

ing to new business. I believe we have all had experience with companies, especially larger companies, moving into areas as a result of incentives. Once the special treatment has been completed they tend to fold their tents and return from whence they came, or disappear.

I hope the new Department referred to as DRIE will spend much more time with small businesses in some of these communities. These are small businesses that have a growth potential and Canada's entrepreneurs, those with good ideas, who can be assisted.

My experience with the Department of Industry and Tourism in Ontario showed that it was the small business sector that needed the help far more than the large industries. Large industries are able to operate on a tax basis whereas the small businesses, while it is fine to give them a tax break, face difficulties if they have no profits. Tax breaks do not mean a thing to them without profits. I am very concerned about small businesses in Canada. Special emphasis should be put on small business and entrepreneurs who need capital to start out and to grow. I suggest that the two major failings of business in Canada today, apart from some of the Government policies, are the lack of capital and poor management. It is incumbent upon us to help especially small business people get started, far more than large businesses which tend to take care of themselves, by providing the growth potential they need.

I can state that small businesses make a far greater contribution to a community, especially smaller communities outside major urban areas where the growth potential is gradual. For example, there is an aluminum industry in Hawkesbury which started out very small. It has grown and hired many employees. This company makes the aluminum tubing for all the Cuban cigars that are smoked today. It is an example of a company that started small and, with the help from the Ontario Government and the federal Government as well, was able to make contacts and to expand. That is an example of a small business in a small community which was provided help and provided employment in that area. As well, it has a certain loyalty to that community which an established large company may not provide once its incentives had expired.

One provision which I appreciate in the new set-up is the classification of all of Canada. Sometimes there are very genuine needs in a community such as I represent which is an industrial community as well as one where people commute to the city of Toronto. There is a genuine need to establish industry in that area as well. There may be the legitimate establishment of an industry because a certain nearby market makes it economical to establish there. They may need help getting started. We must have entrepreneurs in Brampton-Georgetown as well as in Metro Toronto, Parry Sound-Muskoka and all across Canada.

I close by saying that I am greatly concerned about some of the reorganization that is occurring. I am worried that duplications are taking place and that it is causing extra work for the private sector by creating the necessity to become involved with these two different ministries. I am concerned about the confusion and uncertainty that at present exist in the

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Ministry. Anyone who has had any dealings with it will see that. I hope the reorganization does not go too far before we form the next Government so we can take a more positive look and we can rejuvenate the present structures that we have today.

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Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid) hit the nail right on the head in more ways than one. He described, for instance, this new Department called DRIE. I want to say that for Atlantic Canada it is from DREE to DRIE and there will be no bucks left for our part of Canada. In what a mess we in Atlantic Canada are being placed!

I have sat in this House for a few years. I remember when we had the Atlantic Development Board. It later became the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. The Atlantic Development Board was for Atlantic Canada. But all of a sudden we had a new Department that is for Atlantic Canada, for Quebec, it is for here, there and for somewhere else. The resources that were being committed to us were being depleted even then.

I remember also when we had a Department of Trade and Commerce. Suddenly we had another Department imposed upon the Department of Trade and Commerce called the Department of Industry. What a great way to produce additional civil servants in this country. When the Government created that new Department of Industry it gave itself the privilege of hiring people that were the Government's friends. This was done almost without civil service competition. The Government just brought in its friends. After the Department was established, what did the Government do? The Government amalgamated the Department of Industry with the Department of Trade and Commerce. Now we are being told that the only half decent people we have around the world working to assist our businessmen, large and small, are those in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce who will now be mixed up with External Affairs. Rather than opening doors for businessmen around the world they will be going to tea parties and receptions in the hope they can cover all the bases. Where is poor old Atlantic Canada going to end up? On the short end of the stick. Everybody will be involved in either foreign affairs or business affairs but never thinking about the part of the country that needs the dollars. This is especially true of the small businessman whom we see and we hear about and who is facing such desperate straits.

We are looking at the fishing industry which is coming apart at the seams. We have bankruptcies all over the place. Jobs are being lost all over the place. Now the Government is taking the only instrument we had that might have been of some value to the small businessmen. I am not talking about National Sea and other big companies; I am talking about the little companies in my constituency and in the constituency of the Minister of Public Works (Mr. LeBlanc). These companies have been looking after themselves pretty well but they do