

*The Address—Mr. Malépart*

Mr. Speaker, the Minister has received a political appointment in the field of communication. It will be the same for him as for his predecessor, who once sent a letter saying: It is useful politically, and so on.

We all recall what happened. It was one of the many scandals involving the Conservative Government. The Minister of State for Youth is now telling us that there will be programs other than Katimavik. How long have they been waiting, Mr. Speaker?

There is also the question of training, Mr. Speaker. We know that funds have been reduced by half in the job development sector. Yet, the Minister would have us believe—

Mr. Speaker, the Canadian population has been misled for two years and the Conservative Members think that this is going to continue. For my part, I say to those who are watching us that that time is over. The public has had enough, whether we are speaking about families or young people.

Let us now look at the situation in Quebec. The facts are obvious. Nothing has been solved in eastern Montreal. The Conservatives have failed completely. We all remember the French power announced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) in Quebec City. It has been a disaster. What about the shipyards? A total failure. What about the Desbiens pulp and paper plant? It has been a total failure, but thank God for the Liberal Government in Quebec. What about Gulf? Thank God for the Liberal Government in Quebec for saving part of the refinery. Otherwise, it has been a disaster. Indeed, a former Conservative Member criticized the Minister of Energy and Mines.

Mr. Speaker, I still have five minutes, the five minutes taken up by the Conservatives.

Mr. Speaker, the aerospace industry is also a disaster.

Mr. Speaker, I have visited the Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean region. Let me talk about the potato producers. This is a clear case of injustice. Maritime potato producers in the Maritimes have the same problems as producers in Quebec. Yet, potato producers in the Maritimes receive compensation, but not those in Quebec.

Yet, the Minister of State for Youth and all the other Ministers from Quebec, the so-called French power, look at all this and are quite satisfied. They have their jobs and their limousines; they cut ribbons occasionally and appear a couple of times on television. They are very happy. As for the Minister, he can get his hair curled, and this is French power!

In the meantime a serious problem comes up in Western Canada, and there fly \$1 billion. Banks go bankrupt in Western Canada, and we have another billion dollars, Mr. Speaker. Western producers have problems, we give them money. Oil companies have problems, we give them money. But for the Province of Quebec, nothing. The International Banking Centre is but a promise, Mr. Speaker, because since the election nothing has come out, zilch! No, nothing has come to Quebec since this Tory Government was elected, Mr. Speaker.

Neither in the area of equilization nor in rail transportation. The Bombardier Corporation—they would have us believe—Bombardier was the highest bidder for Canadair, but they will be dragging a red herring and award the F-18 maintenance contract to somebody else. Lo and behold they say! You were allowed to buy Canadair. You had your chance, but, Mr. Speaker. Bombardier was the highest bidder. Quebecers will not be had that way. Come now. Enough of that nonsense.

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Mr. Speaker, it is time to wake up across the aisle. I appreciate they were disappointed with some Ministers, they fired them, and tried new ones. But those "57" will have to wake up, Mr. Speaker, they will have to drive something.

I think the Saint-Maurice election was a lesson for them. People in Saint-Maurice did not sell out to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the bunch of Conservatives who were handing out millions. The New Democratic Party gave them a hotfoot, Mr. Speaker, what a lesson! People in Quebec no longer accept this, they were deceived for two and a half years and they say: "Enough is enough!"

The Minister of State for Youth would like to know what we could do, what proposals we could put forward to help them. In the first place, there should be money behind the Job Development Program to train young people—let them double the amount of funding. We will see whether he has any backbone. We will see whether he is proficient or just another "official ribbon cutter" with \$40,000 more in salary than the others and a limousine. Someone to parade and put his chin forward and cut ribbons. Let us see if he can have that funding doubled.

In Quebec, we had \$76 million for the Job Development Program. The Montreal area had \$22 million. This year, for the whole Province of Quebec, there is a mere \$22 million, and \$9 million for the Montreal area. The Minister earlier tried acrobatics to make Quebecers believe he is looking after the young. The young my foot! The Minister does nothing. He had a salary increase. The only young person who had a pay increase in Canada is the Minister, Mr. Speaker. The others will get nothing. The only one who is provided with a private chauffeur, there he is. Other young people are still in need, Mr. Speaker. But that will not do. What young people want are jobs.

And he talks about training them. Some of them have diplomas right up to here. They want jobs, they want to work. Double the funding for the Challenge '87 program, stop your cheap manoeuvrings with those 24 weeks, those 30 last weeks to give training jobs every two years. Stop tampering with all those things. Everything you touched has gone sour. And make sure you offer programs. Trust the industry. Do not put up criteria and hurdles, trust community groups. Give them money and they will carry on projects. Do not try to get involved with that and indulge in patronage. For two years you reeked with scandals so you should keep away.