

member that—and I do not accept his figures—the share we are requesting indeed will be considerably better than that.

Mr. Wilson: You want more than 72 per cent?

Mr. Trudeau: We would like the over-all result to be the federal government sharing 23 per cent or 25 per cent of the take, and the provinces and the private sector sharing the rest. Whether it be 25 per cent, 30 per cent or 22 per cent, it certainly is not 72 per cent that we are requesting. We are asking for a fair share for the government which speaks for the people of Canada, which must redistribute equality of opportunity across this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: That is your Mexico first policy.

Mr. Trudeau: It is the consumers of Canada who are paying this money to the producing provinces and—

Mr. Beatty: And to Mexico.

Mr. Trudeau: —it is the consumers of Canada who should in some way be benefiting from this resource which belongs to Canada.

The hon. member opposite has a question about Mexico. I will sit down and hear that question.

REQUEST FOR LOWERING OF TAXES

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister who should get together with the minister of energy who, on June 3, said that he conceded that the current oil prices Canadians are paying are about even with those projected in the Conservative budget. During the election campaign the Prime Minister, on January 30, 1980, said this in St. John's Newfoundland:

Our price will not be \$6 a barrel; it would be under \$4 per barrel.

That is 16 cents a gallon translated into gasoline prices at the pump.

To date the Prime Minister's government has raised prices in St. John's 64 cents a gallon for gasoline and some 44 cents a gallon for heating fuels—a 55 per cent increase. Of the 12 increases, nine have been federal tax increases. In order to reach an oil pricing agreement with the producing provinces, in order to treat the Canadian consumers fairly, and to begin to meet his promises and not continue to betray Canadians, is the Prime Minister prepared to lower the federal taxes imposed in the last 15 months by something in the order of 30-odd cents a gallon to give room to increase the price to the primary producers at the wellhead, so that this matter can be settled, and settled quickly?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, if the hon. member wants to talk about promises, the least he could do would be to quote them in their entirety. When I talked about \$4 a barrel, even the hon. member should realize that it was \$4 a barrel for 1980.

Oral Questions

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Trudeau: I said—

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): There's no tomorrow.

Mr. Trudeau: I said, specifically, Madam Speaker, that we were talking of 1980, and it could not have been \$4 for the whole four-year period that the hon. member's budget had contained. It was \$4 for 1980. For 1981, the minister—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: Yes, it was \$4, and it did not have that extra 18-cent excise tax that the hon. member for St. John's West would have brought on. So, we did keep our promise in 1980.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: So far as the four-year period that was covered by the budget of the hon. member opposite is concerned, we undertook—and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources repeated that undertaking the other day—that we would still be underneath the figure which would have been produced as a result of the hon. member's budget, and that is still our commitment today.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

INSTRUCTIONS TO MINISTER

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister has betrayed the Canadian people.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: This is what the Prime Minister said in Halifax:

Our made-in-Canada (oil) price will result in a lower price to consumers than the one proposed for the next four years—

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): That's what he said.

Mr. Crosbie: He did not make any promise about one year, and he has raised the price 60 cents a gallon to date. His answer to the people of Canada is that people appear "prepared to pay these higher prices". That is how sanguine he is now. He has managed to get himself into power for another four years without going to the electorate. "Drivers are willing", he said.

Now, my supplementary question to the Prime Minister—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I have to call the hon. member to order. It seems that every time he asks a question he makes it too long, and I have to get up and call him to order. I am sure that he has noticed by now that his questions are always too long.

Mr. Crosbie: They are warring like little rabbits over there, Madam Speaker. My supplementary question is to the Prime