

do not claim to be miracle-workers. We cannot make money and we use only what is available.

The definite project called Petromont was not started under this Government. In my opinion, the previous Government cannot consider its record on this matter as a success.

As far as transportation matters, with which I am somewhat more familiar, are concerned, I believe that Quebecers appreciate our realistic approach to those questions, whether we are dealing with Air Canada or Via Rail, where we shall very soon be in a position to restore a number of passenger services, and the Hon. Member is from a region which will benefit from this decision. We are trying to deal with the airports very fairly. As for secondary matters such as tolls, we consider that this special tax, as you call it yourself, was not imposed by our Government and that it would be totally unrealistic to abolish them in the present economic situation. The Minister of Regional Economic Expansion treats all matters related to Quebec with a great deal of fairness and honesty. I believe that he does so under extremely difficult economic conditions which we inherited without asking for them, but we shall have the courage to face them, and I am convinced that in the future the policies we implement will improve the situation of Quebec businesses at least as well as those of the previous Government. We are convinced that they will actually be much more successful.

**Mr. Lapierre:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Minister of State for Transport (Mr. Bouchard) for his comments, but I wish also to ask him to please remove his pink-coloured glasses.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I am here to call my hon. colleagues' attention to the areas which are hurting. And the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion has done enough to brag about.

I wish especially to warn him that, as he is applauding the commendable efforts of his colleague, he should be aware that a proposed automobile plant had been planned in Canada since September 4. And can you guess where that plant ended up? In the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion's own riding, which is certainly not the poorest in Canada. The point I want to convey to my hon. colleagues is that things are not all white or all black. They are certainly aware that in politics, there are a great many grey areas. I want the Minister to be vigilant and to make sure that Quebec's interests are protected. Also, I am not a veteran in politics, but as one who has been in this House for a number of years, I can tell him that his enemies are not sitting across the aisle from him. We are his opponents. His true enemies are sitting alongside him.

**Mrs. Maily:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a very brief comment.

The Hon. Member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre) came in my constituency during the 1984 election campaign to try and

help my opponent, the former Liberal Member, Mr. Cousineau, who misused a majority of 38,000 votes on his closest opponent.

The issues that were outstanding are now being solved one after the other. There is the customs clearance issue in which the previous member had taken no interest. A teledetection sector, a high technology field, will be set up in Gatineau, an area which the Liberal government ignored during decades.

An agreement between Ottawa and Quebec has already allowed to develop the tourist industry in the Gatineau riding where unemployment varies between 30 and 40 per cent, a situation about which the previous member had done nothing. Why? As soon as Mr. Cousineau had some interesting plans and contractors came to see him, they were swiped by his colleague Mr. Fox who referred to plants set up in other constituencies. All this shows that the Hon. Member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre) is a good speaker, but he should remember that politics require some sense of responsibility as well as the showmanship he obviously has.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Questions and comments are over.

[English]

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

##### AERIAL SPRAYING OF PESTICIDE

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, Agriculture Canada has approved aerial spraying of Delta Methrin, a pesticide, despite claims by officials in Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans that the chemical threatens fish and waterfowl. Delta Methrin has been approved for aerial spraying of grain and potato crops until December 31. The spraying will be allowed only once on each crop this year, and must occur at least 100 metres from water bodies that might be damaged by the pesticide.

The concept of a buffer zone is almost impossible to enforce in eastern Canada and in the northern Prairies. The large amount of surface water and numerous sloughs make it impossible to avoid spraying without affecting water bodies.