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receive this money? Where is the guarantee that the grain producers are going to benefit from this?

The transportation of dangerous goods was also mentioned by the Hon. Member for Vegreville, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to express concern about that. We have had a serious accident in Mississauga, a near accident in Medicine Hat, trains 120 cars long handling dangerous goods, and at this very moment CP Rail has put in an application for the testing of trains with a view to removing the caboose. How in heaven's name, Mr. Speaker, can we even be considering such a move? We have communities all along the rail line and trains of that length handling these dangerous commodities and the railways have the audacity to come forward and say that on such and such a date we are going to be testing trains with a view to taking the caboose off. It has to be madness, Mr. Speaker, and the Minister and his Department ought to be ashamed of themselves for even considering it at this time.

Regarding the \$2.5 million agriculture adjustment fund, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport was to have set up the committee by April 1, according to Bill C-155. To this date we have seen no part of that committee. We in the NDP find that deplorable. That was a commitment made when the Bill was passed, and yet the Minister has not even seen fit to set up the committee to deal with the adjustment fund regarding the prairie producers.

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The abandonment of rail lines on the Prairies was also discussed. The Member for Vegreville questioned the administrator of the Transport Committee with regard to the abandonment of rail lines. We were told that those moneys are not at this time in the Budget but there will be changes made to ensure that they are there. That is not good enough. It shows the kind of attitude the Government has. The Government meets with the railway companies, makes decisions, and then comes here and rubberstamps them. Mr. Speaker, when is the Government going to start to govern in a way that is in the best interests of the people of Canada?

I would like to speak for a moment about the deregulation of airlines. I have a great deal of concern about that. While it may sound interesting and inviting, I am worried about the small airlines such as PWA that come into Cranbrook and the schedules that are set. Those issues are important to those communities. If we bring about deregulation and allow those companies to fly only in areas where the fares are inviting and encouraging, smaller communities could be very seriously affected. That is not good enough for a transportation policy of this country.

I commend the Hon. Member for bringing forward this motion on an Opposition day. I only wish we had had the opportunity to have this Bill separated. The Minister said this was a frivolous motion. I believe that was one of the most important motions put forward during the debate on the Crow. We could have discussed the very issues I have outlined and have had guarantees that the company would do certain things. We wanted certain conditions in that piece of legisla-

tion so that workers would feel they could contribute to those discussions.

There are some very serious matters that must be addressed here, Mr. Speaker. I hope the Government will ensure that some of these things are protected. CP Rail has set up a separate entity called CP Special Projects. They put their contracts out to tender to non union contract companies. These companies are coming into the Province of British Columbia mainly from the Province of Alberta. This denies the people in the Kootenay East-Revelstoke area the opportunity to work. It is believed that many of these companies are being assisted by the federal Government issuing work permits in violation of the Fair Wages Act. Mr. Speaker, this is not good enough. It is something we cannot accept.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): There follows a 10 minute period for questions or comments.

Mr. Nickerson: Mr. Speaker, I have one question for the Hon. Member who just spoke. It deals with his closing comments. It seemed to me he was very much against people from Alberta and other provinces of Canada going into British Columbia and taking jobs in that province. In my opinion, Sir, we are all Canadians. We ought to be able to find work anywhere in this country without hindrance.

Why is the Hon. Member of the opinion that Canadians should not be free to travel between provinces to seek work wherever they can find it?

Mr. Parker: Mr. Speaker, in no way would I suggest that people from Alberta or any other part of Canada should not be able to travel freely from province to province. However, the Conservative Government of British Columbia has created such hardships in that province that our people are finding themselves in lineups for soup kitchens, as we heard this morning. They have been told in \$4.5 million advertisements that they will have work on these projects. Naturally they feel a great deal of resentment when the contracts are awarded in other places while 96 per cent of their workforce is unemployed. I share that resentment, as much as I would like to be able to see people from other parts of Canada come to our beautiful province. We in the Kootenay East-Revelstoke area want some recognition and some part of that action. I do not think that is too much to ask, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): Are there any other persons rising to make comments or to put questions? If there are no further Members with questions or comments, I recognize the Hon. Member for La Prairie (Mr. Deniger) for debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I listened with interest to the comments of my hon. friend from Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker), and my conclusion must be that his speech was full of contradictions, because while he spoke out against everything the Government is trying to do in the West to upgrade the railway system, he was also insisting