Not only have you done that which you said you would not have done but you have not explained to us exactly what you have planned for us.' I will just skip the next paragraph. 'Mr. Peckford, I liken you to a man who dabbles in abstract act; he never knows what he has created

MR. CALLAN:

until he has finished-if ever. Lastly, Sir, this serious breach of trust goes further than Markland Hospital and our desire to retain that which has served us well during the past forty-six years. It may serve to show the people of Newfoundland that perhaps it would be better for all concerned if control of our offshore resources were placed in the hands of the federal government perhaps you are not the man we thought you to be. Perhaps this offshore resource is more than you can handle. We, Sir"-and I know this for a fact, this man was out West - "We, Sir, are the people who gave you your strong mandate, we are the people who chose to suffer rather than give in to the federal government, we are the people who must leave this Province looking for our daily bread. I beseech you, Sir, not to undermine us. Show us that our trust in you is well founded. Prove that you can be faithful over big things by being faithful over this issue and reverse your decision.' And, of course, everybody knows the decision. Signed by Raymond R. Gosse, former Mayor of Whitbourne. Now, that Mr. Chairman, is a good response to the remark that was made by the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins), the good doctor, when he said that it was only in my mind that it looked like the Premier was not being truthful with the people out in Whitbourne and area. Here is another one, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MARSHALL:

It was in the Daily News, was it?

MR. CALLAN:

It was the weekend edition of the Evening Telegram, the Tory one, if you want me to tell you which one since somebody mentioned the Daily News. Saturday June 12th, 1982, "Dawe says Premier betrayed Committee." Not Dawe the Minister of Transportation, who for some unknown reason

MR. CALLAN: will not table his list of roads programme. This is Stan Dawe. Mr. Chairman, does anybody know who Stan Dawe is? Stan Dawe, Mr. Chairman, is the same man, the man who was Chairman of the Markland Hospital Improvement Committee, he was the same man who chaired that big Tory meeting in my backyard in Norman's Cove, the one that made the National and the Journal, the same man. Here is a Tory saying

MR. CALLAN: that the Premier betrayed the Committee." Dawe said, the Markland Hospital Improvement Committee was appointed in 1979 at a public meeting to demand a new out-patient clinic. Dawe said the committee had two personal commitments from Peckford. He said, 'On April 6', - Remember that day? I do - 'On April 6, 1981" - that was four days before voting day in the Bellevue bi-election - 'The Premier said that his government was opposed to downgrading hospitals, and Markland Hospital will not be closed. And on March 30, 1981 the Premeir met with the Committee and said, 'The out-patient clinic will be built within two years.' That was March 30, 1981 it was going to be built within two years.

These are just two examples, Mr. Chairman. There are others.

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

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman was speaking out of order the whole time because he was speaking -

MR. CALLAN: It is strange you did not stand.

MR. MARSHALL: - really of letters in the paper.

The former speaker - not the former, former speaker, but the former speaker - was indicating with his vast knowledge of the rules that it is out of order to be reading from letters. And he quoted Beauchesne, and the reason for it is that it is out of order because you are supposed to express your own opinions and express your own intellect -

MR. TOBIN: He has no opinions.

MR. MARSHALL: That is what I said to the former, former speaker, we will have to let the poor fellow go on because he obviously has no opinions of his own to express.

MR. CALLAN: Do not be ignorant.

MR. SIMMS: Speak for yourself, boy! Speak for yourself.

MR. CALLAN: I wonder how many people -
MR. OTTENHEIMER: Listen, now!
MR. SIMMS: Name him, Mr. Chairman. Name him.
MR. MARSHALL: I would like to talk to this motion, Mr. Chairman.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: During the course of this debate the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) made reference again to the matters which came up before the House this morning in Question Period with respect to the Premier.

Now let me say first of all that the hon. gentleman feels that the Leader of this government going over to Europe and attempting to protect the seal fishery of this Province that there is something wrong with it, you know, he calls him all sorts of pejorative names, 'skunk', and 'gallicanting around' and what have you. And the hon. gentleman used this House for the purpose of attempting to incite people, as he usually does, with respect to things, completely careless of the concerns of people who are gainfully employed in this Province, to spew forth his own political advantage.

MR. MARSHALL:

So at this time, you know, there are one or two things I want to dispel, because you do not make statements like he makes in this House about critical matters that are before this House in a careless fashion the way that the hon. gentleman did. And he, and the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts), I think, on one occasion, were heaping scorn on the fact that, you know, the Premier is in touch with the situation.

Now I can say, Mr. Speaker, unlike the hon. gentleman there opposite, the Premier, as all members of this administration, very much cares about the affairs of this Province. And I can tell this Committee, if it does the gentleman there opposite any, that on a daily basis, as I said, the Premier rings, and at eleven o'clock this morning, which was approximately forty-five minutes ago, I went down to the Premier's Office to have a scheduled conversation with him about various matters that he keeps in touch with. And I think the hon. gentlemen there opposite might be interested to know that, at that very time when I was speaking with the Premier, the Premier was meeting with the Chairman of the Bowaters organization, the world-wide organization. Now this is the gentleman supposedly having no concern whatsoever with respect to the affairs of this Province. As a matter of fact this is one of the intentions of the Premier, when the Premier goes over to Europe or to major centres like that, he does, as a matter of course I would indicate, most times meet with people who have a very deep interest in this Province, in the industrial affairs of this Province and what have you.

MR. MARSHALL:

So I am not going to comment one way or other any further with respect to the substance of the thing except to put the lie really to the impression that the hon. gentleman is trying to create that the Premier is not concerned. When he is over there on the seal fishery, he is over there meeting with the Chairman of Bowaters and he is very much concerned with affairs. And that is not to say one way or the other I am not going to comment any further other than to say that the Premier had a meeting with officials of Bowaters a while ago and the matter, as I say, I refer the gentleman to the Question Period. But I think it is totally irresponsible of the people there opposite, just purely and simply for the purpose of their own political future, to attempt to make statements that they are careless of, that they do not know the facts with respect to, and they do that from time to time,

MR. MARSHALL: and also to cast the type of very serious innuendo that they were prepared to sow at the time to the effect that the Premier, 'Oh, he is over gallivanting around Europe.' Well, now, he happens to be over protecting the seal fishery that the hon. gentlemen there opposite do not think too much about. He happens to be talking to the chairman of Bowaters. Also, this House might like to know, he is talking this afternoon with the heads of a certain oil company which has interests off the shores of this Province -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: - because it is necessary to talk about that. So he is talking about that as well other concerns over there. So to try to sow that particular type of attitude, you know, I mean, it almost makes you shiver and shake and, you know, slink away from the slunks who would make statements like the hon. gentleman made just purely and simply, I would say, for the purpose of trying to put himself in a certain political position and cast certain innuendoes which are totally, absolutely and completely irresponsible for the gentleman there opposite. And for the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) to get up and make statements along those lines, Mr. Chairman, as I say, you know - well, the facts speak for themselves. It just goes to show that he is as irresponsible - he is coming into the House now - so I will say he is as irresponsible in his position as interim and temporary Leader of the Opposition as he always was when he was with his friend, Mr. Smallwood and his government, when he was sitting as an Independent or an 'Independent' down there farther, when he was assigned to the backbenches by the former Leader of the Opposition and as he presently is now. So if he wants

MR. MARSHALL: to cast innuendoes along that way perhaps he might be man enough now to get on his feet and give what any reasonable person would in the circumstances, an apology.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I do not know what the hon. gentleman said because I was busy, I just came back into the House, but let me say this, I caught the last part of what the hon. gentleman said about the long distance telephone call, that he had his telephone call with the Premier today. Well, Mr. Chairman, let me say this to the hon. gentleman, the hon. gentleman now can play all the political tricks that he wants and he can make all the innuendoes and he can play all the political games that he wants, but the fact of the matter is that the Premier of this Province left to go on a sealing expedition and now, because he is being caught in an embarrassing situation, now he may change his itinerary and change his agenda a little bit to meet with the Bowaters people in London. He may do that, Mr. Chairman, but he will only do it after I raised it this morning during the Oral Question period.

Mr. Chairman, as I said this morning, the first thing that the Premier should have done when he got this information was he should have called the Mayor of Corner Brook and the city council and the unions and the Legion and the Chambers of Commerce together.

MR. NEARY: And instead of running away like a coward, running off to Europe on a sealing expedition, he should have met with these people and he should have levelled with them, he should have levelled with the groups in Corner Brook. And now, Mr. Chairman, he is caught like a rat. They are over there now like drowning rats.

MR. SIMMS: Totally irresponsible.

MR. NEARY: Totally irresponsible. If I had not raised it this morning the urgent phone calls would not have gone out from this Province this morning if I had not raised it.

MR. SIMMS: Skunk! Skunk! Slimey.

MR. NEARY: Yes, less than a skunk. Only a coward, only a traitor would betray the people who supported the Premier, gave him four seats in this House. Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman is supporting a man who is lower than a skunk at this moment, who would run away from the people, run away from the people that supported him.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, they can shout and bawl all they want over there now.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. DINN: Will I send over the Mifflin Report?

MR. NEARY: They can shout, and rant and rave, and crow and bawl all they want, but the fact of the matter is-

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, could I have silence please?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Could I have silence?

Mr. Chairman, the people of Corner Brook deserve better treatment from this administration than they got.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY:

Do hon. gentleman realize that it was a week ago - Mr. Chairman, could I have silence, please?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward):

Order, please! I would like to remind hon. members that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) has asked to be heard in silence.

