

what purpose an hon. member would make such a speech. Perhaps he would do so to create his own limelight so that he might step forward and take a bow. One who has to heap the kudos upon his own shoulders becomes suspect. One begins to suspect all that has been claimed might not in fact have been done.

While such grand eloquence and posturing might look good in the eyes of one's constituents back home, and while such statements might find some use in outlining the heroic gesture in the gallant struggle on behalf of one's constituents, I think a reasonable man would be put on guard that it might be worthwhile to check the facts. If the hon. member is thinking of sending word of his actions back home, I wonder if he will also have the courage to forward a few copies of the remarks of his colleagues, the hon. member for Moose Jaw and the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton, who in their remarks have castigated the changes he says he fought so hard to obtain.

I am sure the grape growers and winemakers of his region will be pleased to learn of the non-support of their cause as demonstrated by other members of his party. I might just remind all hon. members who would make light of these changes of the far-reaching effects they have for the grape and wine industry. The grape and wine industry in Canada represents a capital investment of roughly \$130 million in our economy. In the producing part of the season employment amounts to 4,000 jobs across the country. Grape crops amount to a cash flow of some \$15 million into the incomes of some 1,200 growers. Additionally the wineries spend some \$36 million on grapes, glass, hardware, paper, sugar, and other commodities which are used in the making of wines.

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Hon. members opposite who are so glib about criticizing and ridiculing the efforts of the domestic grape and wine industry, and knocking the measures granted by the Minister of Finance in support of them, might do well to look around at the economies of their own ridings.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): What did he do in November?

Mr. Young: I will get to that. Those hon. members might just take a look and see whether they have some of these supportive industries in their own ridings, because it might make a big difference to some of their comments.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Did you ever ask Air Canada to sell Canadian wines?

Mr. Young: I can assure hon. members opposite that the 1,200 grape growers in Ontario will not be too happy when they hear of the comments of hon. members opposite in relation to the reduction of the tax.

Likewise I can assure hon. members in the NDP that while it is rather strange that many of them can profess so much support for Caesar Chavez and the grapegrowers of California, they have trouble supporting the members of the industry back home, 4,000 employees in the domestic wine industry. They cannot find too many votes in Canada to count on, but they can have every one they can get from the San Fernando Valley.

Excise Tax Act

I said that I was astounded, and hon. members opposite asked "what about last November?" I said I was astounded at the rather extravagant claims of the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary. I will not quote him completely, but he said that they looked for support from the government side of the House and none was forthcoming. I think the hon. member is a little mistaken. It might be more true if I or one of my colleagues from the Niagara Peninsula made the same comment in reverse. The hon. member for Okanagan Boundary spoke a couple of times on the budget and on the excise bills last year. There are two references in *Hansard* to his speaking on the wine industry. One takes half a page in three pages of other content on firefighting equipment, municipalities, and boats.

I do not knock the comments and contributions of the hon. member. I invite them. I have an interest in doing what I can to help the grape and wine industry too, but when the hon. member starts taking credit for his party and for himself for their singlehanded accomplishment in again having this tax reduced, I think that is going just a bit too far.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): You voted for it. We voted against it.

Mr. Young: There is another reference by the hon. member on page 2673 and 2674 of *Hansard* to an article in the "Ontario Grape Grower," suggesting that hon. members on this side of the House ought to have read it more closely. If the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary had himself read the article more closely he would have seen that it says that the local grape and wine industry went first to the Niagara Peninsula members of parliament to explain their problems. I might suggest to him that if he thinks we should look closely at that, he might look more closely at a followup article in the issue of June/July 1975 of the "Ontario Grape Grower."

In an article on the fourth page entitled "Government Rescinds Excise Tax Increase" the actions taken by the Minister of Finance are discussed. I wish to quote part of that article as follows:

Mr. Turner's change of mind was the second concern toward the Canadian grape and wine industry. Earlier, Consumer Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that his department would not go ahead with proposed labelling legislation which would have adversely affected the industry.

In both cases, the federal decisions followed strong representation by both the Ontario Grape Growers' Marketing Board and by the Canadian Wine Institute. Also lending valuable support to the industry's cause were Niagara Members of Parliament Bill Andres of Lincoln, Roger Young of Niagara Falls, Gilbert Parent of St. Catharines and Dr. Victor Raiton of Welland.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Young: I will quote from another article in the St. Catharines *Standard* with regard to the actions of the Niagara members of parliament in support of the Canadian grape and wine industry as follows:

In Ottawa, the side of the wineries has been taken up by Niagara's three rookie MPs, Roger Young of Niagara Falls, Gilbert Parent of St. Catharines and William Andres of Lincoln.

I should read into the record a letter from the secretary manager of the Ontario Grape Growers' Marketing Board. This is a letter addressed to my colleague, the hon.