

Here is what Mr. Robert Varah of Dofasco had to say. He dismisses the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition's (Mr. Turner) sectoral approach to the whole free trade proposition:

There aren't enough sectors on which you can have a balance. So you have to go with the broad approach.

Clearly the sectoral approach will not work in this industry.

I have saved one of the best for the last. This comes right from the heart of the Niagara Peninsula, deep in the heart of Welland, Ontario, from Atlas Specialty Steel, Canada's largest manufacturer of stainless steel. The article reads:

Atlas Specialty Steel, Canada's largest manufacturer of stainless steel, believes so strongly in the free trade deal that it has invested \$10 million in each of the past two years to make itself more globally competitive.

Incidentally, this is an article from *The Toronto Star*. The heading is *Steelmaker Sees Free Trade Opening Huge Markets*. That is *The Toronto Star*. The article is buried. You would never hear about it from the Hon. Member from Welland (Mr. Parent). I am just quoting for the record.

Bruce Hamilton, general manager of the Niagara Peninsula plant, Atlas Specialty Steel, says:

And that's just the beginning—"I'm talking about that rate every year—

Meaning \$10 million in each of the past two years:

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He says removing trade barriers between Canada and the U.S. will open huge new markets for Atlas, a Rio Algom subsidiary with 1,500 employees in Welland.

"Those (investment) rates are here to preserve and maintain this operation as a viable specialty steel mill in North America. We have the capability, certainly, of hiring more people but I think the main thing we're trying to do is maintain the jobs for the people that we've got."

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That is a good place to start. The point is that it is happening. Those jobs are locked in, secure, and if anything they will be increased under this agreement. The article further states:

Without trade, the Canadian economy will wither. It's an economic truism perfectly mirrored by Atlas Steel.

"We have to be an internationally competitive mill. If we're not that, we're dead."

That statement was made by Bruce Hamilton.

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Canada faces a clear choice in the free trade debate. Either we accept the challenge to compete, or we retreat like a third place athlete to defeat by default. That does not describe the Canadians I know. It does not describe any of the Canadians sitting in this Chamber who were out to win on November 21.

The type of negativism that we have been hearing from our friends in the Liberal and New Democratic Parties is beyond me when they went out and fought like hell to get their seats in the House of Commons. They made it. They were winners. They are Canadians. Canadians are winners. We can compete. That is why we have to pass the free trade Bill into law by tonight and get Royal Assent by January 1, 1989. We have to do that, and we have to win for our children, their children, and the future of this great country.

In closing, let me wish you, Mr. Speaker, a Merry Christmas, *Joyeux Noel*. I also say that to my parents in Vancouver, and special holiday wishes to all the good people of Hamilton—Wentworth.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Windsor—Lake St. Clair.

Some Hon. Members: Howie, Howie!

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Lake St. Clair): Mr. Speaker, I should tell my colleagues on the government benches that I am seldom called Howie, except by my most intimate friends, and only in the most intimate circumstances.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McCurdy: First, I wish to express my appreciation to the voters in my riding of Windsor—Lake St. Clair for having extended me the opportunity to sit in the House once more and represent them.

The fact that I was elected to the House in the riding of Windsor—Lake St. Clair reflects the fact that in Windsor approximately 80 per cent of the voters voted against the Conservatives. Although it cannot be argued, and I quite gladly admit this, not all people who voted against the Conservatives were necessarily expressing themselves specifically against the trade deal, nor would I submit the argument that all of those who voted for New Democrats or Liberals were voting against the deal. But in Windsor those who voted 80 per cent against the Conservatives most certainly were voting against the trade deal. There is a reason for that.