

kind of caterwauling performance we have had today we can see that they are on the road to ruin and perdition. They are going nowhere if they continue this way over the next four years, so keep it up.

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon) said that the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) was a man of humour. He may very well be, but he is not accurate and he does not enjoy stating the facts as they should be. The fact is that what he has said here today is completely inaccurate, not factual, not the truth. I had intended to talk about issues which I thought were of serious concern in Atlantic Canada, but of necessity I have to deal with the points made by the Hon. Member for St. John's West.

First he says that the Atlantic Accord, if nothing else is done by his Government—and so far nothing else has been done by his Government—would make up for everything else. Well, we may get \$200 million a year in a few years' time if the Hibernia project goes ahead. I hope it does. But after all the profits and all the taxes all we may get is \$200 million a year. Our deficit now is \$300 million. The Hon. Member says the Atlantic Accord is going to make up for everything, and that is the first inaccuracy.

He then went on to name all the agreements which his Government has signed. There has been one agreement signed by that Party since they became the Government of Canada, and that is money we put aside for the Port aux Basques water system. They get Cable TV down in Port aux Basques and Corner Brook, and they know the accuracy of what I am saying now. We met with the Port aux Basques Town Council and the Development Association and agreed to set aside \$6.5 million for their water system when we were the Government of Canada. That is the agreement and the only agreement that Party has signed since they became the Government of Canada. Apart from the announcement, not a signed agreement, the \$180 million for roads, which we will not see this year because it is too late for the construction season anyway, all other agreements were signed when we were the Government of Canada.

He talked about nothing going into St. John's. The Music School, which agreement we signed when we were the Government, is in St. John's in the Hon. Member's riding. The Fisheries College, \$47 million, is in St. John's, in the Hon. Member's riding, and the agreement was signed and it was put there when we were the Government of Canada. There is a convention centre in St. John's. The Minister of Development for Newfoundland cannot deny this because it is a matter of record; we had agreed to that when we were the Government of Canada. So those three projects in St. John's were agreed to and most of the money provided when we were the Government of Canada.

The Hon. Member went through a lot of other agreements such as the Ocean Industries agreement. That was signed when we were the Government of Canada, between January and June of 1984, involving a total of \$28 million. There was an agreement on tourism, a total of \$14.7 million, signed when

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we were the Government of Canada. A planning agreement worth \$4 million was signed when we were the Government. The minerals agreement is worth \$21.95 million. We had the Burin Peninsula development agreement—and this is where he plays fast and loose with the fact—and that was signed when we were the Government of Canada, for a total of \$28 million. The new mine at St. Lawrence came out of that same fund. This is a matter of record so let us set the record straight and not play fast and loose with the facts.

There was a rural development agreement involving a total of \$18.2 million, signed with Newfoundland when we were the Government of Canada. He talked about the pulp and paper agreement, and that also was signed when we were the Government. He may have enlarged it, he may have put some more money into that agreement, but it was signed when we were the Government of Canada.

These are the facts and I do not think the Minister of Justice should be allowed to get away with that nonsense in this House, to get away with trying to fool people and mislead the House and the people of Newfoundland into thinking that his Government has suddenly, out of the blue, done something for our province which had not been done before. That is not the case. I think the people of Newfoundland have shown that they know that was not the case.

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This morning the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) talked about the people's knowledge of the Liberal record. In the federal election the people of Newfoundland gave the Liberal Party popular support equivalent to that given to the Liberal Party in the Province of Ontario last night. Three of us sit in this chamber now as living proof that the people of Newfoundland know what the Liberal Government did for them. They returned us here because of that.

The Minister speaks of Goose Bay. They spent \$2 million to improve a communication system in Goose Bay that is not going to create one single job there. I wish he had risen today in the House and said that his Government was going to create the NATO training base that we have been asking for. That would create jobs. So far the Government has not created one single job in Goose Bay. It must be done, but it has not done it so far. Do not allow them to mislead the House on that as well.

The Minister talked about search and rescue. He talked about taking a helicopter from Gander and putting it where the need was greatest. Seventy per cent of all the marine accidents along the northeast coast of Newfoundland occur within the range of Gander. The Hon. Member has oil on his mind. He is like Premier Peckford who, during the election campaign, bragged about the agreements that we had signed. The Premier of Newfoundland, who almost lost that election, never mentioned the Atlantic Accord during that election campaign, but he did mention those agreements which were signed. That is a case on which the record must be set straight.

The Hon. Member said the helicopter was taken from Gander and put in St. John's because that is where the traffic is. That is not the case. The traffic is off the northeast coast of