

which only now they will be doing in accordance with the force of law rather than in accordance with the force of the proclamations of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie) which have the force of law. They will now have to give information to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources on how they spend the revenue they bring in.

• (1642)

This House is being cut off from debate. Our members are being prevented from debating these tax measures, puny as they are. Closure is being brought in. The government House leader, God bless him, has only been back with us for 24 hours, but I have to tell him that we "inappreciate" the fact that he has come back here and slammed down closure so quickly. We "inappreciate" that fact, just as the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner) "inappreciates" the Cape Breton miners and says they "inappreciate" working, that they don't want to work and that they "inappreciate" labour and work. We, too, "inappreciate", we do not appreciate, we do not agree with, we do not go along with, we are not capitivated by, and we are not enamoured of the fact that the House leader comes back and within 24 hours puts the iron heel of closure on our necks. We do not see why it is necessary, Mr. Speaker, because we do not see any legislation coming before this House in the next few weeks that is of any importance.

The hon. gentleman who just spoke mentioned that we had 27 speakers. Yes, we are not afraid to speak on this side of the House—and we are not afraid to run into power if the voters will endorse what we say and what we believe in. He forgot to mention that his own Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) spoke in this House for an hour, or in excess of an hour, on opening day, or the day after opening day—whenever it was—on October 19. He spoke for over an hour and a half. That gentleman not only looked tired, but he was morose, he was mournful, he was in a misogynistic mood, he was dispirited, he was dismal, he was dull and he was dejected. In fact, he was downcast and he was dumpish, meaning he was in the dumps, and he felt that the Canadian people had to examine themselves and realize that they themselves were at fault for all that he and his government had done or had failed to do.

He was decidedly dejected because the Canadian people were not rallying around him saying, "We are to blame, Mr. Prime Minister; it is our fault". So he was very dejected, he was slumpful, he was sluggish, he was singularly pained, Mr. Speaker, when he gave us his message. Not only that, he was painful, he was peeved, he was peevish, he was decidedly non-productive, pedantic but unperturbed. The Prime Minister is always unperturbed; nothing perturbs him, nothing shakes him.

The Prime Minister is going to Newfoundland in 48 hours' time, and the fact that we have got the worst unemployment we have ever had in our history, with 29,000 people out of jobs in Newfoundland, does not perturb the Prime Minister. He is unperturbable. He is going to get off his jet plane at Torbay airport, with his rose in his lapel, or whatever other sprig he chooses to wear at that moment, unperturbed over the fact

that Newfoundland is in the throes of the worst unemployment that any Canadian province has had since the 1930s; and is going to give them his message of good cheer, that they should be concerned about national unity and should blame it all on Premier Lévesque of Quebec.

It is not Prime Minister Trudeau's fault, or his government here in Ottawa, that they are unemployed, that their economy is in tatters, that they are treated like second-class citizens, that they are treated like peasants, that the mines are permitted to close at St. Lawrence, that the linerboard mills are permitted to close at Stephenville, that the whole place is permitted to close! It is not the Prime Minister's fault; it is the fault of Premier Lévesque! And it is their own fault! The Prime Minister singularly "inappreciates" the fact that they might blame the Prime Minister and his government or think that they might have something to do with that. He is going to find out that they don't like being discriminated against, that they do not like to see Gulf Oil with a plant at Shawinigan, in the Minister of Finance's district receiving grants and loans of great generosity from the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and from DREE.

They "inappreciate" that while their linerboard mill, with 1,500 jobs, is allowed to go while the government of Canada says "We cannot help you because our job is to create jobs, not to save jobs". Then we pick up a release which says that this money is being spent to save jobs in Shawinigan. I say fine, let us save them in Shawinigan, but let's save them in Stephenville and throughout Newfoundland also. Let us save them at Shawinigan and save them at St. Lawrence. Let's save the jobs in Newfoundland as well as in Quebec. Then we pick up a release that says that the Valleyfield Chemical Products Company Limited is going to have lashed into it \$11.25 million from ITC and DREE to save 300-odd jobs in Valleyfield. This is to save jobs, not create them. We realize that not a hand is lifted to help save jobs in Newfoundland at Stephenville, and it is no wonder that the people get perturbed. I know that the Prime Minister is unperturbed and that nothing perturbs him.

Today the Prime Minister assassinates the administration of justice in the province of Quebec. He does not want that discussed in this House. He does not want these things discussed in the House. He wants us to discuss CALURA—have you had your CALURA today—or petroleum corporations. He likes non-controversial things. He does not want us to discuss the economy and the miserable shape the hon. gentleman opposite has got this country into. He does not want that discussed—no, cut off the debate. He brings back the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen), knowing we have a sneaky regard for that elderly gentleman. He thinks we won't protest if he brings down the iron heel of closure and imposes it on our necks as he is doing here today. The Prime Minister had all the fire and fervour, when he discussed our economy, of an emasculated buck rabbit.

It is obvious, Mr. Speaker, why gentlemen opposite do not want to participate in this debate any further. They cannot defend their actions on the economy. Nor can they defend what they are doing today with the Keable commission by