MR. NEARY:

If not would, Your Honour, name the hon. gentlemen, Mr. Chairman? Would you name them if they do not follow your instructions?

This is too serious a matter for hon. gentlemen over there to snicker and laugh at. It was one week ago Wednesday past, a week ago Wednesday past, since Bowaters conveyed that information to the Premier and he did not lift a finger, one week ago Wednesday past. And, Mr. Chairman, now he has gone off. We were told in this House the other day by the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) that the Premier was leading a delegation on the seal ban in Europe. He said nothing about the Bowaters situation. This is only an afterthought, this is only incidental! Now that he is being caught in an embarrassing position -

MR. STEWART:

Do you want to close down the seal fishery?

MR. NEARY:

No, I am not happy, I am rather sad about it. I am rather sad to see people of this Province treated in such a shabby way,

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, people who gave this House on the Tory side, gave the Premier four members, who have been sitting on this information for over a week and will sit on it for another week. The hon. gentleman this morning told us that meetings were going to take place in Newfoundland. He knew nothing about the meeting overseas. The Premier did not even bother to tell his Cabinet before he left obviously.

They cannot fool us, Mr. Chairman, they cannot fool us like that. We know the political trickery and the political games they are playing.

MR. TOBIN: We have a very responsible Premier.

MR. NEARY: Oh, we have a very responsible Premier. The very responsible Premier runs away like he is coward. Shirks his responsibility and runs away like a coward.

MR. TOBIN: Are you against the seal hunt?

MR. NEARY: No, I am not against the seal hunt. The seal hunt is important.

MR. TOBIN: You said the other day, "Close up the fish plants. Bar them up."

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman is supporting the party that is presiding over the demise of the fish processing sector of the fishing industry in this Province. The hon. gentleman is supporting that administration.

MR. DINN: Tell us about the building supplies on Bell Island.

MR. NEARY: Now, I will tell about all the pay I got from the Avalon Telephone Company while I was a minister.

MR. DINN: Did you?

MR. NEARY: Yes. Want me to tell the hon. gentlemen that?

MR. DINN: It never happened.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I ask -

MR. DINN: Mr. Chairman, I challenge the hon. member to go outside and say that. Go outside and say it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. DINN: I challenge the hon. member to go outside and say that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, could I have silence?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Could I have silence, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Could I have silence?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

I would like to remind members on both sides of the House that the Chair is having difficulty in hearing the speaker and if they would keep their comments down, please, to a reasonable level.

The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Anyway the fact of the matter is, just to get things in the right perspective, the other day - or a week ago -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, could I have silence, please?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: The hon. gentleman is not in a barroom now.

MR. TOBIN: No, and you are not either.
You are a coward. Why do you not go out and say what you just said?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Is that parliamentary,
Mr. Chairman? I ask you to ask that hon. gentleman to take that back.

Mr. Chairman, that is an unparliamentary word, I ask you to ask -

MR. CHAIRMAN: A point of order, the hon. -

MR. NEARY: No, I am asking Your Honour to ask the hon. gentleman to withdraw.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did the hon. member make a remark that he would like to withdraw?

MR. NEARY: It is unparliamentary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did the hon. member make a remark that he would wish to withdraw?

MR. SIMMS: The hon. Leader ought to sit down if anybody wants to respond.

MR. NEARY: Well go ahead, respond.

MR. SIMMS: You are not allowed to monopolize the House.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, look I am not going to be sidetracked.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! You asked that the hon. member withdraw an unparliamentary remark. He has gone back to his seat so he can make a comment.

The hon. member made a remark while he was in the House there that was not parliamentary and I would ask that he withdraw it.

MR. TOBIN: Mr. Chairman, if I made a comment in reference to the hon. member that is unparliamentary, I unqualifiably withdraw it.

Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. STAGG: A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A point of order, the hon. member for Stephenville.

MR. STAGG: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for Burin-Placentia West (Mr. Tobin) I think uttered the word "coward" in

MR. STAGG:

reference to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), I think that is a very apt description of the hon. member who is here today calling other people 'louse,' 'skunk' and 'lower than a snake's belly' and all of these things he interprets as being parliamentary. Someone describes him quite adequately as a coward and he protests! Methinks he doth protest too much, Mr. Chairman.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): To that point of order. It is a difference of opinion.

MR. NEARY: You cannot allow that to stand on the public record, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no point of order.
The hon. the Leader of the
Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Well, then, are you going to allow the hon. gentleman to say indirectly what he cannot say directly? Because that is what he did.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you on a point of order?
The hon. the Leader of the Opposition has a point of order?

MR. NEARY: I tell you what, Mr. Chairman, I am not going to allow myself to be distracted. Because this has been the policy of this administration, they are always setting up smoke screens and they are trying to distract from the real issues in this Province.

Mr. Chairman, over one week ago, the Premier of this Province was given information by Bowaters and he has been sitting on it ever since, and he intended to sit on it until next Wednesday or Thursday. When Bowaters made up their mind they were going to have a news conference.

MR. HEARN: On a point of order,
Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): On a point of order, the hon.
the member for St. Mary's - The Capes.

MR. HEARN: Mr. Chairman, the member is
impugning that the Premier has done nothing about infor-
mation passed to him. He has no way of knowing that
that is the case and I presume that he is quoting something
which may not be correct.

MR. NEARY: To the point of order,
Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: To that point of order, the
hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, since when does
the hon. rookie become an expert on the rules of this House?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, that is not a
point of order. The hon. members are trying to harass me
now because obviously I am getting to them, I am hitting
a very sensitive point.

MR. CHAIRMAN: To that point of order, I rule
it is merely a difference of opinion between two hon.
members.

The hon. the Leader of the
Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Sir. Now, if I may
be allowed to carry on, Mr. Chairman, uninterrupted.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Your Honour, could I have
silence, please?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! Order!

MR. NEARY: This is a very serious matter,
Mr. Chairman. Over one week ago, the Premier of this

MR. NEARY: Province met with Bowaters and Bowaters conveyed information to the Premier. Now, Mr. Chairman, we would have known nothing about that meeting if I had not asked questions about it in this House this morning. The Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) confirmed that a meeting had taken place.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I ask to be heard in silence, if you do not mind. Would you remind hon. gentlemen they are not in a bar-room now, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Now, Mr. Chairman, it is obvious that the Premier did not intend to deal with this situation until Bowaters had their news conference next Wednesday or next Thursday. Now, we still do not know what kind of information they conveyed to the Premier; it may have been good news, we do not know;

MR. S. NEARY: only the Premier knows, and what did he do? He ran away to Europe with the information in his head and when he left this Province we were told by the Government House Leader (Mr. Wm. Marshall), who made a Ministerial Statement in this House, that the Premier was leaving to lead a Canadian delegation on the seal ban in Europe. That was not a true statement, by the way, because the Premier was not leading a delegation but that is another matter, I am not going to get into that now. The minister said nothing about meetings with Bowaters and now as an after thought incidental to his trip about the seals in a phone call this morning, the hon. gentleman said, 'Well, I am going down to meet with the representative of Bowaters.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! The hon. the members time has elapsed.

MR. NEARY: I will get back to it again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shall the resolution carry?

MR. W. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I was sidetracked actually earlier by the Minister of Finance (Dr. J. Collins), and I did not intend to get into that at all, but I did have a couple of clippings in my pocket for a rainy day and the minister gave me the golden opportunity to avail of using them.

MR. STEWART: By-election in Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: That was an excellent newspaper we put out there, Mr. Chairman, the one that the hon. gentleman is showing interest in even though he is not in his own seat.

But anyway, we did win that

MR. W. CALLAN: by-election on April 6, 1981
by 694 votes and we won it, Mr. Chairman, in spite of the fact that the Tory candidate, Jim Peddle from Hodge's Cove, was campaigning door-to-door three months prior to the calling of the election. Now, who's payroll he was on, whether he was on the provincial payroll, or the Tory payroll, I do not know, but he was knocking on doors for three months leading up to the time when I tendered my resignation from the Officer of the Leader of the Opposition, sent it up to the Speaker, when the Speaker got it the next day the Premier called the by-election. But anyway we did win it by 694 votes in spite of the fact that the Tory candidate who is still I assume - is he still on the government payroll? In these times of restraint, is he another one of those Tory appointments who is draining the taxpayers of this Province? Is Jim Peddle still on the payroll of the provincial Department of Fisheries? We know that Harold Collins is and some of the other political appointments.

MR. TOBIN: Your other leader, who is he employed by?

MR. CALLAN: Johnson's Insurance.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) is in his seat now. Let me read once again for the Minister of Transportation, and let every member hear, let every member in the House of Assembly determine whether or not the minister misled the House. On June 22, and here is Hansard, the Minister of Transportation stood in his place and he said, 'Mr. Speaker, a number of weeks ago in this hon. House I was asked a question about the tabling of a list of Capital construction projects', June 22, 1982. That was almost a month after the Budget was presented on May 29.

MR. YOUNG: That was not Budget day.

MR. NEARY: Go out, boy, and crawl in the sewers.

MR. CALLAN: And he says, 'I was asked about tabling a list of capital construction projects', and he said, 'And I indicated at that time that that list was in the process of being finalized.' A number of weeks ago it was in the process of being finalized, said the minister on June 22. I said at that time a couple of weeks ago 'That it was in the process of being finalized and as soon as it was finalized it would be presented to this hon. House as had been the practice last year', said the Minister of Transportation, 'Last year, the year before and the year before that.' In other words, as has been the practice for three consecutive years', and he says, 'It will be the practice again this year'. And he said, 'It will continue to be the practice, Mr. Speaker. It will be continued to be the practice, Mr. Speaker, and as soon as that list has been finalized I will table it'.

