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that Government and that Hon. Member. Yet we heard him today, and all we could think was: What a fine actor. They are marvels at spurious indignation. Where was that indignation last year? They are marvels at hypocritical alarm, carefully constructed crocodile tears, yowling, howling, bawling and mewling; not policy, puling, drooling, hoping to fool them. We did not hear one suggestion from the hon. gentleman about what should be done to help Cape Breton or the unemployed, or what this Government should have done over the last 20 years. It was like the wind whistling through a whale's spout and just as useful. The hon. gentleman was not even as useful and did not make as much sense as a blow-hole of a whale would have made. I have heard many whales through their blow-holes. They were all more interesting, made more sense, had more logic and wasted less time than did the hon. gentleman in his speech in the House, and they would have been a lot more effective.

Patriotism used to be described as the last refuge of the scoundrel, but it is not patriotism any longer. It is spurious indignation, hypocritical alarm, and the kind of unctuous bunkum and mind-boggling blarney we have heard for the last 40 minutes from the Hon. Member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys and the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon).

I have more sympathy for the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor. He was never in power, so he cannot be held responsible. Of course the NDP is completely irresponsible. Its members have never been in power. They are never going to be in power. They can whistle and blow through their blow-holes until kingdom come; they will never be asked to account for the nonsense they get on with or for the promises they make.

The people of Ontario, sophisticated as they are, know that. That is why they only gained two members in that deluge yesterday. They only swelled their ranks by two. The Liberals are much better at fooling the people of Ontario than is the NDP. The NDP, having no responsibility and never having to be accountable for anything, could only increase its number of members in Ontario by two. That says a great deal for the educational system of Ontario. But the educational system in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is much better because we only have, I think it is, two provincial Members for the Atlantic provinces who represent the NDP. Of course it was a magnificent victory! I remember they had one Member in the Newfoundland House. The election was called last March and they have one Member now, and they declared a great victory. Isn't it marvellous? Last year we had the federal election and they came back with fewer Members than they had before, and that was announced as a great victory. The only Party in history that cheers loudly when it loses Members is the NDP. It is the NDP nirvana, pedal power, the never-never pills which the NDP offers to the people of Cape Breton. The people of Cape Breton are not interested. They are not interested in never-never solutions from never-never people who will never, never be in power. The NDP is the only group in this House which does not need drugs to suffer from fantasies.

Let us get down to business here. Let us forget the socialist slops and their Marxist mythology, their pseudo solutions, the detritus of dismal ditties from dotty dodos, and get on to some facts here. I will only deal with my own Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. I will not deal with the whole Atlantic area, and I will not deal with just my own district because there is very little done in my district. I am always sacrificing for the other districts down in Newfoundland and Labrador. That is what happens in St. John's West. However, in this little list I have here, there are one or two things which are being done, even in St. John's West.

Let us look at this resolution. What a joke! Thank heavens the person who moved it, the Hon. Member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Baker), is now coming back into the House to take his medicine. The resolution reads:

That this House condemns the Government for its indifference and negligence toward Atlantic Canada, especially with regard to regional industrial developments, fisheries and transportation.

It is a motion moved by a Member of the last administration—he had the gall to move this—an administration which declared war on the Atlantic provinces, which savagely attacked and savaged its own provincial administration in Newfoundland for the last 8 or 10 years, which refused to sign an offshore oil and gas agreement, which tried to grind them down, which went down to Newfoundland and refused to sign agreements in the Confederation Building, the headquarters of the Newfoundland Government. The Liberals said: "You come down and sign them here in the Hotel Newfoundland where we the great, mighty federal Government are". That is the way the Liberals treated Newfoundland, and now they condemn this Government for indifference and negligence toward Atlantic Canada.

Why do they think they are out on their what-nots? It is because of their indifference and their neglect toward Atlantic Canada and toward the rest of Canada that they are out on their what-nots. I could spell what-not, but it would probably be unparliamentary. It is the only three-letter word which I know that might be unparliamentary.

Let me give a little list. The Atlantic Accord—if nothing else was ever done by the administration of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) in Atlantic Canada or in Newfoundland or Labrador, the Atlantic Accord would make up for everything else, everything else.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: Let us turn to February 11, 1985, after six or seven years of being bullied by the Government of Canada through the then Minister of Energy Lalonde and the then Minister of Justice who became Minister of Energy, the Hon. Member for Saint-Maurice (Mr. Chrétien), the Hon. Member for Shawinigan or Bay Street, which I think is his latest address. He only pitches in here now occasionally on the way to his luxurious law offices on Bay Street in Toronto, because as Minister of Justice he became a member of the Bar of Ontario, and I have become a member of the Bar of Ontario.

An Hon. Member: Shame.