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Mr. Dingwall: That is right. What are they training for? Everybody is out of work. There are no economic opportunities. The Minister of Finance stands in his place, eyes the camera, and says: "I want to be tough. I want to stay the course. I am going to help the people of Canada". In the very same breath he has done absolutely nothing about tax loopholes.

The monetary policies are absolutely dismal because he is only fighting one cause of our problems and that is inflation. He is not taking a balanced approach to correcting these difficulties.

There is no stimulus in this budget. It is all smoke and mirrors. He has given in to the Premier of Nova Scotia, Donald Cameron. I will say on the floor of the House of Commons, I will say outside this House of Commons and I have said in my constituency, Donald Cameron has been anti-Cape Breton since he assumed the office of premier of the province of Nova Scotia.

An hon. member: Shame.

Mr. Dingwall: What is the government going to do? It is going to build a four-lane highway in Nova Scotia going to New Brunswick. I said this morning on *News-world* and I say in this Chamber, that is wrong. It is not a bad project but there are more effective ways to create jobs throughout the entire province of Nova Scotia.

What about the Annapolis Valley? What about Pictou county? What about Cape Breton county, Cumberland county and Halifax county? Thousands of projects are ready to go under the municipal infrastructure which would join the municipalities with the provincial and federal governments. What has this government done? It is playing to the political agenda of one premier in the province of Nova Scotia, namely Donald Cameron. That is not fair. That is not just.

If this Minister of Finance wants to be known as someone who is tough, someone who has guts as they say in my district, why does he not stand up to those individuals who are taking millions and millions of dollars out of this country for tax benefits? Why does he not do that?

Why does he not do something about the interest rates spread between Canada and the United States? Why does he not do something on monetary policy? Why does he not chop these prosperity agenda programs? Why

does he not chop the advertising budgets of all of the various departments of the Government of Canada? Why does he not stop feeding the political hacks of the Tory party?

We in Nova Scotia are fed up with the administration of this government. We are fed up with the provincial administration as led by one Donald Cameron. I can assure you the people of my province will respond in great numbers to the challenge should the Tories opposite ever get the intestinal fortitude to call a federal election. They will respond to that challenge and they will vote overwhelmingly against the administration opposite us and the provincial administration of Donald Cameron.

In conclusion, if I had more time I would itemize the way this government has knifed the people of my province, my district and my island. I assure you, Madam Speaker, as you sit there and I stand here we shall never forget one Donald Cameron, the premier of our province. We shall never forget the Tory administration, whether it is Brian Mulroney Kim Campbell, Perrin Beatty or whomever. We shall never forget.

Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte): Madam Speaker, speaking on the same topic but coming from a different perspective I want to share some of my thoughts on the statement given yesterday by the finance minister.

There is a certain reality you have to face when you form a government. I think the minister was very forthcoming yesterday and addressed those glaring realities. One of the comforts I take from the minister's speech yesterday is the fact we have done that.

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We have acknowledged there is going to be an \$8 billion shortfall in terms of government revenue and we have cut expenses to meet that lack of revenue. We have not gone on a spending spree to kick-start the economy which is the term the opposition often uses.

We have accepted the reality that borrowing in the past has not eliminated the problem. In fact, some of the problems we experience in this country today are simply because in the past we have fallen into that habit of borrowing. That habit of borrowing is costing us dearly in this country to the extent that 30 cents out of every tax