

that to the United States and they make the paper. Do you know why? Because of the tariffs. Because if we make the paper in Canada they slap on a tariff when it gets to the border. So the mill is built in the United States and the paper is made in the United States. We have been shipping our natural resources down south for a good many years.

The people in the Atlantic . . . I see the former mayor of Moncton, the Member for Moncton, a man from the Atlantic who should know better and who spoke against the Free Trade Agreement. What did our fishing industry produce? We take a big cod. Back home we fish for cod, then what do we do with it? What? Do you know what we do with it? We freeze it and ship it whole to the border. And do you know what the Americans do when they see our big beautiful cod? They kiss it. Welcome! They take our cod to New England. They have their own people work on it.

Do you know what we would like to be able to do? We would like to take that same cod, cut it up ourselves in nice little filets, wrap them in attractive packages labeled "Made in New Brunswick" and then sell them to the Americans.

Mr. Chairman, when we are . . . You too shut up! When you think of the speeches we hear in the House . . . and this afternoon some Members were still talking about water. They still think we are going to divert the St. Lawrence River and reroute it through the United States. These projects do not make any sense! But those people, Mr. Chairman, they seem to think that the apocalyptic message they sent out during 51 days . . . But Canadians gave you a clear answer. You wanted Main Street to speak, Main Street has spoken!

Mr. Chairman, Christmas eve is drawing close. A moment ago I was listening to the previous speaker who was upset because we imposed closure. Indeed, Mr. Chairman, we ought to use the guillotine, and I am not too sure where, but certainly in the debates because Canadians have heard everything Members opposite had to say to scare them. They heard all the threats.

Older Canadians. I have a suggestion for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. When the next cheques are sent out, why not include a notice to the effect that, despite the free trade deal, they will get their cheques in February, they will get them in March, they will get them in April. Let's tell them!

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear, Réal Caouette! The bogey men!

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Mr. Valcourt: Yes, the bogey men and the scare-crows, but this is Christmas time. Go and decorate your Christmas trees in peace! Stop scaring people. Accept the will of the Canadian people. Because the night of the election, the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) and the Hon. Member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Turner) were saying to Canadians they accepted the verdict. In a boxing ring, when the referee counts to ten and declares you out, you shut up and go home. That is all you can do.

The people have decided. They have legitimate concerns, of course, but if they want to know what the Free Trade Agreement really means, I tell them to go to the office of my colleague, the Minister for International Trade (Mr. Crosbie) who will be delighted to explain it to whoever is able to understand.

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The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River has the floor.

Mr. Nault: Mr. Chairman, it is a pleasure to have to follow a bit of comic relief. I know that it is a difficult time and a difficult night, with long hours. It is always nice to have someone be a bit of a clown.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nault: Unfortunately, this is a serious issue.

I would like to begin by taking this opportunity to thank the people from Kenora—Rainy River who have again gone back to the Party that got this country this far in so long.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An Hon. Member: Remember Trudeau.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. I would appreciate a little civility. The Hon. Member is making his maiden speech.

Mr. Nault: I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Kenora—Rainy River for the honour of representing them in Parliament. I have been given the task of representing their collective views in this House.

Kenora—Rainy River is the fifth largest riding in Canada. It consists of a hardy breed of northerners who are very independent thinking and very proud of their part of the country.