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the fact that he is doing that. The hypocrisy is this, however, Mr. Speaker, that the Liberal Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) removed the VIA train from Edmonton through Jasper to Vancouver. Other Hon. Members have alluded to this in the debate here today, but I want to mention it because my wife and I had the privilege of riding on that train. We flew to Edmonton, stayed there all night, got the train the next morning at seven o'clock, had breakfast on the train and took that beautiful trip up to Jasper. The train stopped there for perhaps an hour. We were able to get out and look at the mountains and do a bit of shopping. We then proceeded on to Vancouver. I acknowledge that the rolling stock was old, and is old, and should be replaced. Perhaps that is part of the reason that the trains are running at a deficit. However, the hypocrisy is that the Minister did that unilaterally without any consultation with the tourist industry. He did it without going to Jasper, sitting down with those people and talking about his plans for the removal of that train. That is why I say that the Liberal Government is insensitive and demonstrates a large degree of hypocrisy.

I would like to discuss the subject with emphasis on some of the environmental problems facing our tourist industry today as it relates to my riding of Erie, and also as it relates to the riding of the Hon. Member for Niagara Falls (Mr. MacBain), who spoke so eloquently here this afternoon. Incidentally, it was in his riding in 1980 that the future Prime Minister of Canada made the statement that he was going to clean up the Niagara Falls problem, the Niagara River situation. He was going to do that, and we would elect a Liberal Member. Sure enough, the Liberal Member was elected, but I want to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that he will be phased out in the next election.

As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, Canada's reputation as a tourist attraction rests with its beautiful scenery, its sparkling lakes and clean air, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to protect these resources. We have, on the one hand, a gigantic urban sprawl which threatens to destroy much of the picturesque farmland and orchards which attract people to the Niagara Peninsula where I make my home. On the other hand, we have the great industries of the industrial northeastern United States and, indeed, the Golden Triangle, which are contaminating the air which we Canadians have boasted about for many years. It is to the advantage of all Canadians, I feel, to guard our precious heritage.

As I speak, the selection process is being carried out to find a location for an industrial waste disposal facility to serve the industries of southern Ontario. That is a difficult problem, I must confess, which the provincial Government has. No one wants such a facility at his back door. I do not want it in my riding. The Hon. Member for Niagara Falls does not want it in his riding. Yet our ridings are proposed as locations for this facility. Some community will have to bear the ecological consequences of locating this facility in its area. Some day we will have to pay a terrible price for our actions today. In fact, we are paying some of that price right now. The Hon. Member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling) will tell us in a few

minutes, I am sure, about the acid rain problem. The problem has to be solved at its source, which is the industries which make the waste. Is the technology not available to deal with industrial waste and recycle it into useful products, Mr. Speaker? I am not an expert on the subject, but surely we cannot go on in this manner. We certainly do not wish to develop the reputation in the eyes of potential tourists as a country which is polluting itself to death. It goes without saying that environmental questions are very much linked to the tourist industry. Tourism is the largest single employer in our country. It provides jobs for over one million people, and those jobs are on the line if our clean air and water are lost.

The sports fisherman is deeply concerned about acid rain and the polluting of our streams. When the fish die, a whole chapter of Canadian history dies with them. There are many avid sports fishermen in our country and, indeed, in my riding, who have spoken to me about this many times. Fishermen elsewhere have expressed concern about this lake or that lake and what a shame it is. Whatever we do about this very serious question, we cannot lay the whole blame on the United States. We as well are guilty parties. We have our part to play in eliminating or controlling this very serious problem.

Sports fishing is a subject which deserves, in my opinion, much more attention on the national level. In fact, there are individuals and groups in this country who are lobbying very strongly for more positive ways of enhancing this very important sport. I say, more power to them. I appreciate the work they are doing and I will co-operate with them in every way I can. I am a fisherman myself. I have three sons, all of whom are grown and married. I have enjoyed, and still enjoy, fishing with them. It is a sport which takes us out of doors and into nature. It is a fine sport for a father to enjoy with his sons and daughters. I feel there are certainly many more ways to go about enhancing our sports fishing in this country, thereby directly and indirectly improving our potential for attracting those very elusive tourist dollars which are slipping away into the United States because of the high costs of vacationing in our country. Food prices are much higher, as are hotel rooms. We heard about this from the Hon. Member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart) as he spoke so eloquently just a few minutes ago. Gasoline is substantially higher, in some places twice as high, in Canada than it is in the U.S. Our fishing will have to be pretty good to offset that.

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We must make a concerted effort to understand the fact that the Lake Ontario and Lake Erie sport fishery is a resource representing excellent recreational opportunities. We must make sure that appropriate expansion of both onshore and offshore components is undertaken. As to the onshore, provision must be made to accommodate boats, trailers and recreational vehicles in areas close to lakes and rivers with good sports fishing potential. This industry is labour-intensive. There is a high multiplier effect in the sports fishing sector. There are marinas, the fuel being sold, bait suppliers, the sale and rental of boats and motors, the sale of tackle, some of which is made in my riding by William Gold in my town of