

borders of Ontario and there are cities that are not called Oshawa.

Canadians in other parts of Canada are pleased and supportive of the free trade agreement which the opposition Parties are desperately trying to stop. Strangely, in all their righteous indignation, they still want to keep one of the original examples of a free trade agreement, the Auto Pact. It has, for over 20 years, provided a specific part of Ontario with money and jobs. The place I am talking about is none other than the riding of the Leader of the NDP (Mr. Broadbent). His particular style of tunnel vision leaves westerners shaking their heads. Doesn't he want any other province or city to prosper? It is time for him to remove his blinkers and see that the free trade agreement will help all of Canada, as the Auto Pact has helped Oshawa.

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### POLITICAL PARTIES

#### FREE TRADE—POSITION OF TORY PARTY LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES IN 1983

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, in order to lay open the charade of the Conservative Government's trade deal with the U.S., I am going to quote from a letter written to the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix* by Mr. Dan Wirl:

Just before the federal Tory leadership race in 1983, the following were quotes from leadership contenders when asked a question, "How do you respond to economic partnership with the United States?"

In other words, free trade.

**Some Hon. Members: No!**

**Mr. Hopkins:** It continues:

Brian Mulroney's answer was: "Canadians rejected free trade with the U.S. in 1911, they would do so again in 1983. Canada must increase its share of total world trade . . ."

Michael Wilson replied: "Bilateral trade is simplistic and naive, it would only serve to further diminish our ability to compete internationally."

John Gamble: "We would be eaten alive."

Joe Clark: "Unrestrained trade with the U.S. raises the possibility that thousands of jobs could be lost in such critical industries as textiles, furniture and footwear."

David Crombie: "It's silly."

What changed the minds of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and his colleagues? Could it have been U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who saw this Government could be persuaded to agree with his plans and thereby allow for the takeover or destruction of Canadian industries? This is just another example of the Government not knowing where it is going from one day to the next and of a Prime Minister who says one thing and does another.

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### FREE TRADE

#### EFFECT ON MINING INDUSTRY

**Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, after the free trade agreement, in principle, was signed I told the people of Abitibi-Témiscamingue and the media that the accord was very good for our local mining industry.

Today Mining Association of Canada officials support free trade. Canada is the world's leading exporter of minerals, and the mining industry and its employees must be able to rely on a properly operating international trade system. Without guaranteed access to our most important market, the industry cannot survive and prosper.

In recent years our exports of metals and minerals have been increasingly affected by the protectionist measures advocated by American mining interests. Without free trade this harassment can only grow worse.

The agreement will protect existing jobs in the industry. In addition, more secure access to the American market might spur investment in new mines in Canada and in Abitibi-Témiscamingue. In the long run there will be increased and more secure employment in the mining industry.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Mining Association of Canada for encouraging all employees of mining companies to give careful consideration to the free trade agreement.

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### EMPLOYMENT

#### REQUEST FOR BETTER JOB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, thousands of non-profit organizations in Canada and Quebec are concerned about the inaction of this Conservative Government as concerns job development programs.

Everyone knows, Mr. Speaker, that, in early September, the Government usually asks non-profit organizations to submit projects to create jobs and make them more effective. The Government is already late in asking for these projects. Its coffers are empty, and according to the Auditor General, it has wasted a shocking amount, as much as several million dollars in the Departments of Defence and others, when it should have allocated this money to job development programs which would help all non-profit organizations in every constituency in Canada.