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their Canadian products and technologies to the world marketplace.

Along with bolstering our export market such a facility would draw hundreds of thousands of visitors who would leave millions of dollars behind. The people of Trinity—Spadina want to be a part of a proud Canadian team competing in this international market. Canada has the tools and an intelligent educated workforce that can adapt to these new industries and technologies. We have the strength in our diversity and we have the desire and ability to succeed. We are not afraid of competition.

The budget set the foundation on which the future economic growth of Canada will be built. This government will be the catalyst to bring Canada's people, businesses and institutions together to harness our strengths and to achieve our common goals.

All Canadians must share in our growth. Everyone's dream is important. No one will be left behind.

[Translation]

**Mr. René Canuel (Matapédia—Matane):** Mr. Speaker, I listened attentively to the hon. member opposite. In addition to our ideological differences, I noticed something else. I noticed that there are huge differences between urban and rural constituencies. Where I live, there is no CN Tower. I live in a rural riding whose population depends on farming and forestry and where many are unemployed.

Is the hon. member not a little surprised that the budget cuts funds for forestry and maintains the status quo for agriculture? Are you not a little surprised by that?

[English]

**Mr. Ianno:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for the question. I am not surprised. What we are doing in the budget is setting the framework so that we can invest in agriculture and forestry, but maybe not in the same ways that have been used in the past.

We have to get creative. There is a lot available for us with new forestry technology and agricultural technology. Not only will we serve our own purposes here as my father-in-law on his own farm and my relatives deal with. There will be a future. Their children will have a chance to participate in innovative ways. Not only will we be able to use the technology in Canada but abroad to the benefit of export markets for cattle and everything else our farmers utilize, and in our forest industries when we take into account depletion around the world and our concern for the environment.

I am not surprised by the member's question, but I hope in the next four years when the economy comes along with us we will be at the leading edge of a lot of these new industries that our communities will be able to participate in fully and vibrantly, especially the young.

• (1630)

**The Speaker:** I know the hon. member was referring to me when he said you.

**Mr. Jack Ramsay (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for not only his speech but the demure way in which he gave it. I appreciated that very much. His presence would be welcome in my office or in my presence at any time as a result of that.

I would like to ask the member a question having to do with the debt. We have been told by economists that we may be beyond the line of any return on the debt. What impact does the member feel the addition of \$100 billion to the federal debt over the next three years will have upon job creation and employment in Canada?

**Mr. Ianno:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the question from the hon. member.

We wish that we did not have any debt to deal with and could just deal strictly with investment. However, as a small business person I can tell the hon. member that when one is searching for growth, one has to pay a price and that price is in investment.

I believe that we need to retrain our work force in Canada. I indicated in my speech that we have to give training to the lower echelon of Canadians, those who do not currently participate in the situation. We have to give them the opportunity to have the tools so that we, as business people and entrepreneurs, can develop the niche markets and expand internationally to bring all of that money back to Canada for growth. We must help Canadians, those who are not as fortunate as some of us, to be able to participate in the process.

I therefore believe that there is an investment. I am not afraid of having a debt in order to invest in the future.

[Translation]

**The Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Crowfoot—Indian Affairs; the hon. member for Regina—Qu'Appelle—Book Publishing Industry.

[English]

**Mr. Paul DeVillers (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak in support of the budget tabled by the finance minister earlier this week. I am particularly comfortable in supporting this budget because it is the funding of the red book key programs that were the Liberal platform in the last election. They contain investments in people and job creation not necessarily through tax increases but rather through spending cuts.

Earlier today in this House I heard what in my opinion was hollow rhetoric coming from the backbenches of the independent members to the effect that this budget must have been ghost written by a former Tory minister.