

calls for co-operation and uninterrupted dialogue based on confidence and mutual respect. In that context, I am quite pleased and I have every confidence that positive results will be achieved in the forthcoming discussions the government intends to launch with business circles, labour and the various levels of government.

I have personally, and I must say with a great deal of pleasure, initiated and re-established a dialogue with the people of Mirabel and the Quebec Government for the purpose of giving back to the farmers of this area the good farmland which was taken away by a Government whose grand designs are responsible for the present economic crisis. I am pleased to see that, in spite of the terrible conditions now facing Canada, and for which we cannot be held responsible, we can still come up with a solution which will allow us, once certain adjustments are made to provide for a fairer redistribution of the financial potential of this country.

I also appreciate the fact that we can allow full indexation of taxes for 1985. However, I know as you do too, Mr. Speaker, that the private sector, business and high finance will have to agree to participate in this collective effort and to accept our invitation to work together at putting the Canadian economy back on its feet, by creating a favourable climate for investment, and by providing jobs and a brighter future for our youth.

Mr. Speaker, names like Terry Fox, Gaétan Boucher, Sylvie Bernier, Steve Fonyo and Marc Garneau arouse a lot of admiration and national pride in Canadians. There are now ten of thousands of young people between the ages of 15 and 25 who also want to develop their full potential to meet challenges and reap the fruit of excellence. Hundreds of thousands of young people need our assistance, our support, our confidence, because they are waiting for a job. This is why, Mr. Speaker, in closing, I make an appeal to the Canadian people and I urge all sectors of the economy to pool their resources and their know-how to provide better job opportunities for everyone, and particularly to make it possible for our young people to succeed.

In this context, Mr. Speaker, and I shall close with this comment, I know the House of Commons and I know the kinds of attacks to which on occasion I have been subjected in the past, but I also know that we are here essentially to discharge our duty and that, if vicious partisanship pervaded our proceedings in this House, we would severely be judged and rightly so by the public. There are no magical solutions, but those opposite are already asking us to put right within 24 hours conditions which were created over a period of 20 years.

The Hon. Member for Chicoutimi (Mr. Harvey) said earlier that a new direction has already been given to the economy involving the private sector. This does not please a certain political party I know, but with incentives and even benefits related to job creation, the private sector will achieve our purpose, and I am confident that the budget to be brought down early in 1985 will clearly indicate the type of programs that will be provided for the private sector, as it needs to know

the long-term direction and economic policy of this Government. I believe that, in this way, if we take our job seriously, which we do, we can give back this country a minimum of confidence and give investors a new reason to invest and speculate; in this way we shall succeed not only in providing our senior citizens with the security they desperately need but also in giving new hope to our young people who have some at the present time. That is our commitment, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Are there any questions or comments?

[English]

If not, we shall resume debate with the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans).

● (1700)

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): I am pleased to enter this debate Mr. Speaker. I had wondered for some time as I watched the election campaign unfold what the outcome would be. I want to congratulate all the Members who have either been elected for the first time or returned to the House of Commons. I might say something more about that in a moment. I want to congratulate you, Sir, not only on your appointment, but also for the fine way in which you have conducted yourself in the Chair—

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deans:—and to say through you to the Speaker how pleased I am at the way he has taken on the role and established the presence he has in the House of Commons. I had no doubt, of course, that he would do that. I thought upon hearing of his appointment that there could have been no finer choice. I am happy therefore that all the feelings I had were an accurate reflection of his performance.

Like all Members I want to thank my constituents. I am not sure they knew exactly what they were doing—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deans:—but I want to thank them nevertheless for the overwhelming vote of confidence they gave me. I must say I was taken aback by the magnitude of the victory. I had thought perhaps it would be somewhat closer, given the tides of the time and given that the Conservatives were moving with considerable force toward government.

Mr. Blaikie: They wanted you here to keep them honest.

Mr. Deans: My colleague says they wanted me here to keep them honest. I would like to think that that was true. I am not absolutely sure they gave that a great deal of thought however.

I want to congratulate both the mover and the seconder. I have listened over a number of years in politics to speeches moving and seconding various and different debates. The Hon. Member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. James) and the Hon. Member for Montreal-Mercier (Ms. Jacques) performed admirably in the functions that were assigned to them.

I should congratulate other Members too for the interesting way in which they have presented their views today and on