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level of financial commitment to our post-secondary and health programs.

We know that with an aging population more hospital beds will be required. We can do more for all our citizens with the development in technology. That costs money. We know that health costs are rising above the cost of living. Yet the federal Government insists that it cannot contribute as much to health care and post-secondary education as it had promised in the past.

I noticed recently that Saint John Shipbuilding in New Brunswick was advertising offshore for people to work in its shipbuilding facilities. Here is an area of high unemployment in New Brunswick, an area with a local industry in which young people would love to work. However, as a result of cut-backs to post-secondary education, there are not enough qualified people in our nation to build our own ships. We know that contracts are forthcoming, but what sort of commitment is there to post-secondary education? The federal Government is the major contractor for Saint John Shipbuilding, yet there are not enough trained people to fill those jobs.

The final area with which I want to deal today is the Atlantic fishery. It was the issue raised by the Member who spoke first on this motion and it is indeed a crisis situation. Again, it is a situation in which the federal Government has direct involvement. It is a situation about which the federal Government said one thing months ago and is doing something else now.

While we knew there was a problem with the fisheries in the past, admittedly we did not have all the information that is now available as a result of scientific studies. We knew that the fish stocks in Atlantic Canada were not healthy and that something would have to be done. But let us consider what has happened. Canadian ships are sitting in the harbour because the federal Government will not send them out to inspect the cod stocks. Federally owned ships, whose primary purpose it is to do scientific research into what is happening in our area, are sitting in the harbours because of cut-backs in the past. The federal Government would not be so surprised to learn that there is not as much fish as it thought if it had sent those ships to do the very research for which they are designed.

The same is true with foreign overfishing. The Member for St. John's East (Mr. Reid) got up in the House and said that they do not really know what is going on out there. They should know what is happening. Rather than try to find out what is happening out there, as he puts it, the Government is doing the exact opposite. It is allowing the French to overfish.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) is in Spain today saying that he is concerned about the Spanish overfishing. He has been the Prime Minister for five years and there has been a problem with Spanish overfishing for five years. A glass of sangria or a cup of tea with Mr. Gonzalez will not solve the problem for the Atlantic fishery. There has been no attempt whatsoever to protect the stocks outside the 200 mile limit. Other nations facing the same situation with stocks beyond the international border have made some provision to guarantee that the stock beyond the 200 mile limit is healthy. They make some attempt to enforce quotas beyond that limit. Canada has not done so.

We have known this has happened year after year. As a result, Canadians are losing jobs, Canadian plants are being shut down and Canadian towns are being hurt.

Mr. Crosby: Mr. Speaker, as a Member from Atlantic Canada I want to acknowledge to the representative of the New Democratic Party that we appreciate his interest in Atlantic Canada but when one views Atlantic Canada from the prospect of Manitoba it may be a little difficult to get the realities of the place and determine what is occurring with the economic situation in a province like Nova Scotia. I wonder if the Hon. Member knows that over the past five years there has been a dramatic change in the economic situation in Nova Scotia.

I have a graph from a Halifax newspaper, a neutral authority, which shows very clearly that while federal transfer payments have escalated dramatically, the annual provincial deficit has gone down to the point at which in the year 1991 there will be no budgetary deficit. It is very clearly said that that is a result of the increase in transfer payments.

The Member from the NDP may also want to know that in this month of May, when the Government of Nova Scotia introduced its budget, it was able to announce that the budgetary deficit for the current fiscal year was \$47 million less than anticipated. It was down