

*Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement*

them draw down that water to such a level that dust storms occurred. No one could even live in the area. We had to appeal to them to do something, to put in place some type of regulations.

That was a small agreement compared with what we are talking about now. When land was expropriated in this case there was only one Party which stood up to fight. That was the New Democratic Party.

All we are asking for in the Free Trade Agreement is to have some type of mechanism put into place by which we can monitor what will take place. If the Government feels that this is such a wonderful deal, why is it so determined not to give us such a mechanism to protect our people?

I wish to deal with the survey conducted by the Bank of Nova Scotia. The bank calls it an update of an economic development study.

**Mr. McDermid:** It was done before the agreement was signed.

**Mr. Parker:** I do not care when it was done. The fact remains that the issues were studied. We have seen what has happened since the agreement was signed.

**Mr. McDermid:** I love that, a socialist quoting the Bank of Nova Scotia.

**Mr. Parker:** The bank said that these were the high risk areas that could be affected. Many of them in my riding will be affected: Automotive, heavy truck assemblies, small parts producers, food processing, poultry, fruits, and vegetables. The people in my riding are very concerned when they find out that the banks are starting to identify these areas as high risk areas. When they need capital to participate and to compete, the bank will say: "You are in a high risk area and we are not prepared to lend money to you".

Rail freight car assemblies are also identified as a high risk area. We have a major rail car assembly plant in Golden which has hired many workers. The community has built much of its structure around this plant. If we start to see that these freight cars are going to go south for repairs and so on, into the lower markets where there is cheaper labour we will find that this railway shop will not be able to maintain and create the jobs that our communities expect from it.

Shipbuilding, ship repairs, chemicals, organic specialties, box board and container boards, agriculture, poultry, trucking services, cable television programs, and footwear are areas which have been shown as high risk.

When these people try to get money to compete in what has been called a level playing field, they will find that the banks will not give them the opportunity to participate in those programs.

I have worked for many years on a program to sell western Canadian coal to central Canadian markets. We have started to break through in that market. Several million tonnes of western Canadian coal from the Sparwood-Elkford area have been sold to supply plants in central Canada. This has created jobs and kept the money in Canada. Money has been flowing to pay the workers in British Columbia.

This is the type of program that we should be working on. There should be east-west co-operation to buy western national resources to supply central Canadian markets. In turn, we would buy the manufactured goods.

**Mr. McDermid:** You want to keep westerners hewers of wood and drawers of water and provide central Canada with all the manufacturing. Is that what you said?

**Mr. Parker:** Let us have them buy our raw materials. We will buy their finished products. We will create thousands of jobs across Canada. We will create thousands of jobs in my riding. People will be taken off the unemployment insurance rolls.

In 1984, during the national election campaign, the big saying in my riding was "jobs, jobs, jobs". The jobs were not there. We lost jobs. We lost a fertilizer plant in Kimberley; 150 people lost their jobs. We are one of the richest agricultural countries in the world, and we cannot keep a fertilizer plant going.

The Conservative Member whom I replaced allowed that to happen. Members opposite talk about east-west alienation. That was created by this Government which has allowed these types of things to take place.

I would like to talk about a few other promises that were made. The Conservative Government cannot be trusted. The Prime Minister and the Conservatives cannot be trusted. They have increased taxes on the average family by over \$1,300, and they said that they would not increase our personal taxes. They tried to deindex the pensions of our senior citizens.

**Mr. McDermid:** No, we did not.

**Mr. Parker:** That is what the former Member said during the election campaign. He also said: "Sid Parker is not telling the truth. We did not try to cut pensions, we only tried to deindex them". Is that not something?