

said in the other place, through the Speech from the Throne, that it intended to help regional development. Why should they make an issue of this? There should always be help for regional development. In fact, the previous Government was aware of this and had set up various programs.

And who cancelled the programs? You guessed it, Mr. Speaker. The Conservative Government did away with the good regional development programs—

Mr. Valcourt: Which ones?

Mr. Boudria: Which ones? Mr. Speaker, here we have a Minister of something or other on the other side who wants to know, this Minister of something or other wants to know, and I forget the name of his Department, he wants to know which programs—

Mrs. Mailly: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order. The Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Maily), on a point of order.

Mrs. Maily: For three days we have heard Hon. Members waxing enthusiastic about having a new approach in the House and about showing respect for this institution. I don't think it is the Minister of something or other but the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism (Mr. Valcourt). I think that if the Hon. Member has any respect for this House, especially since he himself worked here before he was a Member, he should show it.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I would hope that the Hon. Member would call the Minister by his portfolio and we should have a little more decorum. I appreciate what the Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Maily) has just said. I think Hon. Members will take heed and do the proper thing.

● (1650)

[Translation]

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your comments and I intend to act on them, and I must say they are very wise, far wiser than those made by the Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Maily).

Mr. Speaker, I was referring to the CIRB programs, in other words, the programs of the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board. At the request of the Minister, the Minister who asked me the question earlier, but who unfortunately is not in the House to hear what I have to say—the Minister was asking me which program was so good. For your information, the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board's program was beneficial to the Hawkesbury area in my riding, a disadvantaged area which needed this kind of help. The CIRB programs consisted of two stages. On the one hand, the textile industry received some help to modernize, to purchase new machinery, to become more competitive, and on the other, new industries were found for communities which were very dependent on the

textile industry. As the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism asked earlier: How useful was this program? It created 250 jobs in my constituency and brought \$5.9 million in investments to our region from various companies.

Such were the very beneficial results of this Liberal program which was abandoned by the Conservatives when they came to power. The textile industry still needs help, Mr. Speaker.

I was just looking at a document which I received from Mr. Michel Drouin of the Canadian Textile Institute last week in which he tells me that textile imports are still increasing.

For example, sweater imports increased by 30 per cent last year, suit imports by 28 per cent and dress imports by 32 per cent.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, the textile industry is still in danger and this Government is not doing anything, it has abandoned all programs. However, suddenly, in the throne speech, it points out that something must indeed be done to promote regional development.

Why is it that the Government took two years to realize this fact when we all knew it from the start?

Even the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism (Mr. Valcourt) should know that, Mr. Speaker. But obviously this Minister did not know since he had to ask.

[English]

There are two or three more issues I want to raise with you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to talk about the crisis of confidence that the Government is suffering. It is not a crisis of confidence that this House is suffering and it is not a crisis of confidence that anybody else has. It is a crisis of confidence that, by and large, the Prime Minister has inflicted upon himself. That is the problem the Government is suffering from. It has tried every way to change the image of the Government and it is not working. Do you know why? It is because it is not the image that should be changed. It is the substance that needs to be changed. The Government is without substance. I ask the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) to relay that message to the Prime Minister at the appropriate time.

Why has the Government suffered from this terrible crisis of confidence? It is difficult to say. Perhaps Professor Jean-Luc Pepin summarized it best in a recent issue of *Maclean's* magazine when he was asked whether the Prime Minister always said the truth. I will put it that way. He said that the Prime Minister suffers from an acute deficiency and need to embellish the truth. That is the way Professor Pepin put it at that time. That has been the biggest difficulty with this Government.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, many things have been said about other Prime Ministers in the past. Sometimes people agreed with the Prime Ministers, sometimes they did not. Still I think that in the past most people had faith in their Government and the Prime Minister, and they believed he acted in good faith.