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that the Minister of Finance is a man of judgment and integrity.

I also knew the Minister of Finance as a competitor in the investment business. There is no one in the investment business in this country who does not know that the Minister of Finance was an honourable competitor and a man of judgment. I might also point out that having been in the investment business for some 20 years myself, I know Doug Lawson and Doug Robson. The reason I know Doug Lawson is that the firm of Lawson Murray is known in the investment business to be the best in the business for the placing of financial advertisements. Through an accident of marriage, Doug Lawson is the brother-in-law of the Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Tobin:** Accident?

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**Mrs. McDougall:** It is an accident, Mr. Speaker, one of those unhappy accidents. I suggest to you that if we are to hurt ourselves through an accident of marriage, in terms of our careers or professions, perhaps the NDP is against marriage. Maybe that is what they are telling us.

**An Hon. Member:** They are against love.

**Mrs. McDougall:** I don't think they are against love.

Let me turn to the other people who sit across the House from us. My great-grandfather was a Cabinet Minister in the Province of Ontario. He was, unfortunately, a Grit. This simply proves that each generation gets better. I would like to point out that he was a Liberal Cabinet Minister at a time when the Liberal Party in the country was a Party of honour contributing to the future of the nation. My Grit great-grandfather would be ashamed of the baby Grits who populate this House. He was also a man of integrity and honour. I know they are babies because of the shrill rattles that come from the other side.

During the Coalgate debate, the Hon. Allen MacEachen gave the most creative interpretation of the conflict of interest guidelines yet seen. On February 21, 1983 he said:

These guidelines are self-enforcing. There is no monitoring agency. They are up to the conscience of the individual... It is unfortunate that so much misunderstanding has existed about the effect of these guidelines.

You either know how to spell "integrity" or you do not. I agree with that. I can tell you who does know how to spell it, and that is the Minister of Finance.

Having spent a fair amount of time in the other place I feel I have some knowledge of those people. There is a person in the other place who had something to do with fisheries in this country. He designed the fisheries policy, and after he was appointed to the other place he was appointed director of the government fish organization. Mr. Speaker, if I were a fish I would be insulted. Someone on our side of the House forced him to resign because of a total conflict of interest. That company was in a position to get millions of dollars worth of contracts from the Government.

In that connection there is another example. Mr. David Mann was hired as the lawyer for the amalgamation of the Atlantic fisheries companies following that same task force. I quote the Hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) from April 3, 1984. He said:

He is doing all the legal work on the amalgamation and negotiation with shareholders for Fishery Products International Limited, the Newfoundland company in which the Government is a heavy shareholder. He has now been appointed to the Board of Directors of National Sea Products Limited, their prime competitor. The gentleman is also the campaign manager for Mr. John Turner in the Atlantic Provinces. I do not know how he does all this.

We are talking about a very serious matter here today, Mr. Speaker. The challenge to the integrity and judgment of my colleague and our Party is totally without foundation. If we are going to talk about conflicts of interest, maybe we should all stand up and confess our conflicts of interest. Mr. Speaker, my brother-in-law was appointed to be the head of CBC Radio News. I have, therefore, resolved never again to listen to the CBC.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mrs. McDougall:** My sister, who by coincidence is married to my brother-in-law, is an editor at *Macleans*. I have cancelled my subscription.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mrs. McDougall:** My other sister, the one who is not married to the head of CBC Radio News, works for the Canadian Bankers' Association, and so does my sister-in-law. I have, therefore, closed my account and am keeping my overdraft in a sock.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to question the Minister on the most relevant point she made in that entire speech. Where I grew up in Newfoundland we never had bicycle sheds. We had a few wood-sheds. I was happy to hear of the success of the members of her family and how well they have done in their various jobs. In Newfoundland we always say, "Never trust a man who wears a vest or a fellow who won't have a smoke behind the bicycle shed". What has the bicycle shed got to do with the motion introduced by the NDP today?

We enjoyed her speech and liked her style. She has great pizzazz and good humour. We enjoyed all that, but how is that relevant to this motion before us today?

**Mrs. McDougall:** It is very relevant, Mr. Speaker, and I am really sorry that the Hon. Member does not know how to ride a bicycle. It is important that people's patterns of judgment and integrity follow them through their lives. If they have integrity and judgment when they are young, they normally continue to have them as they proceed through life. I can attest to that, as can other people in this Chamber.

**Mr. Tobin:** Mr. Speaker, on February 3, 1984 the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Andre) was quoted in the *Ottawa Citizen* as saying, "A Progressive Conservative Government would gradually replace everyone of the 3,300 Liberal Cabinet