

that he would take a personal salary cut. The members of his Cabinet indicated that they were prepared to accept a cut in salary. Leadership is starting from the very top. It is in the interests of this country to follow. We cannot survive and we will not respond unless we follow. Members of this Party are prepared to follow a new course, a new direction. We are prepared to accept that new attitudes are required in order to change the basic structure and philosophy of this country.

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We have an obligation collectively and individually to go back to our ridings, our church halls, judo clubs, all our community enterprises, all those groups which are well merited, well meaning and an integral part of our whole system. We have to tell them that times have changed, that they must be an integral part of the new system, the new attitudes and the new philosophy, that they cannot now make their first approach to government. Everybody must say: "Government is our very last resort".

The philosophy prevailing, the course of action followed year after year, has been built into a habit that is almost irreversible. This has caused the dike to collapse. The attitude that must now be adopted by each one of us is to say: "Government is a matter of last recourse". We recognize there are certain persons in our society who are not able to respond and are not capable of handling their own circumstances. For those people we will provide, guarantee and ensure their stability and all their essential needs.

For all others for which there is an option, our thrust must now be: What can we do for ourselves? In order to ensure that there is some initiative, some stimulus, some new direction, we must ensure that there is this new ingredient, this new understanding, this new willingness, collectively and individually among all of us—you, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister, myself and all Members — in order for the welfare of this country to go forward and prosper. We must gather in a united effort and say: "Yes, we are going to try something new".

We have tried all the other means. We tried those remedies that parallel the rescue effort to stem the tide behind the dike. We have heard rumblings of water over here. We threw money. There was a hole on this side of the dike. We threw more money. We have had agitations. We tried more intermediate and short-term solutions, but never in the last 25 years has a constructive, national effort been made to harmonize and gather together the will of the nation.

Why is it that people in Canada fight for the right not to work more but to work less? Why is it that it is government this, government that, government stimulus, government monies, and poge? Where did all this come from?

What is it that goes on south of the border that makes people there so different? What is it that compels those people to gather in line-ups outside their cities at 5.30 in the morning, bumper to bumper, to go into the cities for the right and privilege to work? What compels them? What is the initiative? It is the initiative of prosperity. They realize they have the right to gather together and enjoy the fruits of their labour, to

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participate and enjoy the profits. That is a joy and a happiness which they have cherished, which they have mastered. There is a national will and a national consensus because there is national leadership. That is what we have lacked for the last number of years, leadership. That is the hope and the new dawn for Canada—new leadership and new attitudes.

What should this Government do? It should not employ any more people. Government payrolls are large. They are exhausted. The Government of Canada does not want to increase the number of employees. We want to let our employees go. Where are they going to go? They are going to go to the new jobs created by the new attitudes, new initiatives and new stimulus that this Government is going to provide.

Mr. Riis: You sound like Bill Bennett.

Mr. McInnes: Perhaps the other side of the coin is President Mitterrand. Perhaps I should adopt the utterings and the philosophy, the encouragement and the initiatives of my learned friend. I have heard them. President Mitterrand and the French tried it. They are in retreat. They are in retreat faster than Napoleon could ever get out of Russia.

We can derive direction and inspiration. We have the benefit of the experience of Margaret Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher is loved by her people, not because she is a woman, not because she is handsome but because she is resolute. She has an idea. She has a purpose. She has confidence. Guess what is happening in Britain for the first time in 25 years? There is a national will. The national will has been reflected in the resolution of the people. Every time they have the opportunity to affirm her in the polls, they do so.

Mr. Riis: Read a single book about what is going on over there.

Mr. McInnes: I hear the Hon. Member, who was rather effusive in his suggestions during my last remarks, say: "What is the Government doing for small business? How is it helping?"

Mr. Riis: I said that?

Mr. McInnes: The record will show the Hon. Member said that. Small business, as large business, as individuals now have another chance. I will give an example of how the people of Canada will respond to the new direction and the new initiatives.

In conversation the other day, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) indicated to us that he had received a telephone call from a gentleman 93 years of age. This gentleman had abandoned the economy and the business in which he had been involved. He had thrown up his hands and said: "There is no hope, there is no reason, there is no encouragement and private enterprise has no place in this society". That was some years ago when he was at the ripe old age of 85. He had been wandering, meandering, trying to find a path where he might proceed, the promised land, so to speak.