

Oral Questions

rules with regard to Canadian content and jobs as do the North American manufacturers?

How long will the Government stand by and put at risk tens of thousands of automotive jobs? Will it not accept its responsibilities and act on this matter now?

[Translation]

Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, first I would like to set the record straight. The products manufactured at Sheller-Globe include steering wheels, which are now recognized as being less and less competitive.

Consequently, the company was in a position that it had to close the plant to which the Hon. Member was referring. However, it decided to maintain the plant in Kingsville which employs 350 workers.

Mr. Speaker, I may add that the Government is very much aware of and concerned about such plant closings but the company in question has never asked for federal assistance.

[English]

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, if the Minister and the Government continue this attitude the predictions of the Canadian based automobile manufacturers and the representatives of the workers will come true and more than 40,000 jobs will be at risk.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I will give the Minister another chance. Why will he not establish a policy now that companies which want to manufacture in Canada or import into Canada must meet the same rules for Canadian content, jobs and production as do the North American manufacturers? Why does the Minister continue to sit idly by when we see these problems arising because the Government is allowing companies to establish themselves here without meeting the same requirements as the North American manufacturers?

Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the Government will continue to issue policy which will continue to create the numbers of jobs that it already has created. More than 840,000 jobs have been created and the unemployment rate is going down. Those are the kinds of decisions which Canadians expect from the Government.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

RECOMMENDED TELEVISION COVERAGE OF CRIMINAL TRIALS

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. In a working paper released last week the Law Reform Commission of Canada recommended a

more open criminal justice system, including experimental TV coverage of criminal trials.

Will the Minister of Justice advise the House whether, in order to assist the Law Reform Commission to come to final logical recommendations, the Minister will permit experimental television coverage of criminal trials?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Hon. Member for his question. As he pointed out, this is a working paper of the Law Reform Commission. We will, of course, continue to carry out consultations with those people who are primarily responsible for the administration of justice. There is federal responsibility and jurisdiction with regard to a certain number of courts, but the provinces themselves are essentially responsible for the administration of justice and the utilization and provision of rules of court.

I will carry out discussions and examinations with my provincial colleagues in conjunction with the Law Reform Commission. It is conceivable that some of the suggestions which the Hon. Member has made will commend themselves to either level of Government.

I appreciate the Hon. Member's interest in this matter. We will continue to examine whether television enhances judicial proceedings. We have some experience in the House of Commons, but I will not comment on that.

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CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

APPLICATION TO HAMILTON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Employment and Immigration I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. My question is with regard to the Hamilton Industrial Training Centre which has a better than 90 per cent success rate in getting its trainees into the job market and yet has experienced cuts from 200 to 120 places thanks to cuts in the Canadian Jobs Strategy.

What does the Government intend to do to alleviate the current waiting list of 400 people, which will be added to with the impending closure of Otis Elevators? What action can we expect to ensure that this successful program will be able to do its stuff?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, without accepting the premise of the Hon. Member's very important question, I have to take it as notice and get back to the Hon. Member, perhaps later this week.