

The Address—Mr. Fraleigh

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fraleigh: As to the expectations of the people, I would have to agree with the Hon. Member. They are great. We happen to have been in power for two months and I, Sir, do not know what the Hon. Member expects in that short period of time. We made some promises, a fair number of them.

Ms. Jewett: A couple of hundred.

Mr. Fraleigh: They were all made on the assumption that they would be done in a good financial framework—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member but I am afraid the ten-minute period allotted for questions and comments has expired.

The Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett).

Ms. Jewett: Mr. Speaker, in view of the hour, may I call it six o'clock?

Mr. Speaker: The House has no problem calling it six o'clock, I presume?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Hon. Member could start her remarks. There are still three minutes remaining.

Mr. Speaker: I think I understand the dilemma of the Government House Leader and I think I understand the dilemma of the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam. (Ms. Jewett). Perhaps the Hon. Member for Lambton-Middlesex (Mr. Fraleigh) would like to finish his comments by unanimous consent. Does that solve the problem?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I will recognize the Hon. Member for Lambton-Middlesex (Mr. Fraleigh) for one or two more minutes.

Mr. Fraleigh: Mr. Speaker, I would like to return to my remarks and to point out that when we as a Party and our leader made some commitments to the people of Canada, they were done on the basis that they would be done within a good, sound fiscal framework. That is what we intend to do. The people of Canada do not expect us in two months to turn the economy around. I want to assure Hon. Members of that.

Some Members of the New Democratic Party say they were on the street this weekend. From what I heard on the streets in my riding I find what they said hard to believe. I did not have one negative response or negative remark about the economic statement of the Minister of Finance. That is the truth. I spent a fair amount of time this past weekend in my riding. If people to whom I was talking did not offer comments to me, I would ask them questions.

My riding is made up of small businessmen and farmers. They are hurting as much as anyone else in this country. They realize that everybody is going to have to bite the bullet. It is something that Hon. Members in the Opposition have not yet

realized. To renew prosperity in this country we must have economic growth.

Ms. Jewett: Like in B.C.

Mr. Fraleigh: To get economic growth, we have to restore investor confidence. The only way we can restore economic confidence is to run the government in a business-like manner.

Ms. Jewett: Like B.C.

Mr. Fraleigh: I am getting a fair number of comments, and if I have done my duty—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member has done his duty.

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PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—GLACE BAY COAL PROJECT. (B) PLIGHT OF OLDER MINERS

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, on November 8, I posed a question to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) concerning coal development in the constituency I represent in this Parliament. I specifically asked the Minister for certain undertakings, but unfortunately he was not either prepared or willing to give me an undertaking in that regard. For the benefit of the Minister's Parliamentary Secretary, I should like to give a brief chronology of events.

As the House may or may not know, a fire destroyed Number 26 colliery in Glace Bay, taking the life of one individual and placing 1,200 workers on the unemployment roll. Subsequent to that my government announced coal developments in excess of \$300 million. In that announcement on May 25, 1984, specific comments were directed toward a new validation report for the new Number 26 colliery.

Since that time United Mine Workers of America placed a proposal before the Cape Breton Development Corporation. That proposal is known as the 1B colliery. They are seeking large sums of money from the Government of Canada to open the 1B colliery. I asked the Minister responsible if he could provide some details, because shortly before the provincial election the regional minister, the member from Central Nova, announced that there would be some moneys toward the 1B colliery. We heard from the Minister in this House that it would be 100 jobs for 10 weeks. That is not sufficient. In fact, it was alleged in the news media that it would be 200 perma-