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have to explain itself properly to the people of industrial Cape Breton.

This neglect is a result of an elitist policy by a Government that has no feeling for people. It has only been following elitist principles and has displayed no co-ordination in its policies. It is cancelling transportation programs and regional development programs when those programs would be in lock step with attracting industrial possibilities for Cape Breton and other areas of Atlantic Canada. These setbacks to industrial Cape Breton apply as well to the whole of Atlantic Canada. This will not go unnoticed by the people of Atlantic Canada, I can assure the House.

There was reference to the Sydney Steel Corporation. The Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon) put forward an important point. However, the problem is with both the federal and provincial Governments because not only is the provincial Government refusing to put in a request for funding for Sysco, but the federal Government will not take action as a result of that refusal. Both Governments are doing a jig at the expense of the Sydney Steel Corporation.

The federal Government is an elitist Government that has no concept of regional development. The Minister did not mention the concept of regional development during his speech this morning. He thinks that regional development is strengthening the muscles in his posterior.

The Government must reverse its attitude about eliminating regional development because an entire area of this country is dependent upon the support of the Government. The Government is creating unemployment and taking away hope in this country. The Government is doing this to the unemployed all across Canada as well as to low-income Canadians and those on fixed incomes. It is creating a society within a society. It is supporting the upwardly mobile people who can take care of themselves and forgetting about those who need training and help. It is forgetting about the young who need help to get their first job. The Government is failing those people and therefore the country.

Mr. McCain: Mr. Speaker, I see that the matrimonial bliss that has existed so long between the NDP and the Liberal Party is still in place. They will have no need whatsoever for that new divorce capability which was introduced by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie). I would think that after the election in the Province of Ontario the NDP might have learned that if they want to go on their own course they should perhaps criticize the Grits somewhat as well as the Tories. Their future might be enhanced. As long as that matrimonial bliss is maintained, no divorce is required. They will stay where they are and maybe slip back.

I have a question for the Hon. Member for Cape Breton-The Sydneys (Mr. MacLellan). There were three former Maritime Premiers in the Senate or the House of Commons. Why were these questions not addressed to them when the Hon. Member sat on this side of the House? Would he also explain why, in this motion, he has settled his entire debate on a single issue, namely his own constituency? While I am

interested in my constituency, I have to be a Canadian as well and my interests must be of a national nature.

Why is there a deficiency in the refrigeration and freezing capability of our fishing fleet? How does it happen that we have inherited the difficulties in the fishing industry of over-fishing, over-licensing and expenditure of resources by bad management? Why was that not addressed since this is partly a fisheries question? It is not just the harbour in Cape Breton.

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How does it happen that the Hon. Member, in his sincere interest for Atlantic Canada, has not realized that all ports of Canada under the new ports legislation would go into the new independent ports structure with an equal debt? The Hon. Member has not addressed the fact that Saint John is the only former National Harbours Board port which has a burden of debt which it cannot carry and operate in competition.

Why did the Hon. Member not address the matter of the very minimal attention that has been devoted to quality in world markets? Why has the Hon. Member not devoted some attention to the fact that in the fishery we might not have had to socialize the whole structure if we had not had a complex which utterly and totally refused to accept the idea that perhaps somebody from outside this land might be able to assist in marketing and processing and in improving the fish markets of Canada as a whole?

Why has the Hon. Member exercised all the prejudices that he has expressed today, when he was on the Government side of the House long enough to have corrected them all? They should not have been inherited. Why has he not addressed the fact that in those years when the Liberal Government was in power that Government did not address the maritime feed freight assistance program? How does it happen that you could on September 4, and still can, have five cents more profit on a pig produced in Edmonton and marketed in Halifax than on the pig produced in the Annapolis Valley and marketed in Halifax, a situation caused by a deterioration in national policy which was intended to recognize all of Canada?

These are the questions I think the Hon. Member might have addressed. I compliment him for addressing his own constituency but this is a broad-based motion. It certainly should have addressed the whole structure of Atlantic Canada and its needs.

Mr. MacLellan: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address with a great deal of pleasure the question put by my hon. friend on the other side. I would like to say I certainly have not agreed with everything that was done by the former Government. As I said in the House today, there were a lot of things that Government did that were cancelled after the election as a result of the present Government's policy of attrition. That is taking into consideration only politics and not taking people into consideration. There are people relying on those politics. It was a shameful practice. It should be abhorrent to all Members of this House. I wish I had had more time to discuss the things the Hon. Member mentioned.