

sit there for hours, keeping the car warm in winter or cool in summer so that the Minister will be in absolute comfort and not have a bead of sweat on his forehead when he arrives at the House of Commons. You can go chapter and verse through this Government and each Minister and trim off a lot of fat, but it is not being done. I repeat, spending is up over 17 per cent this year.

Unemployment figures in Canada are a national disgrace, especially among young people. Statistics Canada tells us that 1,458,000 people are out of work. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fisher) sits there grinning, laughing, thinking this is a great joke. I say to him that the people of Mississauga North do not think it is a big joke. A lot of people there are out of work. He can sit and laugh if he wants, but it is not funny to the 1,458,000 people out of work. An unemployment rate of 12.2 per cent is not funny.

Let me put on the record what is happening in this country. In Newfoundland there is 18.6 per cent unemployment, 14.8 per cent in New Brunswick, 11.1 per cent in Ontario, 9 per cent in that Province that is supposed to be doing so well, 13.4 per cent in Prince Edward Island, 15 per cent in *la belle province de Québec*, 9.2 per cent in Manitoba, 13.4 per cent in British Columbia and 6.7 per cent in Saskatchewan. That was the September unemployment record in Canada and it is shocking.

What does the Minister do? The Minister of Finance introduced a mini-budget or un-budget. All kinds of nicknames have been dropped on it. The Minister said it was just a financial statement but it was a lot more than that.

The Minister talked about the great program he will introduce that is going to produce 60,000 jobs. He says there are programs now in place, which there are. Some money has been sent to the riding of Brampton-Georgetown. It will provide about 50 jobs. They will not be full-time or permanent. I hope some training will be involved.

As of September 30, in Brampton there were 8,005 registered for unemployment insurance and 1,485 in Georgetown. That means over 9,500 people are now registered for unemployment insurance. A year ago there were 3,700 people and the year before that 1,500 people. This Government with its great give-away programs is going to provide 50 jobs. The people who get those 50 jobs will be thankful. However, the other 9,500 will not be happy. The Minister tells us we should be thankful for small mercies.

I had a small company in the town of Georgetown, a publishing company by the name of Irwin Dorsey, which employed about 30 people. Actually it was a distributorship in Canada for a publishing company in the United States. When that company was sold the only Canadian asset was Irwin-Dorsey, which employed 30 people in Georgetown. When the company applied to FIRA, FIRA said no, sell that little part off to a Canadian. If anybody did buy it they would get it at a very low price because they knew they were being blackmailed. FIRA did not let that deal go through. Thirty people became unemployed. The company is still shipping books into Canada from the United States. Last week one of the senior employees from

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that company came to see me and asked where he could get a job. They are still unemployed. They are still on unemployment insurance, with a couple of months to go. That is the type of thing this Government is doing. It is destroying companies which want to provide jobs through some of its asinine policies.

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Another example: the boss of a company in a neighbouring riding came to me. He naturally had to come to me because his own Member would not see him. He said he had bid on a job for the Federal Government, had answered every spec to the nth degree, but the contract was awarded to an American firm whose bid was \$200,000 more. After three weeks of trying to find out what the problem was, they finally said it had something to do with the mechanical aspects, but they never called him once to question his specs or proposals or anything else. He lost the job to an American firm yet the Canadian bid was \$200,000 less. That is one example of the type of thing the Government does.

Another example was a program to clean out a reactor in Montreal, which happened to be owned by PetroCan. Two Canadian companies bid on the program and it was awarded to one of them, which then turned around and subcontracted it to an American firm from Houston, Texas, while Canadian equipment and expertise sat idly by. The Government allowed workers to come in from Texas and work on that job. Knowing that PetroCan is ours, I thought I had better call them up and find out what their purchasing policy is. Do they favour Canadians or do they just have no policy at all? I found out, Mr. Speaker, they have no preferential purchasing policy at all. They have no preference for Canadians, yet PetroCan is ours.

Petro-Canada had their logo designed in Bermuda. Their real estate firm is from New York. The first thing they did that was Canadian was buy a Canadair jet so the president could fly back and forth from his home in Ottawa to his office in Calgary.

We heard from the Minister of Finance the other day—and I guess I am a little suspicious when a Liberal stands up and says we are not going to do this now, we might do it later—who backtracked on that infamous budget of November 12. There have been 42 changes from November 12. Then the Deputy Minister disappeared. The Finance Minister who introduced that budget and who stuck by it for a few months is still sitting in the House. He is sitting a little lower in his seat now, kind of peering over the top of the desk; he is not sitting proudly as he did a year ago, and well he should sit that way. I might add that he should not be in the House. If he honoured parliamentary democracy and tradition, he would have left a long time ago.

The Minister of Finance said yesterday the Government is looking at some other changes to the budget. It has not made up its mind yet. Does it know what that is doing to the business community who are sitting there asking what they should do, whether they should invest or should not. We still have