

Job Creation

one to stop and reflect and to put a human face, a flesh and blood and bones face, on the response that a program generates. The hon. member continues to laugh. Every time I say "flesh and bones" or talk about the problems people are experiencing, this hon. member laughs.

An hon. Member: NDP!

Mr. Tobin: He smiles with pleasure. He says, "Ah, there is a potential to go out, make a promise and pass out the carrot. They are stupid enough to believe me. Perhaps I will get a vote or two". He is a foolish man. People are not that stupid.

Let me tell Your Honour about the kind of programs we have initiated. In my own riding, in the northern peninsula of Newfoundland, there have been three or four major, small craft harvest projects. What happened? My own minister, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Minister for Employment and Immigration collaborated. The Minister for Employment and Immigration put up the labour dollars; the Minister for Fisheries and Oceans put up the material dollars. They built wharves perhaps costing \$150,000 which would have cost at least \$300,000 or \$400,000 had they been contracted out. That is why the Conservative party wanted to cancel the program. It meant that one or two more of their friends would have had a contract.

An hon. Member: What have they been doing for the last 20 years?

Mr. Tobin: Those programs helped people who had a disastrous fishery. They will again survive the winter this year with dignity, with paycheques coming in with their names on them instead of social assistance. I want to tell hon. members that these are proud people.

I do not care where one goes in Canada. One could go anywhere in rural Canada. I can speak best about Atlantic Canada, whether Cape Breton, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Newfoundland. Is that not what life is about? Is it not dignity? The government has given dignity back to those people, the dignity which was taken away by the previous, short-lived Conservative administration.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Tobin: The areas of activity under Canada Works, Canada community development programs, generally correspond closely with the priorities of federal departments. In some cases, this enables other federal departments to encourage community organizations to submit quality proposals and subsequently to provide technical advice and support to these organizations.

Let me give hon. members another example. A few days ago in my riding in the town of Stephenville, a group of people called me up and said, "Look, we are coming tomorrow. We want to meet this minister, that minister and the other guy. We have a proposal which we think can work." These are serious, sober and intelligent people. They said, "We have a proposal which we think can work and can put handicapped

people to work. It will allow them the dignity of jobs, perhaps for the first time in many years". Those people came on 24 hours notice.

I am proud to say that the Minister of Employment and Immigration met with those people on 24 hours notice and the Secretary of State (Mr. Regan) met those people on 24 hours notice. They left Ottawa with a program which will put some people to work in that town, people who, perhaps for years, have never had such an opportunity. These people have been lost and hidden. We have forgotten the handicapped too often in this country. They will now have an opportunity to have the dignity which comes with work. These are the kinds of people to whom these programs can reach out and respond, and these people will have an opportunity to respond as well.

Throughout the Atlantic and Pacific regions of Canada, approximately half a million dollars of CCDP funds have been devoted to the development of the salmon fishery to ensure that this fishery is enhanced, stocks are conserved and maintained and encouraged to grow.

More than \$8 million of CCDP funds have been committed during the past year to projects involving tourism developments in many parts of Canada. Another \$26.8 million was committed to projects which restore or develop facilities in communities.

I would like to say again, because many hon. members do not realize this, that I know of examples in all parts of Canada, and I can think of a couple in my own riding, where people in communities which are perhaps as old as 150, 160 or 200 years, aided by this program, perhaps for the first time in their lives, went out with picks and shovels, the sweat of their brows and determination to put in a water line. Perhaps every person in the House takes running water for granted. One turns on the tap, and it is there. That is the kind of—yes, almost the kind of miracle which can happen when people are allowed to help themselves. This is what can happen when one does not tell them, "We can come in with a multimillion dollar contract in any part of Canada for any construction company and give you water", and when one does not offer the unrealistic expectations of the NDP, when one says to people, "If you are willing to help yourselves, we will help you", and they do. These are quality programs. Perhaps it is even a miracle to have running water in communities which have not had it in years. I am proud to see that happen. That is the responsibility of provincial governments. In Newfoundland, it is that of the Tory provincial government. However, if these federal programs were not available, there would still not be even the basic necessity of running water.

Because I know my time is about to run out let me conclude by saying, that not one hon. member on this side of the House, not one member of this government, wants to play games. We are not interested in illusions. We recognize that today many Canadians in this country are experiencing difficulty. We must recognize that. It is a fact. However, we are determined to carry out our duty in those circumstances with a sense of responsibility. We are not prepared to be the masters of illusion or the prophets of doom and gloom. We are not