

Then we have another Liberal, a prominent Manitoba Liberal who supports the free trade group. His name is Mr. Rose, the MLA for St. Vital. He is reported:

I am for free trade. I guess we Liberals are free traders, Rose said, adding that he didn't campaign for any federal candidates because of his support for the deal.

Let me go to the New Democratic Party now, Mr. Speaker. I have a very interesting book here called *Free Trade—It's a Good Deal for Canada* written by William Gearing who, I understand, is a founding member of the New Democratic Party. He had some interesting things to say. The first chapter of his book is entitled "We All Love Canada. Why am I writing this book? Because I care about Canada." Let me quote a couple of passages, Mr. Speaker. He is a life-long NDPer: He writes:

Opponents of the Agreement are predicting a lot of disastrous consequences without any solid, supporting evidence and some of them have been playing fast and loose with the truth.

He is certainly right there. He goes on to say:

I believe many Canadians are being misled by these unscrupulous propagandists.

And so I decided to speak out. I am one those "ordinary Canadians" that Broadbent talks about. Except that I don't think Ed has been representing us ordinary Canadians as well as he and some friends in the media like to pretend. Especially on the free trade issue.

It's about time someone challenged the absurdities, the insults, and the untruths spread by the anti-free trade camp, and if exposing them means making some cutting remarks in return so be it.

I say Amen. Thank goodness for some honest reflection. Quite frankly I think this little document did not get the kind of attention that some of the other ones did, which is rather strange. I guess in this particular campaign there were certain types of books that got some recognition and others did not. Mr. Gearing goes on to say:

Our cultural and political strength is not at stake. We will continue to be masters in our own house, forever Canadian. The dynamic efficiency of free enterprise can be reconciled with the Canadian social philosophy. Indeed our social goals will be better served by the prosperity generated by free trade with the United States.

He goes on and on and on, Mr. Speaker. It really is refreshing. We have another renegade NDP Member backing the Mulroney free trade deal, Mr. John Richards, now a professor at Simon Fraser University. He is a member of the British Columbia NDP. He said:

—He hopes the trade agreement is put in place so that the "left" in Canadian politics turns its attention to more critical matters than the NDP needs to address.

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In terms of union workers, for example, Denis Abernot, President of Local 2251, one of the United Steelworkers of America, said that he:

—is disappointed that the annual conference of the Canadian Steel and Trade Employment Congress has failed to address the single most important issue facing its members.

Local 2251 welcomed the federal Government's initiative on free trade—

Mr. Jim McCambly has come out solidly in support of the agreement because it is good for industry. It is good for all regions of Canada. It is good for workers and it is good for creating a much stronger and vibrant economy in our country. I say to the Opposition, "Stop the shenanigans. Get your act together and let's get on with the job. Stop hijacking Parliament. Let us get working. Let us stop fooling around." As far as western Canada is concerned this is the most important initiative brought forth and considered by this Parliament in my lifetime. There is no question in my mind.

I want to go back to 1973 to the Western Economic Opportunities Conference. This conference was held as a result of the recognition of western Canada which needed some initiatives and policies to allow it to expand, prosper and develop like all other regions of the country. A submission was presented at that time which reads as follows:

The most obvious and most important market for Western Canada is the United States. The lowering of the United States tariff walls could provide the breakthrough for western Canadian industries to become important both nationally and internationally. While general tariff reductions such as those associated with the GATT negotiations are important, their impact on Western Canada would likely not be sufficient to provide our industries with an easy entry to United States markets.

It goes on to say:

Western Canada could support a world scale petrochemical industry if we had better access to the United States. If the tariffs between the U.S. and Canada were equal then western Canadian plants would enjoy a large export market in the United States.

It goes on to outline the discrimination that occurs because of the high tariff walls that have been put there affecting our manufacturing and our value-added industry.

That quotation was read from a document which was presented to the WEO conference by the following people: The Hon. Peter Lougheed, Premier of Alberta; the Hon. Allan Blakeney, Premier of Saskatchewan; the Hon. Dave Barrett, Premier of British Columbia, and the Hon. Edward Schreyer, Premier of Manitoba. What is significant about that, Mr. Speaker? Three of those Premiers were NDPers. We have one of them sitting in