So let me ask the Minister of Transportation once more, I asked him yesterday and in typical Premier fashion he got up and for five minutes completely side-stepped the question - not only that question, I asked him a couple of others - completely side-stepped it

MR. W. CALLAN: So let me ask members on both sides of the House, Mr. Chairman, what did the minister actually do on June 22nd? Did he deliberately mislead this House? Did he lie to this House? That is the question.

MR. S. NEARY: That is right.

MR. CALLAN: He was going to table it in a couple of days. I am asking, I am not accusing the minister, I am asking. In all fairness now, politics aside. I mean, when the minister said he was going to table in a couple of days, that is more than five months ago.

MR. G. TOBIN: I thought there was something (inaudible).

MR. CALLAN: He said he was going to do it in a couple of days, that is five months ago, we have been back in this particular sitting for nearly a month, for three weeks, and the minister still has not tabled it.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, is there not something in this House that says you have to be in your own seat when you open your mouth.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): No, the rule of this House is that you are not allowed to open your mouth while other people are speaking.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

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

MR. CALLAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

So anyway, Mr. Chairman, there is nothing else here relevant. Is the Minister of Transportation (Mr. R. Dawe) going to table that list or is he going to be tarred with the same brush as the Premier is across this Province?

MR. R. DAWE: I should he be so lucky.

MR. W. CALLAN: It took a while, Mr. Chairman, it took a while but the people across this Province are finally seeing the Premier for what he really is, a side-stepper, an arm waver, a preacher, a man who does not want the television cameras brought into the House -

MR. S. NEARY: Who runs away under pressure.

MR. CALLAN: - who runs away under pressure, who side-steps issues, puts somebody else up front to take the heat until a week or two later when he thinks everybody has forgotten the matter.

MR. NEARY: He even runs down to the Super Bowl.

MR. CALLAN: Well, the Ocean Ranger will not be forgotten for a long time to come, Mr. Chairman, and the Premier may have hid at the time but, Mr. Chairman, it seems passing strange to me that at the time on February 15th, the night that the Ocean Ranger went down, at that time the Petroleum Directorate had the services of one inspector, one, at the time when this government was saying that 'we have the best rules and regulations and we have the best system in place than any country has ever had, we have learned from the North Sea disasters and experience, we have learned from the experience in other countries and we have a handle on things,' it seems passing strange to me, Mr. Chairman, that there was only one inspector. And what appears to me to be more passing strange is that just as the Ocean Ranger inquiry started hearings in this capital city,

MR. CALLAN: right in the midst of that we hear a public statement on the media that the Petroleum Directorate has hired four additional ones during a time of restraint. If five were necessary now when there are only three rigs out there - nine off Nova Scotia, three off this coast - if they are necessary now and if they had to be hired now during a time of restraint and government cutbacks, Mr. Chairman, every Newfoundlander must be asking the question, 'Why were they not in place?' Where was that one inspector on the night that the Ocean Ranger went down? If there had been more inspectors to follow up on the points that were being made at the time by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) and the terrible list that the Ocean Ranger experienced nine days before she sank, if there had been more inspectors to go out and investigate, I wonder if the Ocean Ranger would have ever gone down?

MR. NEARY: Right on!

MR. CALLAN: The government, Mr. Chairman, I think, gave the families and friends, the wives and so on, of the people working on these rigs, a false sense of security.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! The hon. member's time has expired.

MR. CALLAN: I will get on to it some other time, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DINN: Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. DINN: Mr. Chairman, we were speaking on Bill No. 68 - one would not know it by what we are hearing from hon. members opposite - but in speaking on the bill, certain hon. members had certain comments to

MR. DINN: make and, of course, they cannot be left on the record without being refuted.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) obviously went through his ciphering or had one of his aides go through his ciphering overnight and presented some facts to the House with respect to where the dollars were spent in Municipal Affairs over the past year or so when the districts that the hon. member was talking about were represented by Liberals and P.C.s and the like and cast aspersions as to whether there were fair or reasonable amounts paid out to different municipalities in the Province of Newfoundland, Mr. Chairman. So I did a little bit of ciphering

MR. DINN: myself and, Mr. Chairman,
quite sure that what I have done -

MR. CALLAN: You went to a caplin school, did you?

MR. DINN: The same school as the hon.
Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) went to. The hon.
the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) now is interrupting
because obviously he could not take the onslaught yesterday
and he will be leaving the House probably before I am finished
here this morning.

Mr. Chairman, I do not need
much more than twenty minutes to outline to this hon. House
the fairness that the government used last year in dispatching
the funds for water and sewer projects in municipalities
as laid out in the bill, Of something like \$33 million or \$34
million spent in Municipal Affairs last year, something like
\$8 million was spent in what were at that time Liberal
districts and the remainder, Mr. Chairman -

MR. STAGG: It was a Tory plot to get them.

MR. CALLAN: Wait until next time
around.

MR. DINN: Mr. Chairman, it may have
been, as my hon. friend for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) suggests,
a Tory plot to get them because their ranks have diminished
since. But, Mr. Chairman, out of about \$33 million or \$34
million, something like \$8 million was spent in Liberal districts
and I do not think much more needs to be said about that. It is
about -

MR. CALLAN: Would the minister permit a
question?

MR. DINN: - about the same amount in
percentage terms as were represented on the other side at that
time.

MR. DINN: The hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) now wants to interrupt. No, Mr. Chairman, I will not permit him to ask a question, but the hon. member will have adequate time to speak in the debate when I am finished.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: He is leaving now.

Good bye.

MR. DINN: I predeicted that the hon. member would leave, and the hon. member is leaving now. Mr. Chairman, contrast that with what has happened in the past and one would have to say , who is doing the political pork-barrelling?

Mr. Chairman, we had a report issued -

AN HON. MEMBER: What report?

MR. DINN: It was called the Mifflin report.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. DINN: A very respectable gentleman in this Province presented a report, Mr. Chairman, about what happened prior to, we will say, 1971-1972, when this great Tory Party came into power.

Mr. Chairman, just to lay out one or two of the facts that were presented by that report of say, something of the order of \$1,191,000 -

MR. CARTER: Read the whole report.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A point of order, the hon.

Leader of the Opposition.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, not that I mind the hon. gentleman making a fool of himself, I do not mind that.

MR. TOBIN: No, he is not.

MR. NEARY: And I do not mind what the hon. gentleman is saying but , Mr. Chairman, we do have to be somewhat relevant in this House.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: We have to observe the rules of the House in some way, shape, or form, Mr. Chairman, that is the only reason why I stand on a point of order, not that the hon. gentleman is ranting and raving on, the fact of the matter is he is irrelevant to the matter under discussion. And we do have to enforce the rules of the House, Mr. Chairman.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, to that point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman,

DR. COLLINS: the resolution seems to have gotten lost in debate, Nevertheless what the hon. minister is doing now is he is responding to points that were brought up by the Opposition. He is not being irrelevant in that context. He is merely responding to the irrelevancies that have been brought up by the Opposition.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): To that point of order, we are doing a money bill and the Chair has allowed quite a wide ranging debate this morning and there are quite a few comments that I guess could have been considered irrelevant to this bill, but because the debate is wide-ranging I rule that there is no point of order.

MR. DINN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I was saying, Mr. Chairman, was with respect to this bill hon. members have contended that there was some political pork barrelling with respect to the allocation of funds for Municipal Affairs. Well, in doing the simple arithmetic calculations one concludes that obviously that is not true, that approximately one-third of the funds expended went to districts that at that time were represented by hon. members opposite, and hon. members who are no longer opposite, Mr. Chairman.

So in comparing that one would have to look at what the record was before a new administration took over and what the record was, for example, in 1971 with respect to labour and materials expended on Bell Island versus the rest of the Province. We had \$1,191,478 for the total Province, and of that total amount \$260,142.29 was spent guess where, Mr. Chairman?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. DINN: And not only that, Mr. Chairman, but the hon. member who was protesting so much this morning with his little facts and figures was no less than the hon. member who is now Interim Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), was then Minister of Social Services in that administration, Mr. Chairman.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that would shoot down in flames what the hon. the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) contended when he stood in his place in this House.

MR. SIMMS: What was it spent on?

MR. DINN: It was spent on building materials and labour costs, etc.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the gentleman who wrote this report, a very honourable gentleman in this Province, recognized by all and sundry as a very hon. gentleman wrote this report, he said that, "Much of the abuse in this spending of government funds was attributed, associated with, the Minister's Office directly." Mr. Chairman, a quote directly from the report.

Now, Mr. Chairman -

MR. NEARY: Tell us about the telephone company.

MR. DINN: Now, Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman is interrupting and talking about the telephone company. I challenged the hon. gentleman this morning when he made a statement in this House that

MR. DINN: the hon. member does not have the courage to make outside the House, Mr. Chairman. I can go out and repeat outside the House whatever I say inside the House, Mr. Chairman, because it is in the report. The hon. the member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) may not like what is in the report but the hon. the member for LaPoile, methinks, as the hon. the member for Stephenville (Mr. Stagg) suggested, protests too much, Mr. Chairman.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. DINN: And then the hon. the member for LaPoile, who is now the interim Leader of the Opposition, has the colossal gall to stand in his place in this House and talk about political pork barrelling.

MR. SIMMS: And wanted to be heard in silence too.

