

consultation or co-operation, but there is unilateralism, centralization, publicity seeking, bullying and imperialist tactics, Mr. Speaker. One of a long list of examples of that was the synchrolift at the CN dockyards in St. John's. The Government refused to go ahead with a synchrolifter for their own dockyard and the Newfoundland Government had to provide the financing for a federal dockyard. There was the offshore mineral resources dispute. That is the only way that this region can be pulled up by its own bootstraps to become economically self-sufficient, yet the federal Government refuses to co-operate or to let the provinces have any say in the management and control of the resource.

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With regard to search and rescue facilities, there should be a separate region for Newfoundland with a rescue co-ordination centre in St. John's and fixed-wing support and helicopters. But no, the federal Government will not permit that. It knows better.

The federal Government announced a minimum security prison at Donovan's Industrial Park in my district in the city of Mount Pearl in a former RCMP building. No one was consulted beforehand. The zoning does not permit it. I will quote from *The Evening Telegram* of November 25:

Rompkey said Wednesday such a facility is long overdue in the province, but renovating an old building in the middle of an industrial park is "madness and an insult to the people of Newfoundland."

The Solicitor General of his own Government was doing this, but Rompkey said it was "madness and an insult". The article continues:

Rompkey said it would not be done anywhere else in Canada—"certainly not in Toronto, which is Mr. Kaplan's area."

That is the kind of co-operation and conciliation we have with the federal Government in Newfoundland, one federal Minister attacking the other. In fact, the Newfoundland Minister was treated in a scurvy, despicable manner. He was kicked out of the federal Cabinet last August 12. Another Minister was put in who did not last 10 days because of certain income tax problems he had. Six months later the Minister of State for Mines, the Hon. Member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Rompkey), was reappointed. He has no authority in the Cabinet, Mr. Speaker. He has no muscle, influence or clout. He was treated like a piece of lint. He was flicked off the Prime Minister's shoulder and flicked back on again six months later. Is it any wonder we get nothing in Newfoundland? We are not even treated like a good, decent carpetbagger. That shows you how strong Newfoundland is in the councils of the federal Government.

In March of last year they closed the Shoe Cove satellite station. They centralized the facilities in Churchill, Manitoba. What do we think of the Liberals? "De Bané lied to shield Tory, top Liberal says". Mr. Neary, the Leader of the Opposition, called the Minister of Fisheries a liar, as reported in the March 16, 1984, *Globe and Mail*.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.

Mr. Crosbie: My God, it is not over already, is it?

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: No. Order. Would the Hon. Member please resume his seat? The Hon. Member cannot indirectly call another Hon. Member of the House a liar by virtue of quoting an article. The Hon. Member for St. John's West quoted from a newspaper article which quoted a person calling an Hon. Member a liar. As I am sure the Hon. Member for St. John's West knows, that is against the rules. I would ask him to withdraw that.

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, I would never call the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) a liar in this House. I am just saying that the Leader of the Opposition of Newfoundland called the Minister of Fisheries of Canada a liar. I am not agreeing with it—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am afraid the Chair cannot accept that. As much as I appreciate the course followed by the Hon. Member for St. John's West, it is basic in this Parliament that one Hon. Member, directly or indirectly, does not call another Hon. Member a liar. I would ask the Hon. Member to withdraw that statement unequivocally.

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, I unequivocally withdraw the statement.

They closed the satellite station which was at Shoe Cove. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien), who now has 36 delegates in Newfoundland supporting him, closed the satellite station. The 11 employees were laid off. The station was taken apart and sent out to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and Churchill, Manitoba to save money. This station provided meteorological data for weather forecasts and oceanographic information. It could determine where the ice was off the East Coast shoreline and so on. There are a thousand reasons why that satellite station should have stayed there, but the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources closed it and showed his lack of concern for Newfoundland. Now 36 Liberal delegates are going to support that satellite knifer when they go to the Liberal convention here in Ottawa.

The Bowater Pulp and Paper Mill is closing in Corner Brook in late 1984. The Newfoundland Government is trying to get the federal Government to help them find a replacement company. There are three or four companies interested in taking over the Bowater operation. Can the Newfoundland Government get the federal Government to make a commitment to put up some money to help modernize the plant? No. That matter drags on while a town of 25,000 people is in peril on the West Coast of Newfoundland with their pulp and paper mill scheduled to close this coming fall. They have gotten no co-operation from the Government of Canada. This is another example of lack of interest in the Atlantic Provinces.

A fishing agreement with the U.S.S.R. was entered into several weeks ago without provincial involvement, knowledge or approval. Fishing is the main industry of Newfoundland, Mr. Speaker. That is an example of failure to consult or co-operate. There was an imposition of spending restraints on the health and EPF programs which is going to cost Newfoundland a total of \$30 million this year. The regional