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many families does that touch, across the country, during the year with crisis?

It has created a crisis in the very continuance of this country. I almost hate to talk about it at this point because it is so fragile. A government that only knows how to create crises is not a government that can build a strong nation ready for the next century.

Because it has created this economic turmoil, it is trying to persuade people that they are lucky to have any job at any salary. That is back to the old days of the robber barons, when if you owned a business, and if you were bigger than the little business beside you, you just put them out of business. You put their employees out of work and you did not care about that.

That is the kind of country this government would like us to go back to where only those who are rich and powerful can hope for a decent life in this country. That is not the Canadian dream. That is not the country that the people who have sat in these seats for generations before us planned for our children and our grandchildren.

The government has created economic turmoil since co-operative relationships between business and labour, management and labour, at all levels are absolutely essential to progress and prosperity for any nation.

The minister has talked about violence. The minister has said: "We are not to blame. It is those poor people out there on the picket lines who earn \$20,000 a year. They're to blame." We had the minister again yesterday in the House saying: "We are not guilty of bad faith bargaining," and trying to mislead Canadians about what the Public Service Staff Relations Board actually ruled.

I want to read this because honesty has become a real issue in this whole debate. I want to read what the Public Service Staff Relations Board said, having heard from government lawyers, having heard from union lawyers, having heard all the evidence. We will know who is responsible for what is going on right now. "This board, in general, shares the views expressed in the cases cited above: The obligation provided under the Public Service Staff Relations Act to bargain in good faith, and make every reasonable effort to conclude a collective agree-

ment, is not substantially different for this employer than it is for any other employer in any jurisdiction in Canada. The insistence on conditions precedent to negotiating terms and conditions of employment at the bargaining table is incompatible with the requirement to make every reasonable effort to negotiate a collective agreement. Accordingly, the board finds that the employer has acted contrary to section 51 of the act and orders the employer to comply with section 51 of the act."

The minister tried to pretend in this House yesterday that being in violation of section 51 was not a condemnation of bad faith bargaining. Let me read into the record, and let me read for Canadians who would like to know whether they can ever believe the government, what section 51 states: "Where notice to bargain collectively has been given the bargaining agent and the officers designated to represent the employer shall, without delay, but in any case within 20 days after the notice is given, or within such further times as the parties may agree, meet and commence to bargain collectively in good faith and make every reasonable effort to conclude a collective agreement." Section 51 is the section of which this government is in violation and has been in violation since last spring. That is the section that imposes a duty on both parties to bargain collectively in good faith. This government has violated that section no matter what the minister stands up and says in this House to try and pretend it has not.

The issue is not who has started the fight. I think the evidence is pretty clear that this government, since February 26, had no intention of reaching a conclusion or settlement with its employees. It was obviously prepared to jeopardize the economy of this country, the transportation system, services to Canadians, anything that Canadians are paying for, to impose its own particular agenda and to find whatever victim, whatever scapegoat, it could find to deflect attention from its many failings.

The issue now is how it can be solved. How can we return services to Canadians, how can we return the employees, who want to be back at work, to their jobs? We should not do it with this legislation. If we send people back to work under this legislation, we send people back in an atmosphere of bitterness and total loss of self respect. We send them back with even more worries about how they are going to pay the rent and how they are going to feed their children because this bill represents a loss of income to people, a serious loss of