MR. DINN: And wanted to be heard in silence, Mr. Chairman, at the time. He got up and talked about political pork barrelling that has been shot down in flames.

MR. TOBIN: Is there anything in there about hockey sticks?

MR. DINN: Oh, Mr. Chairman, the materials that were bought that were supposed to be for building supplies, I mean, the list is endless and has nothing to do in many cases with building supplies - television stands, floor lamps, picture windows, Mr. Chairman, things that were never before under the rules of the department, never before bought as building supplies. And the report goes on and on and on. But I mention these points, Mr. Chairman, just to illustrate the fact that in this bill that we are discussing here today,

MR. DINN: Bill No. 68, "An Act To Amend The Local Authority Guarantee Act," where it outlines the monies spent in Municipal Affairs for water and sewer throughout this Province, the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) judiciously allowed these funds to go out to all Newfoundlanders. She did not say, Is that community Liberal or P.C.? She said, 'They need water,' - on the basis of need, supplied water and sewer to the people of this Province.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I also heard the hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) this morning pleading with the minister to spend some money next year in his district and, Mr. Chairman, that is his job. I commend the hon. member for getting up in his place and doing that because that is what a member is really supposed to be doing in here and what it is all about.

MR. CALLAN: Your time is up.

MR. DINN: The hon. the member for Bellevue says, 'Time is up.' Well, he would like for my time to be up, Mr. Chairman. His time will soon be up.

Mr. Chairman, I have shot down in flames the contention of most hon. members opposite with respect to pork barrelling and compared it with what was done when hon. members opposite represented the government of this Province, where there is no question about the fact that there was political pork barrelling. Of the \$1,191,000, we only looked at one district. I did not investigate or see where the rest of that \$1,191,000 went but we do know where \$260,000 went

MR.DINN:

in that one area and that is the subject of a report. Actually the report in my opinion is how a minister should not act when he is given the power in the ministry, how he should not act.

MR.CHAIRMAN(Aylward): Order, please!

MR.DINN: And, Mr.Chairman, this bill, Bill 68 tells -

MR.CHAIRMAN: Order, please!

MR.DINN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you - tells how a minister should operate when he is in charge. Thank you, Mr.Chairman.

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

MR.NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I thank the hon. Minister of Manpower (Mr.Dinn) for producing a certificate to show that I am the only minister and the only member of this House who is clean.

SOME HON.MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR.NEARY: I challenge any member on the other side to produce a similar certificate. They cannot do it, Mr.Chairman, so I will just let that matter slide.

I want to get back to this Bowaters thing, Mr.Chairman. I am not going to be distracted by hon. gentlemen and I would like to have silence because the hon. gentleman somehow or other think they are in a beer hall, especially the hon. member for Burin (Mr.Tobin), think they are in a beer garden. The hon. gentleman is not used to this House, he is not used to the rules of the House, he is not used to having discipline. When you come into this House, Mr. Chairman, when you enter this House you subject yourself to the rules of the House. I know the hon.

MR. NEARY: gentleman finds it very difficult to abide by the rules of this House but there are rules and they have to be followed, Mr. Chairman. And so, Mr. Chairman, getting back to the Bowaters thing, when the Premier decided to go to Europe, Mr. Chairman, he decided to take with him the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) because he was going off in connection with the seal ban. Now if he was going in connection with Bowaters would he not have taken the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I ask for silence or name the member.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Now, Mr. Chairman, how many times do I have to ask the Chair to enforce the rules of this House? I want to be heard in silence.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! The hon. member can ask the Chair to enforce the rules of the House any time he likes and the rules will be enforced when he asks and even when he does not ask.

MR. NEARY: I am asking now to be heard in silence.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Leader of the Opposition wishes to be heard in silence. I will remind hon. members on both sides of the House that the hon. Leader of the Opposition or the speaker, any speaker, has the right to be heard in silence when he is speaking.

The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Now, Mr. Chairman, when the announcement was made in this House that the Premier was

MR. NEARY: going to Europe the announcement was made that he was leading a delegation in connection with the seal ban and he took with him the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), so that confirms why he was going to Europe. He did not take the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) or the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) or the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins), who would be more inclined to be involved in the Bowaters situation than the Minister of Fisheries. I mean, what does Bowaters have to do with Fisheries, Mr. Chairman? But anyway, having said that, I am glad I raised this matter this morning.

MR. WINDSOR: (Inaudible)
You cannot make up your mind what you want.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, again could I ask Your Honour to enforce the rules?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

I remind the hon. gentlemen, once again, the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) has a right to be heard in silence.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I am glad

I raised this matter this morning because for no other reason now it has motivated the Premier to set up a meeting with Bowaters International. And, Mr. Chairman, we all hope that his meeting with Bowaters International will be successful. None of us in this House want to see a drastic situation develop in Corner Brook, none of us want to see anybody laid off, whether it be in the fishery or in the pulp and paper industry. None of us likes to see that. So if I have done nothing else in this House today I have motivated the Premier to arrange a meeting with Bowaters International. Because obviously, Mr. Chairman, when I asked the question this morning of the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) he did not know then this morning that the Premier was going to arrange a meeting with Bowaters International.

Now, Mr. Chairman, we hope that the Premier's efforts will be successful. We hope they will be successful. But there is no excuse and it is unforgivable that the Premier should have attempted to sit on that information and intended to sit on it until this time next week.

MR. RIDEOUT: That is not true.

MR. NEARY: It is true.

MR. RIDEOUT: That is not true.

MR. NEARY: It is true, Mr. Chairman.

MR. RIDEOUT: Stop telling untruths.

MR. NEARY: How can the hon. gentleman say it is not true.

MR. RIDEOUT: Stop telling untruths.

MR. NEARY: Well maybe the hon. gentleman will get up and tell us the truth.

MR. RIDEOUT: Do not be so silly. Sit down.

MR. TOBIN: He already told you the truth.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, on the basis of the information that we have in this House, and the people of Corner Brook have, the Premier sat on this information from over one week ago, a meeting that took place one week ago.

MR. WINDSOR: He is not like your Premier used to be. He discusses these matters.

MR. NEARY: Oh, are we going back to that again? I mean how many years -

MR. WINDSOR: He is different than you are used to.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, how many years are we going to go back now? Are we going to go back 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, or 100 years?

Mr. Chairman, the fact of the matter is that this is the crowd that were elected to govern this Province. Now. We are talking about now. We are talking about the administration that is there elected to govern this Province.

MR. WINDSOR: That is what I am talking about. Now.

MR. NEARY: Okay, well that is what we are talking about. We are talking about now, the way they have handled the situation.

MR. WINDSOR: Oh my, oh my, oh my.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, so I hope, and we hope on this side, that the Premier will be successful in staving off an impending disaster in Corner Brook - if that is what the news is. We still do not know what we are talking about in this House, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CALLAN: We do not have the information.

MR. NEARY: That is right. We do not have the information. Only the Premier has the information in his head running around Europe.

MR. L. SIMMS:

That is not true.

MR. NEARY:

It is true. Well, did he report to his Cabinet before he left? Did he plan a strategy with the Cabinet before he left? Did he meet with the City Council and the unions and the Chambers of Commerce in Corner Brook before he left? No, he did not. He took with him the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan), the weakest minister we have on the other side, and if he intended to meet with Bowaters International why did he not take the Government House Leader (Mr. Wm. Marshall) or the Minister of Justice (Mr. G. Ottenheimer) or the Minister of Development (Mr. N. Windsor)? The fact of the matter is, Mr. Chairman, that I am afraid, I hope I am wrong, that this was all incidental to the seal ban trip. All incidental, just sort of off the cuff, off the record type of thing, something that probably was motivated by my raising the matter in the House of Assembly this morning. Mr. Chairman, it is not fair the way this thing was handled, but let us hope now that he can pull it back together. Let us hope that he can persuade Bowaters not to go ahead with any layoffs, if that is what they are planning, and I have no official word from Bowaters I have not discussed it with them. The only news I am getting is from employees of the company and the residents of the Corner Brook area who know there is something happening and I think they are entitled to be treated better than that, Mr. Chairman. They have been treated very shabbily by this Premier.

MR. E. HISCOCK:

Like IOC in Labrador.

MR. NEARY:

It is like his trip down to Labrador City, that is right, where he flew in and said, 'I

MR. S. NEARY: go out now and I will meet' - after the fact - 'with the officials of Iron Ore Company of Canada.' We do not know if that meeting ever took place. That is no way to treat people, Mr. Chairman. It is no way to treat the people in the fishing industry, like the people of Burin, who are just waiting for the axe to fall, it is no way to treat the people of Corner Brook. And what the Government House Leader (Mr. Wm. Marshall) should have done this morning when he did reach the Premier by satellite or by long-distance telephone, he should have told him to get back to this Province, quickly, get home, get back here as fast as you can because the roof is falling in. The pulp and paper industry is on the verge of collapse, the fishing industry is about to go under. Get back, come home where you belong. Get back in the Province

MR. NEARY: where you can deal with the situation and not be gallivanting around Europe on the seal ban. That may be important, that is an important industry, we are all for saving it. But even the conference that is taking place at Baie Verte condemned the Premier for going off without taking a representative from Newfoundland, and going off prematurely.

So, Mr. Chairman, they can make all of the excuses they like, and they can try to cover up all they like, and they can set up all the smoke screens they want. We do not want to see anything go wrong with Corner Brook. But I would suspect myself that the government have been sitting on this much longer than last Wednesday, that they have known that there has been something wrong in Corner Brook much longer than that and they have kept it under wraps, just the same -

MR. ROBERTS: What else have they been doing?

