

If we look at the *Montreal Gazette* for May 18, 1983, there is a report of a dinner, an unpublicized event at an east end hotel in Montreal for the closest campaign workers at the PC leadership convention. The now Leader of the Opposition said according to the article: "Oh, there'll be jobs for Liberals and NDPers too," he said in New Brunswick recently, "but only after I've been prime minister for 15 years and I can't find a single living, breathing Tory to appoint".

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Kristiansen: Nobody can object to the desire, which I am certain is genuine, of a Party that has been in the wilderness for so long that it wants to find a few jobs for the boys.

Mrs. Mitchell: How about the girls?

Mr. Kristiansen: I have not heard them mention much about the girls. Maybe there are a few jobs for the girls too. We will give the conservatives credit for that because we are generous. Just as the Leader of the Opposition is generous about medicare, we are generous with the Conservatives and their motivations.

A statement like this makes us view with some trepidation at the least what the real "real" reasons are for this great surge of generosity on the part of the Conservative Party, which now believes it can taste the victory and power that has alluded that Party for so long.

To be quite serious, Mr. Speaker, there are some very valid reasons for ensuring there is room for many more people from the private sector, from the employee sector and other sectors across Canada, to participate in the governing of a corporation which could be, if it is well managed and directed, important to our future in the export trade. I would hope the Government, whatever Party it may be, will take some steps to ensure that all major sectors in Canada are represented, whether from the federal Government, from the provincial Governments—which certainly have a worth-while vested interest in this—from the corporate sector and many also from labour who have, many of them, played a full part in trying to ensure, particularly in the forest industry, the expansion of our markets. I know the union of which I am still a member, the IWA, has played a vigorous part in pursuing and attempting to expand markets in China and in Japan. It has attempted this also by taking part in many multi-government excursions, worth-while excursions, not jaunts, to see our major competitors in the European market, basically both Sweden and the Soviet Union in the forestry and pulp and paper sectors, to ensure that we capitalize on whatever opportunities we may have available to us to expand both employment and profits. That is a worth-while objective.

I am one of those, distinct from some of my colleagues in the NDP and colleagues in the labour movement, who believes in the principle of tri-partism. The union to which I belong has also long been an advocate of some of the processes involved in that. We believe that if we are to succeed as a country and as an economy, there must be a more functioning partnership between the corporate sector, labour and Government, both

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federal and provincial. We must have a new social contract if we are to live together, to thrive and become more productive and aggressive in carving out our proper share in the international marketplace.

The motivation must be positive. It cannot simply be jobs for the boys. There is no point to be made with getting away from—I hesitate to use the word gang, but one government, the Liberal Party, which has become notorious for the amount of its pals, whether in government or in the corporate sector, being appointed to vacancies or boards right across the country, and then replacing that government with another machine that is power hungry. They are not power hungry because their machine has got used to it but because they have been absent from the centre of power for so long they can taste it.

The reports of that meeting at an east end hotel in Montreal make the scenario very clear. The story both appeared in *The Globe and Mail* and the *Montreal Gazette*. To refer back to *The Globe and Mail* it refers to the now Leader of the Opposition. It states: "Power is his promise across the country. As the Conservatives gather, he always reminds them that they have no power, and how sweet it would be if they could get power. No, not how sweet it would be, but how sweet it will be." How sweet it is, Mr. Speaker, to hear the PCs discussing their opportunities, their hungers and their thirsts with their colleagues at an intimate meeting in an east end hotel in Montreal. It is very nice of them to hold a meeting in an east end hotel, very nice, if not patronizing.

Patronage takes on a different colour when we are speaking about the kinds of goals the Conservative Party obviously now have.

The article states: "A man shouts", and I will not say his name, "you're going to be Prime Minister", and Mr. M shouts back: "you're going to be a senator."

But there are only so many senators. Vacancies are not suddenly created because senators have to reach a certain age before they retire, unless they decide to get out voluntarily. Knowing some of the people in that august chamber, they are not likely to leave earlier than they have to. That limits the possibilities for patronage appointments. Obviously because of the way the Liberal Party has governed this country for so long, there will be a little bit of a dearth of active Conservatives within the senior positions of the Public Service. Naturally the course of action is to open up all the boards, all the Crown corporations and agencies, so that after the Leader of the Opposition, as the article states, has "been Prime Minister for 15 years and cannot find a single living, breathing Tory left to appoint", then he may be able to become a non-partisan Prime Minister.

I will continue my remarks later, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. I must inform the Hon. Member that his time has expired.