

the merits of European ski resorts. Why do we fail to exploit the potential of the Rockies? The French spend their winter vacations in their ski resorts. They enjoy winter. Why should we run away from our Canadian winters? I hope a ministry of state for tourism will be created to remedy that problem.

In concluding, Mr. Speaker, I would say that in my opinion the Minister of Finance introduced a realistic budget on October 28. I believe it will enable us to reach the three objectives we have set for ourselves: first, security of supply and ultimate independence from the world oil market; second, opportunity for all Canadians to participate in the energy industry, particularly oil and gas, and to share in the benefits of its expansion; finally, fairness, with a pricing and revenue-sharing regime which recognizes the needs and rights of all Canadians.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I hope that all Canadians from coast to coast will stop nurturing sterile divisions so that all our energies may be used to develop and reinforce our economy. Living as I do in the most beautiful, the richest and the freest country in the world, I urge all people and all politicians as well to seek more harmony in our discussions for the benefit of our descendants.

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[English]

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I was most interested in the remarks of the hon. member for Chicoutimi (Mr. Dionne) who has just spoken. He spent a great deal of time in his speech talking about Dome Petroleum. I hope he realizes that today the stock of Dome Petroleum fell \$8.50 a share as a result of this budget which he praises.

Mr. Darling: It fell \$7 yesterday.

Mr. Blenkarn: Yes, and trading was halted at mid-day. The trading on every single oil and gas stock in this country fell right out of bed. Is that the way to establish oil self-sufficiency? The hon. member for Chicoutimi said we should also do something for the plastics industry, the aluminum industry and the pulp and paper industry. He said that we are losing our market. What government has been in office for the last 12 years, except for a short period last year? What government? And where in this budget is there anything to satisfy the concerns of his constituents?

The hon. member also said we should not give as much help to the Third World. He said we should use our aid for ourselves because there is a lot to be done in this country. Has the hon. member read the budget at all? There is a promise by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) in that budget to significantly increase foreign aid. Should I read the budget to the hon. member now? Does he not even understand the contents of the budget?

The hon. member ended his speech by saying we have a great land, a land with opportunities unparalleled in the world.

The Budget—Mr. Blenkarn

He is right, but those opportunities are being destroyed. They were hampered and hurt by this budget. This budget must be described as follows: first, it is the most squirmy, deceitful and dishonest budget presented to a country for a long period of time.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Don't be so mild.

Mr. Blenkarn: Second, it is the most regressive budget presented at any time in our history and, third, it is perhaps the most incompetent budget.

In the few minutes I have tonight, I would like to analyse those remarks. Dealing with the allegation that it is the most squirmy, deceitful and dishonest budget presented, I will call on Mr. Parizeau, whose comments were reported in *The Globe and Mail* this morning as my first witness.

Mr. Parizeau, who holds a doctorate from the London School of Economics, said it took a morning's work with a computer to figure out the two budgets' similarities since this one is 25 times more complicated and enveloped in an extraordinary cloud—

He went on to say that it will raise

—consumer gasoline prices two cents a litre less and heating oil 1.2 cents a litre more—

—than under the Crosbie budget. So much for the household-er. We can decide not to drive our cars, but this is a cold country and we cannot decide not to heat our homes.

Let us take a look at the budget itself with respect to incentives. When I said it was squirmy and deceitful, one merely needs to look at the kind of incentives it offers to the oil industry—"A petroleum incentives program will be established to provide grants up to 80 per cent of exploration expenditures in the north, offshore up to 35 per cent and in other areas grants of up to 25 per cent will also be provided for development expenditures." Grants, grants, grants, grants and loans. A FIRA study will be held.

The government wants to find out to which party the people who run the oil companies belong. If they are the right type of people it will give them a grant with public money. It is the greatest patronage government this country has ever seen. It is squirmy and deceitful, and this is the kind of thing it is talking about in terms of money for development. It is a squirmy, deceitful budget because it is a budget for Liberal carpetbaggers. It is a budget for the bureaucrats to hand out money to their favourite friends.

We know how these grants operate in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. One puts in a brief and if it is the right brief, then maybe a grant will be given out, not to everybody but to some, and more to some and less to others. It depends on who you know, who writes your brief, who is your lobbyist and who is behind your case. The government says "you will drill where we want you to drill". I can imagine a drilling operation run by a bureaucrat in an ivory tower here in Ottawa with a Liberal carpetbagger as a friend handing out grants. That is how the government will work the grant system. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) smiles because he knows how it works.

Mr. Whelan: You bet I do, but it doesn't work that way.