MR. NEARY: - as they kept the deficit under wraps. And just the same as my hon. friend asked the question, how much more information, how many other things are they keep under wraps?

MR. HISCOCK: Like Chinese food?

MR. STAGG: (Inaudible) a little bit at a time.

MR. NEARY: A little bit at a time, that is right. Somehow or other the news has ways of leaking out. And if I had them calls from Bowaters maybe the Premier would not have been meeting with Bowaters International. But anyway, the fact is the meeting is taking place.

MR. CALLAN: Where will it lead next?

MR. NEARY: That is right. Why did he not take the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) with him?

MR. ROBERTS: Maybe because he wanted to accomplish something.

MR. NEARY: He wanted to accomplish something, that is right.

MR. TOBIN: The Minister of Development is doing a lot of worrying about it.

MR. WINDSOR: If I went over, you would be saying what am I doing over around there. What am I doing over in Europe.

MR. NEARY: No, Mr. Chairman. If the Premier went off to meet with Bowaters International and took the Minister of Development with him, we would welcome that and we would applaud it -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: We would applaud it.

MR. DINN: You would be saying you do not need all of them gallivanting around in times of restraint.

MR. WINDSOR: How come you have to have all of those going over?

MR. ROBERTS: We have not questioned the minister's expense accounts, we could though.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: The likes of the paranoia we have never witnessed in this House in our lives.

MR. ROBERTS: And it is only beginning

MR. NEARY: And it is only beginning.
They are paranoid

MR. DAWE: The hon. Leader is paranoid.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, we can hardly believe it. We can hardly believe what we are seeing and hearing on this side of the House, and the people of Newfoundland can hardly believe it.

MR. TOBIN: We are going to have a record year in Marystown.

MR. ROBERTS: Thanks to Petro-Canada.

MR. TOBIN: And Baie Verte.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: Petro-Canada bailed them out.

MR. TOBIN: Thanks to the Government of Newfoundland for financing it.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, we built it, sure. Petro-Canada bailed them out twice.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order!

I have to inform the hon. member that his time has elapsed.

MR. NEARY: Well, we hope that the Premier will cancel his seal ban trip and concentrate on the Bowater problem while he is in Europe.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shall the resolution carry?

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: If I could have a few words, Mr. Chairman, I would like -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I just want to advert to the speech made by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) a few moments ago.

MR. SIMMS: What speech?

MR. MARSHALL: Well, the words of the hon. member, Mr. Chairman, we should examine this now. Because the hon. gentleman got up and asked in Question Period today about a meeting, he believes that his asking then resulted in a meeting between the Premier and the head of Bowaters International; that as soon as the member asked that question and made that statement, the news went over to England, the Premier and Lord Haw-Haw or Lord Whoever-it-may-be, I forget who it is, Lord Something it would be if it is over in England, the head of Bowaters International, all of a sudden heard that Mr. Neary was asking questions and thought they should meet and so they got together. And they did not just get together on Monday or Tuesday or Sunday or anything, they got together just like that, Mr. Chairman. It was not planned, No, Sir.

MR. SIMMS: He believes that.

MR. MARSHALL: The people of this Province owe a great debt to the hon. member, Mr. Chairman, a great debt because if he had not got up in the House of Assembly here this morning there would have been no thought, there would have been no thought put in and indeed the meeting would not have taken place. I am quite sure the chairman of Bowaters, like everybody else, is shaking in his shoes and quaking in his shoes at the hon. member whenever the hon. member speaks. Now that is as much sense as the hon. member has and that is as much sense as he emoted on this

MR. MARSHALL: particular issue.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: And then other statements that he makes - and you cannot allow sleazes to slunk away from the positions that they have taken - he got up here this morning, Mr. Chairman, and he was spreading his little innuendo in the Question Period, during the Question Period. Your Honour heard him, we all heard him here. Now what does he say? He talks about an impending disaster in Corner Brook. He still has to spread this type of thing and he says, 'if that is what the news is. Then he comes and he says, they should go ahead to persuade Bowaters not to go ahead with the layoffs and if that is what is happening.' So you see, he is trying to slinge and squeeze his way out off the situation and well he may be, Mr. Chairman, because anybody who stands in this House as an elected member, certainly if he occupies the august position of Leader of the Opposition gets up and makes statements like he made, innuendoes like he made, during Question Period, is in my opinion irresponsible and beneath contempt. Not so far beneath contempt, Mr. Chairman, that he does not feel the pebbles falling on him from down in the lower reaches in which he is from on top, because you notice he gets up and he tries to slinge and sleaze his way back out off it. The very fact

MR. MARSHALL: that the hon. gentleman now gets up and makes these qualifying remarks indicates either that at last he understands the seriousness of the way in which he was speaking, number one. Or, number two, his coaches that abound the walls there, the coaches of the team have gotten to him and told him, "You better recant a little bit from it."

I am not having the hon. gentleman comment one way or the other. I have given the position of the government and I repeat that again, the position of the government that was given during Question Period this morning and I will go no more. But there are certain times, Mr. Speaker, when public interest requires certain positions to be taken by elected members. It is not surprising to me that it is impossible for the hon. gentleman to attain this particular stature, not surprising at all, Mr. Chairman, because he has done it again and again. But it is very, very disappointing that it occurs.

You can see from the statements that he made, first of all how foolish is it? He motivated a meeting that occurred five minutes later over in London, England, and it is only because of him that this meeting occurred, number one, and number two, let the record show, Mr. Chairman, how he is trying to detract and slinge and sledge away from the position that he ought not to have taken in the interest of this Province, that he knows in his heart of hearts that he ought not to have taken.

He need not get up and talk about this government. This government has not been lax, Mr. Chairman, in giving full and complete facts to the

MR. MARSHALL: people of this Province about the position of the Province in any size, or any shape, at any time. But there comes time, Mr. Chairman, there is a time when it is propitious in the interest of people to speak and to say things. There are times when it is in the interest of people not to say things. It is quite evident. You do not need to be a village idiot to know that this may be one of these times. And instead of taking the warning this morning he comes in full bore in the Question Period the way he did, he comes back in here now and look, Mr. Chairman, just let the record show for those who can stomach reading the hon. member's words, how he has attempted to sleaze and slinge away from the position that he took against the interests of the people of this Province once again.

MR. DOYLE: Well said. Well said.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): The hon. Leader of the Opposition -

MR. NEARY: Nobody listens to him, so why should I pay any attention to him?

MR. CHAIRMAN: - gives way to the hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I want to respond. The Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. Dinn) is back in his seat now.

MR. W. CALLAN: Anyway, I heard what he had to say even though I was not in my seat the whole time. I want to respond to what the minister was saying and it is on this bill, Mr. Chairman, the remarks that I wanted to make. You see, as I understand it - and perhaps the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. H. Newhook) can straighten me out on it - but the amounts of money that we are talking about here have been allocated, or the towns were informed - I mean it is for this fiscal year, but it may go back six, eight, twelve months. Would it go back any further than that?

MRS. H. NEWHOOK: It was last year.

MR. CALLAN: It was last year.

MR. J. DINN: It is spent.

MR. CALLAN: I know it is spent and I know that is a strange way to operate, spend your money and then come to the Legislature looking for approval after.

MR. DINN: No, this is only how you finance it.

MR. CALLAN: It is 1981-82 then.

MRS. NEWHOOK: These debentures are just coming due now. Before they were borrowings, now this is the authority for the debentures.

MR. E. ROBERTS: They are debentures and securities for loaning.

MRS. NEWHOOK: Yes. But that is what we are looking for now for last year's expenditures.

MR. ROBERTS: A loan is a loan is a loan.

MRS. NEWHOOK: Yes.

MR. CALLAN: Okay, let me put this question to any minister, perhaps the Minister of Labour and Manpower (Mr. J. Dinn). Nine months ago when we were right in the middle of an election and we had people like the present member for Carbonear (Mr. M. Peach), who was the mayor but

MR. W. CALLAN:

was a Tory candidate nine months

ago, when he -

MR. SIMMS:

He still is the mayor.

MR. CALLAN:

I know he is.

-but when he was out, Mr. Chairman, announcing water and sewerage projects in the middle of an election, not only him but Tory candidates from all over the Province - I was not announcing any projects for the district of Bellevue because I was the candidate, and neither should Bas Jamieson have been out there announcing taxpayers money as a Tory candidate, which he was doing. He announced \$150,000 for the new clinic at Markland which, said the Tory candidate, will serve the area down the shore in Markland and Whitbourne and of course over as far as Chance Cove. And of course, I noted at the time that the Tory candidate did not even know that the people in Chance Cove do not go to Markland Hospital, they go to the Come By Chance Hospital, so he fooled up his whole political announcement, announcing taxpayers money as a Tory candidate, he fooled it all up by not getting his facts straight, the fact that, of course, he did not know that the people in Chance Cove do not go to Markland Hospital to see a doctor

MR. CALLAN: . . . or whatever, they go to Come By Chance. So what the minister is saying then is all of these announcements that were made by Tory candidates last Spring, we have not seen those yet. They will be tabled about this time next year. And I was asking the minister earlier, of course, when the Budget was brought down, at the same time that I was asking the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) when he was going to, back last Spring, in June, when I was asking the Minister of Transportation when he was going to table his roads programme, I was also asking the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) when would she be tabling her Municipal Affairs grants, water and sewer projects. And of course the Minister of Municipal Affairs quite honestly said, "I will not be tabling it . . . We have never done it so I will not be doing it now". But, of course, the Minister of Transportation, he was not satisfied by being honest, he was like the Premier, you know, at the council meeting in Whitbourne, he wanted to hoodwink the members of the House of Assembly by saying, "I am going to do it in a couple of days". And here we are five months later and we still have not heard of it.

