

*Oral Questions***TRADE**

Mr. Rompkey: Mr. Speaker, if the government cannot do something about the fish outside 200 miles, I want to ask the Minister of Fisheries if he can do something about the fish inside the 200-mile limit because he has jurisdiction and this year he has given away 8,000 tonnes to the French. That is 220 jobs. That is 220 jobs lost to the French. You have direct control. What are you doing, Mr. Minister, to stop the job loss to Atlantic fishermen?

• (1440)

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member would recall when his government was in office giving the French—

Mr. Volpe: We want to know what you are doing. You are the ones who administer.

An Hon. Member: Let's talk about the Gulf.

Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova): You have got the power. You use it on the GST. You use it on other things. Use it in fish!

Mr. Mulroney: You let them in the Gulf and you let them take 800,000 tonnes; that's what you get.

Mr. Speaker: I would ask the right hon. the Prime Minister and those other members on the opposite side of the House who are engaged in a brilliant conversation with the Prime Minister to keep in mind that there are other members who wish to ask questions in this Question Period and I would ask for some co-operation. The Hon. Minister of Fisheries.

Mr. Siddon: As I was saying, Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member opposite would recall that when his government was in office it granted the French 20,000 more tonnes in Canadian waters than this government does, and the Liberal government granted Europeans quotas of our non-surplus stocks for 15 years.

I should point out that since the implementation of our \$750,000 fines, the arming of our patrol vessels, that has dropped to virtually zero, with the exception of the last few weeks, partly because of the intransigence of opposition members in not being willing to get our fisheries patrol vessels back in the water.

Ms. Clancy: Not so!

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister for International Trade. Tomato farmers in Norfolk, Brant and Elgin counties have just been told that after 25 years Campbell's no longer needs their tomatoes.

With the ongoing tariff reductions in the free trade agreement, Campbell's plans to import from the U.S. some of the tomato paste that was previously processed in Canada. This will replace a net loss of 7,000 tonnes of tomatoes because of the closing of its Mississauga line and will put Canadian farmers out of work.

Will the minister now admit that all his government's talk of free trade, harmonized markets, and industry rationalization, means nothing more than Canadians losing their jobs?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, there is no one in the country being fooled by this attempt to pick out individual companies and allege that they are all reducing their operations because of the free trade agreement.

Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova): There won't be anything left. It's as simple as that.

Mr. Crosbie: Is this a Question Period, or do we have to shout out the people who ask us questions?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Look who's talking.

Mr. Speaker: In answer to the hon. minister's question, it is Question Period. Perhaps the hon. minister could complete his answer.

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, let me say that in November, 1988, 4,883,000 people had jobs in Ontario. A year later in November, 1989, 4,987,000 people had jobs in Ontario, which is a very considerable increase over the beginning of the year.

Ms. Clancy: We are talking about tomatoes.

Mr. Crosbie: Now, if all the hon. gentlemen and all the hon. ladies opposite who bring forward these individual instances were correct, the reverse would be true. There would have been a tremendous decrease in jobs. Get your act together for heaven's sake and stop getting up in the House with juvenile points like this.