

ment of Canada. They did this as well in 1958 in the great Diefenbaker sweep.

The Algoma constituency is very diverse in its people and geography. We occupy that area of the north shore of Lake Huron from Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie, including Manitoulin Island and the area along the Lake Superior route. Its economy is equally diverse, involving everything from agriculture to uranium mines, fishing to forestry, and of course the steel industry in Sault Ste. Marie as well as some of the most spectacular scenery for tourism of any place to be found in the country. Added to the English, French and other less populous groups, we of course have the second largest Indian population in the Ontario region. Some of the most active and vital Indian bands in the country are in the Algoma-Manitoulin area.

The election campaign in my constituency, Mr. Speaker, involved many items but especially jobs, inflation, the economy and youth employment. I believe that during the last two and a half years no community in our country has suffered more from the recession than Sault Ste. Marie, whose steel industry has been hard pressed. We heard all kinds of promises that there would be increased trade with the United States and that the Algoma Steel tube mill would be completed. We heard there would be more rail and rod business from CN as well as more help for industry.

It is unbelievable to me that so many of these promises have been dashed within the first few weeks of this new Government taking office. For example, non-tariff barriers are going to be imposed by the U.S. on the 14th of this month covering tubes being sold to that country. We had a decision by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) that the Government would no longer give advance rulings on the tax implications of joint ventures and limited partnerships. This effectively eliminates the opportunity for completion of that tube mill. Just before the provincial election in Nova Scotia we were advised that CN would give all of its future rail business to Sysco, whereas Algoma had provided a great deal of that steel in the past. Since then, of course, there have been cutbacks in the Industrial Regional Development Program which would have helped small industry locate in that community.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that the Speech from the Throne is long on rhetoric but very short on specifics. There are umpteen studies, task forces, reviews, committee studies and endless consultation, but there is really very little specific agenda for action. That is what I believe the Speech from the Throne should be, but we simply did not get this except for a few left-over items from the last Parliament.

Although those items are important and we are all aware of them, surely that does not really constitute the agenda for action which was promised by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) when he said he was going to build a brand-new Canada. It seems to me the Prime Minister is engaged in a massive public relations exercise. It is very impressive but it does not really follow through. For example, look at the decision to sell off CDIC in one lump. I am sure that makes the moguls on Bay Street very happy as they read *The Globe and Mail* over their morning coffee, but when you look at the

reality it is not so simple. Look at Eldorado Resources and its move to try and process more uranium. More exemptions are now being given out so that the uranium refinery in Blind River is operating at about one-third of capacity. If you really wanted to sell off Eldorado Resources you would not be giving exemptions of that type. We see the Prime Minister taking a token pay cut of \$6,000, bringing him down to \$124,000 a year—

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** How about you?

**Mr. Foster:**—while he increases his staff allocation by \$140,000. We see the Job Training Options Program announced to take place some time next spring which will create some 2,000 or 4,000 jobs, whereas the First Chance Program, which I understand was a similar kind of program, was supposed to begin on October 1 and by contrast would have created 26,000 jobs.

In the economic statement that we had last week there were massive cuts in financial activity by the federal Government, but we are not actually going to see a budget until some time next spring. The economic statement told us how the Government was going to make massive cuts in its expenditure, but it did not tell us how the Government was going to create the tens of thousands of jobs which were promised last July in Prince Albert. The headlines of the last three days pretty well spell out the impact of that economic statement. *The Globe and Mail* carried the headline "Government Focuses on Deficit Reduction, not Jobs". An editorial in *The Toronto Star* was headlined "Abandoning the Jobless". "PM Changes Stand on Social Programs", in *The Globe and Mail*. "Reversal of policy squeezes the Department of National Defence" in *The Globe and Mail*. The headlines "Dewar to Protest Housing Fund Cut", and "50,000 Jobs Price of Tory Cuts", both appeared in the *Ottawa Citizen*. "Social Welfare Advocates decry cuts in UIC and Job Training". "Tory Squeeze on Youth Outrages Student Leaders". "Gasoline to go up 2.5 Cents a Litre". Does anyone remember the Prime Minister promising anything in the election campaign that would lead us to believe that we would see headlines like these this first weekend after the opening of the new Parliament? Does anyone believe that the Canadian electorate will ever believe the Tory promises again? I doubt that even Tories will believe Tory promises in the future.

What happens when we bring these massive cuts and national headlines down to the constituency level? That is really where the action is. A ten-cent a gallon increase in gasoline probably means that the commuting worker at the Elliot Lake uranium mines or at Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie is going to pay something over \$100 a year more for his gasoline. The Government cut out the Summer Canada Program. Well, \$85 million does not mean much perhaps at the national level, but for 500 or 600 students it means they will have that much less money to spend to go back to school next fall.

An increase in marina fees and the cutting out of the mobile surveillance group for customs means that tourism will be hit hard in my area. The cutting of the Canadian Oil Substitution