But anyway, Mr. Chairman, whether these were announced in last Spring's general election or whether they were announced six months before that they were announced and they were done for the same purpose, to give the Premier and his candidates some extra ammunition because even then the Premier knew that he would be calling an election in April or March of 1982.

Mr. Chairman, as far as the other point that the minister was making or trying to make, that we on this side, we do not pork barrel and we are not like that - the hon. gentleman for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Mr. Reid) left. I think he is still in the Legislature, at least when I was outside just now, because I would rather for him

MR. CALLAN: to be here than for him to come back sometime next week and say I did not have the guts to do it while he was here. I noticed his car is still in the parking spot next to mine. I noticed that he is in his car today. He is not in with loads of oil drums and so on and pipe in his pickup as he is most days.

MR. ROBERTS: Who is this?

MR. CALLAN: The member for Trinity-Bay de Verde.

But anyway, if I can enlighten some of the newer members of pork barrelling, let me tell you what happened in 1975. Water and sewer was approved by the Cabinet for the town of Sunnyside at a Cabinet meeting. The member for Trinity-Bay de Verde, who was a member of that Cabinet, was not in attendance. I am telling it verbatim as it was told to me by a senior civil servant in the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

AN HON. MEMBER: He was not a Cabinet minister.

MR. CALLAN: He was a Cabinet minister,
the Minister of Rural Development.

MR. ROBERTS: The original pork barreller.

MR. CALLAN: The original conflict of
interest and pork barreller. I am telling you, Mr.
Chairman, and I want to tell these new members who want
to listen and you can believe it, you know, I see no reason
not to and it makes every bit of sense in the world, the
water and sewer that was approved for Sunnyside during
that Cabinet meeting, the following day the member for
Trinity-Bay de Verde (Mr. Reid) instructed officials
in the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, "Do
not send out a telegram to the Sunnyside town council",
as is, of course, the habit, you send them a telegram
telling them that their water and sewer is approved.
"Do not send it out", and of course it was never sent
out. Because what happened, Mr. Chairman, and newer
members of the Legislature, was - and you know, of course,
that in 1974 redistribution took place where the district
of Bellevue, which is part of three former districts, Placentia
West, Trinity South as it was called then and, of course, Trinity
North, it was part of three former districts. Bellevue
was brand new. Now then, what happened? The member for
Trinity-Bay de Verde would not be the candidate, or at least
Sunnyside would not be in his district the next time, his
district would not be Trinity South which extended as far
as Sunnyside, his district would end at New Harbour which
is where it ends now, Trinity-Bay de Verde. Where did
the water and sewer that was approved for Sunnyside and,
of course, was prioritized by civil servants and sent up
to Cabinet and came back approved, where did it end up?
I challenge you to take a guess. Just name a town in Trinity-

MR. CALLAN: Bay de Verde where it ended up. It did not end up in Sunnyside, said this civil servant who told it to me. It ended up, my friends, in Heart's Delight, which had been incorporated only a year or two earlier and had no business getting water and sewer. There are towns who were incorporated ten, seven, eight years before and had applied for water and sewer year after year after year but had never gotten approval. These, my friends, are examples of pork barrelling. And the Minister of Development, Mr. Chairman, who got a special grant for the arena in Mount Pearl -

MR. WINDSOR: That is not true.

MR. CALLAN: Civil servants tell lies? Mr. Chairman, I do not know why there are so many people like the Mayor of Whitbourne

MR. CALLAN: and Stan Dawe, the Chairman of the Committee - why is it that everybody else in this Province -

MR. WINDSOR: Tell us how many municipal grants have we got?

MR. CALLAN: The Public Accounts Committee, we will find that out in time.

MR. WINDSOR: Supply information. Do not make innuendos, tell me what we have.

MR. CALLAN: A civil servant told me.

MR. CHAIRMAN (MCNICHOLAS): Order, please!

The hon. member's time has expired.

The hon. member for Windsor-Buchans.

MR. MCLENNON: Mr. Chairman.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MCLENNON: Even though, Mr. Chairman, I have not made my maiden speech in the House yet, there were a few points raised this morning, a few innuendos that I just could not resist getting up and making a few remarks. First of all I get up in support of the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook) because of the very unking attack that was made on her this morning by the hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts), very untactful I must say, in insinuating that the minister is unfair. I am sure that all

MR. ROBERTS: Insinuating? I said it.

MR. MCLENNON: You said it, you sure did. But I certainly go against that. I am sure that all will agree with me regardless of what party they belong to, that the minister is one of the fairest. I know all our ministers are fair but I must say the minister is one of the fairest ministers that we have in this hon. House.

MR. MCLENNON: She will at no time refuse to meet with anybody. I looked at certain statistics or so-called statistics that certain hon. member quoted across the House this morning, like seventy-four P.C. towns getting something and only seven Liberal towns. I think perhaps the Opposition looked at seven Liberal towns in their district getting something today but I certainly remind them even though the government has the majority I am sure there are Liberal towns in some of our districts and I am sure that these towns are getting something as well. So I certainly go on record as saying that these figures are not correct.

I would also like to mention that back in 1967 in Central Newfoundland I started to travel throughout several districts.

MR. MCLENNON: I travelled to Twillingate, Bay d'Espoir, the Baie Verte Peninsula and what have you, and when I started to travel there was little pavement, almost no pavement at all. I can certainly say in my travels to Twillingate back in 1968, 1969 and 1970 there was no pavement whatsoever. Now since that time and since the P.C. Government was elected to power the Road to the Isle, the road right to Twillingate, has been built - and I will remind the hon. members across the floor that in those days there was a Liberal member representing that district and this government did not overlook that at all, they still got their pavement. And I must also say that one of the most expensive causeways some seven or eight years ago was built to link up Twillingate and that was when there was a member in Opposition. So I certainly say that this government has really been fair over the years.

Also when I look at my travels to Bay d'Espoir I must say several times in my travels down there stuck in the mud up to my axels and I must say that this government has certainly produced and put pavement right to Bay d'Espoir and that was in days when that particular district was represented by a Liberal.

MR. ROBERTS Who laid the pavement?

MR. MCLENNON: A shame, is it not? And look at what we did for them. And still they get up and complain that we do not do anything in Liberal areas. I just had to get up and defend that.

Also when we look at the Baie Verte Peninsula, another area that I travelled extensively over the years and over many, many rocky roads. Again when there was a Liberal member down there

MR. MCLENNON: there was plenty of pavement put down, road work and what have you. And as a result today all the main roads down on that Peninsula are paved right down to LaScie, Baie Verte and what have you.

MR. ROBERTS: Who paid for it? Come on, who paid for it?

MR. MCLENNON: Oh, the people paid for it. And this government again, as I said, were fair in doing work in Liberal districts, P.C. districts and you cannot deny that when you get up.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): Order, please!

MR. MCLENNON: You did not direct the money, when the Liberal Party was in power they did not direct the money in their own area.

MR. ROBERTS: I really can destroy you when they give me a chance.

MR. MCLENNON: Well, perhaps you can. You will not destroy me. I will be around, Mr. Roberts, even though you do not know where I am from. As you said yesterday, "Where is the hon. member from?". But if you were here often enough you would have known where I am from and you will know where I am from before the next three or four years are up.

Again, just another word of praise for the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook), that she is one of the fairest ministers that we have, she is an honourable lady and a lady to the full extent. And I certainly support this minister.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: I just want to congratulate
the hon. member on his maiden speech. I am glad that he is -

MR. MCLENNON: That is not my maiden speech,
that is good timing.

MR. ROBERTS: No, it is just his first
speech. I mean, the hon.

MR. ROBERTS: gentleman's maiden speech is going to be obviously a pleasure long delayed.

MR. STAGG: He spoke about a wonderful maiden.

MR. ROBERTS: I am sorry?

MR. STAGG: He spoke about a wonderful maiden.

MR. ROBERTS: I think he spoke about a wonderful lady but I think he is probably doing the hon. lady's husband a disservice to make that kind of remark. I think she is a fine minister and my one regret is, as I said, the hon. gentleman graces his seat in the House, we have been wondering now these six months what he is doing over there other than occupying a body of air, a space -

MR. MCLENNON: At least I am hearing what is being said.

MR. ROBERTS: He may be hearing it, Mr. Chairman, but he made it quite clear he does not understand any of it. So, that is fine. I would simply give him every encouragement and when he has learned how to play in the game let him come back and we will take on.

Now, I want to come back - well, I will just say one thing. Let me just tell him something that is a matter of history. The federal provincial agreements on roads over the course of the 1970's, and there were a number - the Road to the Isles was built long before the hon. gentleman ever heard of Twillingate.

MR. MCLENNON: No.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, sure it was. It was completed in the late 1960's. The causeway to Twillingate was built in the early 1970's, was started in the days when Bill Adams was the member for Twillingate district, and was carried through to completion, to give credit where credit is due,

MR. ROBERTS: by the hon. Frank Moores' administration. Now I will say this to my friend from Windsor-Buchans (Mr. McLennon), that he better be very careful because if the Premier or the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) hears him saying a good word about Mr. Moores he is in even worse - I mean, he thinks he is far out now but I would tell him he is still one seat inside the bar of the House - but if the Premier ever hears him say a kind word about the Premier's predecessor, Mr. Moores, the hon. gentleman for Windsor-Buchans will find himself so far out he will be out on the Funks looking in.

