

Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

will not interfere in the continuing growth and expansion of McCain's, and anybody who thinks that it will have little confidence in McCain's and little confidence in Canadians.

Mr. Martin: What did Harrison say?

Mr. Crosbie: Wallace McCain and Harrison McCain are Liberals, but the rooster must be in the hen pen or something considering the cackling that comes from the other side. Harrison McCain and Wallace McCain are Liberals, but that does not make them any less admirable. I admire them despite the fact that they are Liberals. They are entrepreneurs. They may feel that some aspects of the food processing business might be adversely affected by the agreement, and if they are right, then we are prepared to assist whenever and wherever that might be necessary, but we already heard about a potato plant out in Manitoba that would be closed because of the U.S.-Canada agreement being approved, and we have already heard since November 21 that it will not close at all and no one ever said in the first place that it was going to close, so I can tell you that Harrison McCain and Wallace McCain will take great advantage of the Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Martin: Tell us about the cucumbers.

Mr. Crosbie: What about the cucumbers? I have never eaten a cucumber in my life, Mr. Speaker. I hate cucumbers.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: I don't like green things.

An Hon. Member: What about pickles?

Mr. Crosbie: I don't like pickles.

Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Well, don't look in the mirror.

Mr. Crosbie: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg soft centre has struck again.

What did Roseworks say? It pioneered technology to preserve fresh flowers indefinitely. I am going to get some of those for occasions in the future when hon. gentlemen will need them as they go to their rewards. The company will increase its staff from 15 to 50 over the next two years. It will export 80 per cent of its product to the U.S. This is one small business in Kingston already saved for Canada. Here is the representative from Kingston fighting the Free Trade Agreement that is going to give his constituents 35 more jobs. He was up

on his feet yesterday jawing away about closure as if he had 100 years of parliamentary experience. If he had any sense he would have certainly closed what he was using yesterday to argue against closure. He would be trying to protect these 35 more jobs in Kingston, an area of Canada that badly needs more jobs. Where is Flora when she is needed, Mr. Speaker? That is the question we have to ask.

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Flora MacDonald was my desk-mate. She will be sorely missed in the House. However, I think that the people of Kingston have saved her for something even greater, if there could be anything greater than being a Member of the House. I hope that we will hear a lot more from Flora MacDonald in the future. She is a woman of tremendous capabilities and experience. I hope that the Government will be able to find something for her that will suit her talents and her capabilities so that she can go on serving the people of Canada as she has done for the last 20 years.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: The President of Roseworks—I am glad to see the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands is present. He is going to get the Roseworks, if he doesn't look out.

The President, Mr. Peter Blainey, said the following on December 14: "Without free trade we... would definitely have to locate in the United States and those 50 jobs, quite frankly, would not be here [in Kingston]".

Hon. Members still a chance to vote for this Bill on third reading. I suggest to the hon. gentleman that he reconsider his obdurate and stubborn attitude and be prepared to be flexible.

An Hon. Member: Was that after the election?

Mr. Crosbie: December 14 was after the election, after the loss.

An Hon. Member: Is it still Canadian-owned?

Mr. Crosbie: Let us deal with the question: "Do you care whether it is Canadian-owned, or not?" I would like to see the whole world Canadian-owned, lock, stock and barrel. If I had my way I would own it all myself, except that I have devoted myself to public service.

Let us take the question of Canadian-owned. If the firm is Canadian-owned, terrific. However, if the firm is not Canadian-owned, there are still 50 jobs that that