

those products that say "made in Canada". These property rights mean jobs in this country and job creation is what we must get down to. Furthermore, building houses means job creation.

Medium-sized businesses that are not necessarily listed on the public exchange are owned by groups of people. This is ownership of productive units that create jobs and profit and allows capital to go back into the country. Those are the property rights we are talking about. Investors who have a small piece of large Canadian corporations or multinational corporations have property rights too.

Trucking fleets such as Maislin do not own their trucks any more, they were given to them by the Liberal Party. But most trucking companies must own their own trucks. Those are property rights. If these rights are not entrenched in our Constitution, the police would be able to say: "You broke the law so we are going to take your trucks away from you." This must not happen because the trucking industry is a productive industry that creates jobs; driving jobs, mechanics' jobs, all kinds of jobs.

**An Hon. Member:** What about fishermen?

**Mr. Fennell:** My hon. colleague refers me to fishermen. They own their boats. If they were to break the law and the coast guard were to say, "We are taking your boats away because you really do not own them as there are no property rights," that would be a cruel situation.

I believe we must give Canadians back their confidence in the country. We have lost the confidence of investment in Canada, we have lost confidence in the country. I believe that entrenching property rights in the Constitution will quickly give Canadians back a feeling of confidence, a feeling of pride in their accomplishments, a feeling of pride in what they have to show for their hard work and for their blood, sweat and tears. It will give the veteran back a feeling of confidence in our belief that he went overseas to fight for our rights on our behalf. There are many people in Canada who are looking to find this feeling of confidence. The abominable legislation and budgets we have had to put up with over the last three years have brought on a lack of confidence.

Entrenching the property rights in the Constitution is only one thing that will help to accomplish this. We must guarantee Canadians their birthright. We must implement programs that will make property rights a reality. I am referring to those people who find it difficult to own a home. We must introduce tax provisions that will make it easier for them to own homes because nobody wants to live like a rat in an apartment building. I live in an apartment building in Ottawa. Though it is a very nice apartment building, it makes me feel like a caged rat. That is what happens to people when they live in apartment buildings.

Having regard to broadening the opportunity for ownership, I would like to see a move away from grants for small and medium business and a move toward a stabilized interest rate so that people do not lose their business because the Government and the world are experiencing a recession or when interest rates go up because the country has such a demand for money. In addition to property rights, we can introduce proper

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legislation to encourage people to own property. Ownership is what it is all about. It is knowing that you have earned the money to buy property with your integrity, with your hard work, and with your blood, sweat and tears.

Earlier I referred to a flexible interest rate to protect industry from the tremendous increases we have seen over the last few years. Industry and small business cannot take that rise in interest rates. Grants are not really helping them. Another solution has been put forward in this House that I think should be explored, that is that the responsibility for that flexible rate could even be shared by the banks and the federal Government.

I understand the argument about provincial rights, but I think that here we are putting a blanket over the rights of all Canadians to protect the mobility of Canadians so that people will have the same rights no matter which Province they are in. For instance, if this is only passed by seven out of ten Provinces, those other three Provinces may not have basic rights entrenched in their Constitutions that are as good as we require. We talk about mobility under the Constitution. We must protect that mobility and give people an equal chance, wherever they are in this country.

I stress the importance of property rights because of my exposure to expropriation and the difficulties I have seen arising from expropriation. I know the Hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. LeBlanc) agrees with me and has talked to me about this. Expropriation forces a great hardship on Canadians. I have seen people get seriously ill following expropriation; people who have had heart conditions, people who have ended up with ulcers, people whose families have split up because of expropriation. Expropriation means that you not only take their homes from them, you take away their way of life. Expropriation to me is a sour process, yet I know that expropriation is not easy and that no matter what you do, you can never satisfy everybody.

I have talked to the Hon. Minister about the difference between expropriation in the Pickering area and in the Mirabel area. He acknowledges that that was a problem. Basically it was a problem because the people in Pickering yelled louder. I think he would agree with that. The people in Pickering got a group together led by Charles Godfrey, a former NDP Member of the provincial parliament who is now a supporter and a member of my riding. He saw the light. He saw that they were reasonable people.

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I do not want to drag this out, as the last speaker did with the junk he tried to put forward as to what they were going to give the people. We must move this through the House quickly and get an agreement to have property rights entrenched in the Constitution. We must give people a chance to enjoy what they earn by their sweat. We have to do it now, Mr. Speaker. We cannot delay for another six months because people want this right now. They are entitled to it, and they will re-elect us.