MR. MCLENNON: Is that right?

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, it is right. Whether it should be right or not, it is right.

MR. NEARY: I went down to a Charlie Power roast. I thought it was Moores who was getting roasted.

MR. ROBERTS: Well, I will tell you in that case the roast was better than it would have been otherwise. But let me just tell him so he will know, that all these agreements were federal/provincial and I can tell him that in each case the road to Baie Verte, the road to LaScie, the road down to the Northern Peninsula, it had to be shoved centimeter by painful centimeter or inch by painful inch in those days, down the throats of whoever was Minister of Highways. Bill Doody was there for a bit, Ed Maynard. Who else was there? The Minister of Transportation, the hon. gentleman for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan). We have had giants of public life as the Minister of Transportation. The only sensible one there ever was was Bill Doody and he was -

MR. ROBERTS: you know in Bill Doody's time - I will say this to the hon. gentleman - the only money this government have ever spent on roads in the Northern Peninsula, the Northern part of the Northern Peninsula since 1972 of their own money was spent during Bill Doody's time. He built the road into Grandois and to St. Julien's.

MR. CARTER: He took pity on you.

MR. ROBERTS: I am sorry?

MR. CARTER: He took pity on you.

MR. ROBERTS: I do not care what he did, whether he did it for me or not I would say to my friend from St. John's North

MR. ROBERTS:

(Mr. Carter) my whole quarrel with the government opposite is they are using the people of the Northern Peninsula, the Strait of Belle Isle, as a hostage in the fight with me. If they have got some quarrel with me let them have it out in any way they want but let them not punish the people of the Northern Peninsula for daring, for the affrontery to vote Liberal, to exercise their right to vote to return a Liberal member.

Now, Mr. Chairman, we have only got a couple of minutes. I will pick it up on Monday. We will carry on then. The nice thing about Committee stage is we can go on and on. I do want to say simply though that the performance of the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) just a few minutes ago when he spoke was about the most revealing incident I have seen in this House in a long time. Because the burden - and I see the Speaker hovering and Your Honour is about to rise the Committee. Fair enough! Let me simply say the burden of what the President of the Council simply said was he wants to hide the truth, he wants to reveal it only on his own terms. There is a problem in Corner Brook. It is time this government faced up to it. It is time they told the truth to this House and told the truth to the people of this Province. And that is their offense, that is their fault. And as long as they persist in it, Sir, we on this side shall continue to denounce them and in that we are simply echoing what people are saying in every part of this Province from Cape Race to Cape Chidley and from Cape Spear all the way out to the bill of Cape St. George. Now on that, Mr. Chairman, I will adjourn the debate. Your Honour can rise the Committee. We can have the Speaker and we can all go off for our long weekend which we so richly deserve given how little we have done for the people of Newfoundland, this government have done this week.

On motion that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (RUSSELL):

Order, please!

The hon. member for Kilbride.

MR. AYLWARD:

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means has met and directed me to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion report received and adopted.

The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL:

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

On motion, the House at its rising adjourned until tomorrow, Monday at 3:00 p.m.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION #69

Appearing on Order Paper #4/82, Friday, May 14, 1982.
Asked by The Honourable The Member for Bellevue, Mr. Callan.

Question: Mr. Callan [Bellevue] - to ask the Minister of
Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following
information:

The amount of housing in Labrador which was constructed
by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation,
1979 - 1982.

Answer: While Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
did not actually construct housing in Labrador during
1979 - 1982, they did, through its Rural and Remote
Housing Program, provide financing during this period
for the construction of approximately 30 [thirty]
housing units in Labrador. Furthermore, the Corporation
did during that time purchase a dwelling in Labrador
City at the request of the Department of Justice to
accommodate a Magistrate and as well the Corporation
transferred trailers from Goose Bay to Mary's Harbour,
Davis Inlet, and Makkovik to house employees of the
Department of Social Services.

ANSWER TO QUESTION #100

Appearing on Order Paper #11/82, Monday, May 31, 1982.
Asked by The Honourable The Member for Bellevue, Mr. Callan.

Question: Mr. Callan [Bellevue] - to ask the Minister of Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

What legal firms and what fees were paid for legal work for the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation 1979 - 1981?

Answer: From January 1979 until June 1982 Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation paid the law firm Stirling, Ryan, Reid, Harrington, Andrews and Lilly the amount of \$14,472.00 [fourteen thousand four hundred seventy two dollars].

ANSWER TO QUESTION # 111

Appearing on Order Paper #14/82, Thursday, June 3, 1982.
Asked by The Honourable The Member for Bellevue, Mr. Callan.

Question: Mr. Callan [Bellevue] - to ask the Minister of Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

A list showing loans by the Newfoundland & Labrador Development Corporation to industries that failed and assets of companies sold by public auction or some other means to recover part of the funding of such companies. The list should provide specifically the following information:

- a) the amount of the original loan;
- b) any subsequent loans or operating capital;
- c) the location of the industry receiving the loan;
- d) the jobs created and then lost due to failure of the industry;
- e) the revenue received by the Corporation as a result of the sale of the companies assets through public auction or other means.

Answer: See attached schedule.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
SUMMARY OF RECOVERIES FROM DISPOSAL OF SECURITY ON DEFAULTED LOANS
FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 1980 TO MARCH 31, 1982

<u>BORROWER</u>	<u>BUSINESS LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE OF ORIGINAL LOAN</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL LOAN</u>	<u>SUBSEQUENT LOANS</u>	<u>REVENUE REALIZED FROM SECURITY DISPOSALS</u>	<u>JOBS CREATED</u>	<u>JOBS REMAINING AFTER SALE OF ASSETS</u>	<u>JOBS LOST</u>
EAST COAST RECYCLERS LIMITED	St. John's	April 1974	\$170,000.00	\$195,000.00	\$390,000.00	6	6	NIL
BROILER CHICKS LIMITED	Witbourne	Nov. 1979	283,000.00	NIL	318,325.00	7	7	NIL
BARTLETT PRODUCTIONS LTD.	St. John's	Nov. 1980	48,000.00	NIL	27,650.00	2	NIL	2
BONAVISTA BAY BOAT TOURS LTD	Terra Nova Park	June 1976	31,000.00	26,000.00	9,000.00	2	NIL	2
VALLEY BAKERY LIMITED	Goose Bay	July 1979	81,000.00	NIL	83,042.00	8	4	4
LOREB STEEL LIMITED	Corner Brook	June 1974	90,000.00	101,000.00	275,000.00	15	NIL	15

ANSWER TO QUESTION #121

Appearing on Order Paper #25/82, Tuesday, June 22, 1982.

Asked by The Honourable The Member for Bellevue, Mr. Callan.

Question: Mr. Callan [Bellevue] - to ask the Honourable the Minister of Mines to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

A list of expenditure under the heading of "extra assistance" overtime for the fiscal years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, and an explanation for the 1300% increase over three years.

Answer: See attached Explanatory Note

Explanatory Note

It is to be noted that there is an apparent large variance between the years 80/81 - 81/82, and 82/83 figures as shown in the salary details.

From the preceding expenditure chart however it can be seen that the actual expenditure for the years 1980/81, 1981/82 are, in fact, consistent. There are some variances under the various Divisions which can be explained briefly as follows:

1. Mineral Development. Lower expenditure for this year over previous years due to termination of the Mineral Development Subsidiary Agreement.
2. Mines Management. Particular activities related to the mining sector as a result of mine closures and reduced level of activities in other areas.
3. Energy. The recent signing of a new 80/20 cost-shared Industrial and Commercial Audit and Retrofit Agreement with the Federal Government which provides for a number of temporary positions.
4. Petroleum Directorate. Expanded activities in the inspection and assessment responsibilities now that the Directorate is closer to a full staff compliment.

Detailed explanations for the variances follow:

- 1) 703 - Mineral Development

In addition to the provision shown in the salary details there was also provision for extra assistance and overtime in the Geological projects and Mineral Development Program votes. The expenditure was for temporary geologist, support staff and field staff hired during the summer field program. Overtime is an essential requirement during the field season to ensure the completion of projects. The field season on the Island and particularly in Labrador is short and the work must be completed within the

limited time frame. Overtime is limited to a certain number of hours which are considered necessary to complete the field work. Provision under the Geological Projects sub-division was for projects totally funded by the Province. Provision under the Mineral Development Program was for projects cost-shared 90/10 under the Canada/Newfoundland Subsidiary Program and totaled \$1,335,000 in 1980/81 and \$1,291,300 in 1981/82. The Canada/Newfoundland agreement terminated March 31, 1982, but approval was given for reimbursement for certain expenditures which will be incurred in the current fiscal year. This provides for the continuance of a limited number of temporary staff for extended periods during this fiscal year, however, is greatly reduced from the previous two (2) years.

A change in the Estimates structure this current year provides for a breakout of salaries for all temporary staff (extra assistance) and overtime under each activity. In previous years, as related above, the expenditure was shown under operations sub-divisions and makes the variance look much greater than it was. In fact in this particular Division the expenditure will decrease because of the termination of the cost-shared agreement.

