

I expect this government will respond. It is hard to find money these days, but this government responded to the previous crisis with the Atlantic Fisheries Adjustment Package, with the Catch Failure Program and with other programs under the Canadian Jobs Strategy that will help people in communities to get by these difficulties.

Similarly, we have been negatively impacted by the over-capacity in the pulp and paper market. That is seen, for example, in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. It has seen cutbacks at the Bowater Mersey Paper Company. It has meant that people have been laid off. Fortunately, the signs are improving and there are some additional hours of work going in there. It has certainly impacted on the people that have wood lots who do not have the opportunity to sell as much as they would like of the wood that they cut.

Finally, of course, we face the challenge in our agriculture. I want to say that the whole issue which is before the public has been with those of us who have an interest in agriculture for some months. The concern over the supply management system and the preservation of food security in Canada is critically important to my province of Nova Scotia, as it is from coast to coast.

I encourage all members of this House to wholeheartedly support the vigorous efforts under the leadership of our Prime Minister. We must see that we get the outcome in the GATT negotiations that will preserve the very important food security, will preserve the culture of the family farm in Canada and will ensure that Canadian consumers can always get fresh milk and eggs and chicken and turkey and so on at the store.

We have to recognize that we do have tough challenges, but we will continue to meet those challenges. This budget signals a turn around for Canada. It clearly signals that economic recovery and sustained growth are beginning to occur and are well under way. The budget contains action to further stimulate that recovery.

There was a lot of speculation as to what was going to happen in terms of taxes. Nobody likes taxes. I think the Minister of Finance has hit a home run the first time out when he comes in with a budget in which there are

absolutely no new taxes and indeed, there is a modest reduction in personal income taxes.

Now, my hon. friends opposite, of course, have decried that reduction as being inconsequential. I do not think it is going to be inconsequential to the taxpayers who find that they are getting a few dollars back in their income tax returns for this year and, indeed, for future years.

Similarly, the home buyers plan is going to be of tremendous benefit to many, many Canadians where individuals can withdraw up to \$20,000 from their RRSP tax free to buy or build a home and repay it over 15 years.

I have already had phone calls from a number of people in my constituency and other parts of the country who were really delighted to see the government accept the recommendation that had come from the Canadian Real Estate Association and various other bodies, including my hon. friends opposite, because it will be tremendously beneficial and have a stimulative effect on our economy.

At the same time, I have heard a lot of—I was going to say yapping but that perhaps is not polite and parliamentary—noise from the other side of this House suggesting that nothing has been done in this budget to assist people currently unemployed in Canada.

There are two philosophies about where jobs come from. The philosophy that seems to prevail on the other side of this House is that the only way to get people employed is for the government to employ them, whether in make-work schemes, the expansion of the Public Service, the creation of new Crown corporations or the creation of advisory boards, agencies and so on.

We had that kind of government for many years in this country and we saw the legacy of debt, the millstone of debt, that it left around the necks of the Canadian people.

I do not think that is the way to create jobs. The proper way to create jobs is for the government to recognize that it is private industry that employs people, that it is up to business, flourishing business, to provide employment opportunities as well as opportunities for people to make money.