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of those individuals are not here, probably for good reason. Let us look at their performances.

The Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) takes his orders from the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Nielsen). He is a Minister who brought in three political commissars to slash regional programming at the CBC. He is a Minister who was called "patronizing" and "smug" by representatives of the Canadian Conference of the Arts. What did he do to increase employment opportunities here in Canada? He cancelled money for the National Arts Centre, he cancelled money for the Canada Council and the National Film Board and he cancelled \$7 million under the Capital Assistance Program. Unlike the Minister of Finance who can treat his big friends in the multinational oil companies well, this Minister has refused and is unable to provide needed assistance to the arts and cultural industry here in Canada. I say shame on the Conservative Government for abandoning that industry.

What about the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merriethew)? The only thing he will be known for is serving in Dick Hatfield's cabinet. He has done absolutely nothing as a Minister of State for Forestry. As a Minister from the Atlantic region, he has not even spoken out on any of the issues concerning Atlantic Canada.

What about the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser)? He goes around telling everyone that he wants to help them and that he is there to assist the fishermen. I will tell you how he has assisted the fishermen, Mr. Speaker. I will tell you how he has put more people on the unemployment rolls. There was an increase in licensing fees of \$6.3 million. There was a reduction in fisheries development of \$11.7 million. That Minister has a great claim to fame. He is the only Minister who has signed a treaty without even showing it to Parliament. Shame!

What about the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise)? He is another paragon of virtue when it comes to helping the working class in this country. What has he done? The Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley-Hants (Mr. Nowlan) questioned him on one particular program today. This is the Government that gave the farmers in western Canada, under the stabilization program and through the transportation assistance program, approximately \$1.2 billion. We in this Party do not object to that but we do object to the Minister of Agriculture not being able to provide \$13.5 million in emergency assistance to the farmers of the Maritimes so that we can continue with our job-creation programs. That is abandoning his responsibilities as Minister of Agriculture.

What about inspection fees? The Minister of Agriculture has done nothing about that. The Prime Minister gets a 54 per cent increase in his expense while the farmers of the Maritime Provinces have to pay a higher amount in inspection fees. I say shame on the Government.

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Of course, I do not want to say anything about the Solicitor General (Mr. MacKay), because I think he has done it all for himself. Not only has he caused embarrassment to his Party,

he has caused embarrassment to Parliament as a whole. That is what that Minister has done.

The Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) is a lovely man and a great guy. What has he done with regard to employment opportunities in Canada? Nothing. If anything, he has added to the rolls of unemployment. He received an order about a week ago from the Deputy Prime Minister to fire different individuals in Air Canada and VIA Rail. That is all he has done. There has been no action and there have been no progressive, positive programs coming from the Minister of Transport. In fact, the only thing he was able to do was to provide cut-backs to the very important sectors of the Canadian economy. Those cut-backs do not affect the multinational oil companies, they affect the working men and women of the country. I say shame to the Minister of Transport.

Let us now move to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald). There is the "flora". She is going to create all the jobs which Canadians need. The only thing that can be said of that particular Minister which is accurate, is what was printed in *Chatelaine*. That is the only thing. That Minister has lost every battle and every war in Cabinet to the Minister of Finance, who, by the way, is not really the Minister of Finance. He is the junior Minister to the real Minister of Finance, who is the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens). The Minister of Employment and Immigration has lost her battles to him and to the Minister of Finance. But she has cut back. She said to the unemployed people of Canada: "Well, we don't really need you. We don't care. We are going to take your severance pay away. We don't care if that provides you with hardship." Yet she is the Minister who stood in her place when she was a member of the Opposition and practically cried before Canadians because not enough was being done. But at the first opportunity, what did she do? She slammed them. I say shame to the Conservative Government.

What about the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie)? He is incapable of understanding the rules which are applied to an Attorney General. He refuses to appeal a case without first seeing a transcript. He thinks that the Criminal Code should be used as a source for one-liners. Of course, he is always a friend to the provincial Premiers. We have seen what he has done in his capacity as Attorney General. He has added nothing to providing jobs for this country, other than bailing out some of his friends.

Now let us turn to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark). There is a paragon of tourism! He was performing so badly that they had to send him to the Soviet Union. He might stay there.

What about the Minister of State for Tourism (Mr. McMillan)? That Minister is from P.E.I. He is the only Minister of all the Ministers in the Tory Government who had the audacity to send his picture to all Members of Parliament. I do not know what he is looking for, and I do not know what he is up to, but I do not want any part of it.

What about the Minister of Finance? Well, we should not be too hard on the Minister of Finance because in June of