

Canada, the Atlantic provinces, making an effort to get a better understanding.

In direct answer to the hon. gentleman's question in the minute or so remaining, let me say it seems to me that a large portion of the mistrust is the result of something I alluded to briefly just a few minutes ago, and that is the communications issue. I just do not think we know how the other half lives. I just do not think we understand their aspirations. I say to him that I do not understand the aspirations of the west, and I do so because he is from the west. Without being unkind to him, I submit he may not understand full well the aspirations of my people in Newfoundland, Labrador or in Atlantic Canada.

Without being over-simplistic, I think a large part of the answer to his question relates to communications. It is not that we are by nature a people condemned to think ill of each other, but by circumstance we have become people who have stopped listening to each other. That is the indictment; we have stopped listening to each other. Perhaps we have placed labels.

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We have begun to say: Well, he is from Alberta therefore we can expect him to say that, or he is from Newfoundland and we can expect him to say that. We have begun to categorize and stereotype people. My elementary knowledge of this country tells me first that it is not fair to do that and, second, it is not very productive to do that. That is why I made the appeal earlier to make an effort to break down some of this communications barrier.

● (1700)

Mr. Knowles: Question!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired.

[*Translation*]

It being five o'clock, the House, pursuant to Standing Order 2(3), stands adjourned until Tuesday October 14, 1980, at 2 p.m. pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 5 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
