

promised neither new jobs nor new investment. That is the result of FIRA: no new jobs and no new investment.

Canada has more foreign ownership and control per capita than any other industrialized nation and more than a large number of developing nations. Canada imports more duty-free finished manufacturing goods, excluding automotive goods, than the United States, Japan and the European Economic Community combined. That was indicated by a Science Council of Canada report that gives us an idea of the amount of finished goods that come into our country.

When there is a domestic Canadian firm and a foreign-owned and controlled firm, one finds that the foreign-owned and controlled firm purchases four times as many imported manufacturing goods for its operation than does the Canadian domestic firm. That is simply because that is where its connections are. They go back to their colleagues in the United States, Japan, Europe or southeast Asia. Canadian firms look to Canadian colleagues to find out where they can obtain parts and supplies for their operations. In other words, they have some sense of obligation, if you like, to source their goods and supplies from Canadian suppliers. Foreign firms have not demonstrated that in the past.

We in the New Democratic Party have faith in Canadians. We believe that Canadians ought to be given some priority.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Riis:** We believe that Canadians now have the highest level of savings that has ever been experienced in Canadian history.

**An Hon. Member:** And the highest level of unemployment.

**Mr. Riis:** That is right. The observer says that we have the highest level of unemployment. We feel that the way to get Canadians back to work is to provide jobs in Canadian firms using Canadian money.

We have faith in Canadians. For example, we would like to look at RRSP money and find ways to generate that money into new investments. We would like to find a whole set of new mechanisms to provide Canadian savers with an opportunity to invest in Canadian entrepreneurial enterprises.

Government Members opposite say that Canadians will not solve our problems for us, we have to look to Hong Kong, Japan, Texas, the United Kingdom and Germany. We would like to look to those countries as well and we welcome their investment, but we have faith in Canadians. We believe that Canadian men and women can get our economy back on track. We have the knowledge, the expertise, the training, the capital and the entrepreneurial spirit. What we need now is a government that has faith in the people of the country and stops looking to some foreign country for the answer. We need a government that says to the Canadian people: "We have faith in you and we are going to provide the mechanisms to mobilize Canadian capital and not foreign capital to create jobs for Canadian citizens".

### *Investment Canada Act*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Questions or comments?

**Mr. Malone:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis). His thinking is much analogous to that of a pocket gopher. He believes that if one piles the dirt high enough, one can believe that the rest of the world does not exist.

Since the Hon. Member used the United States as an example many times, I would like to ask him why it was that until 1886, the predominance of capital in the U.S. was European and mostly British. It was that investment into the United States that provided the base from which Americans could develop their industrialization and the ability to stand alone. Is the Hon. Member taking the view that it does not matter whether or not capital is foreign? Where can he raise the capital that does not come from some kind of process of development? Is he simply planning to tax from nothing to create something from nothing?

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone) that in spite of the best intentions of most cattlemen in his part of Canada, those pocket gophers persist and stay. They stay around for a long time, and I suspect the Hon. Member had better get used to that concept because they will stay for the next few years.

To reply specifically to the Hon. Member's question, I would say that I think it is perfectly clear that capital is required to get enterprises launched and under way. There has been and still is a role for the Japanese auto industry to play, and I think I referred to that specifically in my speech. My Leader has often advocated Japanese investment in the auto industry of this country. However, if they are going to take profits back to Japan, we would like to see them create jobs in this country. We have advocated that since the very beginning of the overseas auto industry.

There has always been a place for foreign investment in a growing economy. However, my concern is that there tends to have been a shift in understanding and emphasis away from Canada to the foreign markets. It perturbs me when I hear the Prime Minister of Canada, after having such an overwhelming mandate just given to him, going to the United States on bended knees begging American investors to come into this country and saying that we are now open for investment.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Riis:** I hear Hon. Members guffawing and laughing. Surely the Prime Minister is saying that Canadian enterprises are for sale to Americans more than they ever were before. When I look at the track record of what has happened in the country, I see that most of the purchases in the last number of years have not resulted in new jobs or new R and D, but have been in the form of mergers and takeovers.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Seventeen billion dollars left the country. What are you going to do about it?