2) 705 - Mines Management

Again as reported under item (1) there were expenditures incurred under other sub-divisions in the two years previous to the current fiscal year which were not broken out in the format set for this year. In this section expenditure was incurred under the Engineering and Economic Projects sub-division. Out of the total amount showing, \$41,000 (1980/81) and \$43,700 (1981/82) were for temporary positions cost-shared under the Mineral Development Subsidiary Agreement. The extra assistance provided support staff for the Economic Section which has been operating with a limited number of permanent positions and quite often encountering difficulties in recruiting

and retaining staff in the approved positions due mainly to higher salaries being offered elsewhere for similar positions.

Provision for extra assistance during the current year is to broaden the capability of the Engineering Analysis Section and to provide support staff for the Mineral Policy and Project Analysis Section. The Province has been experiencing difficulty in the mining sector with the closure, and reduced operation, of mines and it is essential that efforts be directed toward analysis of problems and search for solutions.

3) 706 - Energy Policy

Previous to the current fiscal year part of this expenditure was shown in the Renewable Energy Demonstration Program sub-division. Positions under this program are cost-shared 80/20 under the Canada/Newfoundland Agreement which is scheduled to terminate March 31, 1984. The staff responsible for the implementation of the various projects, other than Departmental supervisory staff, are hired for the duration of the agreement and fall under the category extra assistance.

Certain temporary positions are funded totally from provincial resources. These positions deal with government's internal energy conservation program and the residential energy conservation program which is Province wide. Also included would be summer student assistance.

4) 707 - Conservation and Renewable Energy Resource Development

The Province early this fiscal year was successful in signing an 80/20 cost-shared Industrial and Commercial Audit and Retrofit Agreement with the Federal Government. This agreement plus the Renewable Energy Demonstration Agreement also cost-shared 80/20 is scheduled to terminate March 31, 1984. With the signing of this new agreement several temporary positions were created for the duration of the agreement.

All temporary positions under both agreements are broken out under extra assistance this fiscal year. The implementation of the new agreement accounts for the increase this year over the other years.

5) 709 - Petroleum Directorate

The Petroleum Directorate was established by Government in late 1979. The two initial years were taken up with staff recruitment and developing the operational guidelines. The approval to establish the Directorate was followed by approval to hire a number of staff, some permanent and some contractual, so in the initial year there was no requirement for extra assistance other than consultants with expenditure for such provided under the Professional Services vote. In the second year of operation, 1981/82, the Directorate incurred expenditures because of the necessity to hire support staff in the inspection and assessment work areas.

In the third year of operation, 1982/83, the various sections of the Directorate (Resource Assessment, Environmental Assessment, Engineering Analysis & Evaluation, etc.) were staffed and extra assistance and overtime became an essential part of the operation in providing support staff and to assist the carrying out of the work of the Directorate and quite often necessitating overtime particularly in inspection and assessment type work.

Department of Mines & Energy
Extra Assistance and Overtime Expenditure

Subhead	1980-81		1981-82		1982-83
	Salary Details -	Expenditure ¹	Salary Details -	Expenditure ¹	Salary Details-Estimates
701 - Minister's Office	--	11,456	5,100	12,100	10,064
702 - General Admin.	4,500	3,058	6,000	8,543	29,640
703 - Mineral Development	30,000	1,425,000 ²	60,500	1,457,049 ²	711,660
704 - Mineral Lands	746	44,200 ²	1,000	50,341 ²	7,071
705 - Mines Management			300		107,872
706 - Energy Policy	34,834	195,100 ²	44,800	311,388 ²	205,849
707 - Conservation & Renewable Energy					393,107
709 - Petroleum Directorate	--	--	--	55,590	281,253
TOTAL		1,678,814		1,895,011	1,746,516

1. Actual Expenditure

2. The expenditure shown is the actual incurred expenditure which was voted in all sub-divisions including the salary subhead. (See detailed notes attached)

ANSWER TO QUESTION #126

Appearing on Order Paper #26/82, Wednesday, June 23, 1982.

Asked by The Honourable The Member for Bellevue, Mr. Callan.

Question: Mr. Callan [Bellevue] - to ask the Minister of Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following information with regard to Newfoundland Fibrply Limited:

- 1] If the buildings and property are still operated by a Government Board of Directors and if so, specify the names of the Directors.
- 2] The cost to the public treasury for maintenance and operations of Newfoundland Fibrply Limited for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.
- 3] If Newfoundland Fibrply Limited is no longer the property of the Province, specify -
 - a] when the business was sold;
 - b] who purchased the property;
 - c] the purchase price of the property;
 - d] list other buildings on the land that were sold with the plant;
 - e] was the land surrounding the plant disposed of as part of the package? Or,
 - i] was all or any of the land sold separately?
 - ii] purchase price of the land, if sold separately? And
 - iii] name of individual or firm purchasing the land.
 - f] In all cases, were public tenders called for the disposal of plant buildings and land, and if so, was the property sold to the highest bidder?

Continued -

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g] If public tenders were not called for the disposal of these valuable assets, why not?

Answer:

- 1] Attached is a copy of the annual sharelist for the year-ended December 31, 1981, which still shows the Province's representative as Robert Johnson who resigned from this Department on August 21, 1981. The Company was managed by Wood Products Limited under a management agreement to expire March 28, 1983; as provided for in the Newfoundland Fibroply Limited [Agreement] Act, dated June 20, 1963.
- 2] The cost to the public treasury for the fiscal year-ended March 31, 1982, was \$138,741.00 (one hundred thirty-eight thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars), being the difference in the book value of the preferred shares of \$883,400.00 (eight hundred eighty-three thousand four hundred dollars) and the proceeds of \$744,659.00 (seven hundred forty-four thousand six hundred fifty-nine dollars) realized on divestiture. M.C. 1273-'81 authorized the sale of the preferred shares at the present value discounted from the date of payment to March 28, 1983, at the prevailing interest rate which would be paid by Government if it were to borrow on the Canadian market on the closing date of the transaction.
- 3] a] Shares were sold on March 1, 1982.
b] Wood Products Limited exercised option to purchase the shares.

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- c] The purchase price of the property was \$844,659.00 (eight hundred forty-four thousand six hundred fifty-nine dollars).
- d] The shares were purchased; therefore all the assets of the company were purchased.
- e] The land surrounding the plant, 28.2 acres, sold to Centrac Limited in September 1982 for \$861,400.00 (eight hundred sixty-one thousand four hundred dollars).
- f & g] Not applicable since the option was exercised by the company to purchase the shares.

THE COMPANIES' ACT
(Section 37)

NEWFOUNDLAND FIBREPLY Limited

Register. 3134

To the Registrar of Companies:

In accordance with Section 37 of The Companies Act, on behalf of the above named company, I submit the following list of all persons who were members of the company on the thirty-first day of December, 1981, together with other information in respect of the company required under that Section.

The amount of the capital of the company is \$ 993,600.00 divided into

1,000	Common Shares of	\$ 100.00	each
	Non-redeemable preference shares of	\$	each
8,936	Redeemable preference shares of	\$ 100.00	each
	No par value shares.		

DIRECTORS AT DATE OF THIS SUMMARY
With offices (if any) held by each

Names	Addresses	Office held by Director (if any)
Pippy, Chesley A.	136 Logy Bay Road, St. John's, Nfld.	President
Lundrigan, Arthur R.	40 West Valley Road, Corner Brook	Secy-Treasurer
Pippy, Douglas	4 Bally Haly Place, St. John's	
Finn, James V.	11 Smithville Cres., St. John's	
Dawe, D.W.K.	83 Cornwall Crescent, St. John's	
Johnson, Robert	c/o Dept. of Industrial Development	Vice-President

Total amount of debt due from the company in respect of all mortgages

and charges Nil

REGISTRY OF COMPANIES

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 J. M. Ryan
 Registrar of Companies (Nfld.)

Jacob Ross & Co

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Since the commencement of the company and to the date of this summary the number of each class of shares taken is as follows:

COMMON SHARES

Total number of shares taken	.....1,000.....	shares
Total number of shares issued for cash	.....1,000.....	shares
Total number of shares issued otherwise than for cash	.....Nil.....	shares
Total number of shares issued partly for cash	.....Nil.....	shares
Amount of calls made on each share	\$.....100.00.....	
Total amount of calls received	\$.....100,000.00.....	
Total amount of calls unpaid	\$.....Nil.....	
Total amount of shares forfeited	\$.....Nil.....	

NON-REDEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARES


Total number of shares taken	.....	shares
Total number of shares issued for cash	.....	shares
Total number of shares issued otherwise than for cash	.....	shares
Total number of shares issued partly for cash	.....	shares
Amount of calls made on each share	\$.....	
Total amount of calls received	\$.....	
Total amount of calls unpaid	\$.....	
Total amount of shares forfeited	\$.....	

REDEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARES

Total number of shares taken	.....13,000.....	shares
Total number of shares issued for cash	.....13,000.....	shares
Total number of shares issued otherwise than for cash	.....Nil.....	shares
Total number of shares issued partly for cash	.....Nil.....	shares
Amount of calls made on each share	\$.....100.00.....	
Total amount of calls received	\$.....1,300,000.00.....	
Total amount of calls unpaid	\$.....Nil.....	
Total amount of shares forfeited	\$.....Nil.....	
Total number of shares redeemed since last summary	.....Nil.....	shares
Total number of shares issued and outstanding	.....8,936.....	shares

NO PAR VALUE SHARES

Total number of shares taken	.....	shares
Total number of shares issued for cash	.....	shares
Total number of shares issued otherwise than for cash	.....	shares
Total amount paid on shares issued for cash	\$.....	


 A Director, Officer, or Solicitor of the Company.