

Adjournment Debate

includes four large towns: Sainte-Foy, Sillery, Cap-Rouge and Ancienne Lorette, and has a population of over 100,000. These large suburban towns that make up the riding have been carefully planned, which makes them all the more interesting.

One could say that the population of Louis-Hébert consists largely of stable families with as a result many young people. The problem with these families, Mr. Speaker, as I realized during the last campaign, is what is going to happen to all these young people, many of whom are educated but are doomed to remain idle due to lack of jobs or opportunities, without the slightest hope for a better future. I have therefore made youth employment my first priority.

The Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), who was visiting Louis-Hébert when I started my fund raising campaign—this was in October 1982 and he was still president of Iron Ore—said the following and I quote: "In this riding and this region, you have all the resources to become a focal point for research and development. You have industries, universities, skilled manpower, research centres, social infrastructures, and so forth. All you need is for the federal Government to set objectives in line with our local requirements and human resources and consult and co-operate with Quebec, to make this dream come true".

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Indeed, my riding has a number of educational institutions including Laval University, the oldest francophone university in North America, which has researchers working in every discipline and where excellent courses are given in optics and laser techniques. There is also the University of Quebec, three CEGEPs—one English-speaking—two highly sophisticated scientific complexes, the Institut national de recherche scientifique which specializes in hydrology and geology and also gives courses for students preparing a masters degree or Ph.D. The Centre de recherche industriel du Québec, maintaining a close working relationship with industry, has maximized automation of production processes in line with the Quebec Government's support for new technologies. There are also private companies with an international reputation in advanced technology such as Gentec, Didactech, and many more. There are tertiary services, financial institutions, public utilities and ultra-modern community services provided by the towns in the area. Road, railway services and air services are satisfactory.

I can say that the quality of life in the riding is excellent, since I have been a resident for over 25 years. There is an abundance of hotel accommodation, restaurants, information and tourism facilities and in addition, the riding's geographic location is such that the attractions of the Quebec City area are readily available.

Several years ago, local organizations started to do a complete analysis of the economic in the Quebec City area. The conclusion was that our industrial sector badly needed reorganizing. The previous Government had been far too con-

cerned with one-time, temporary job creation programs. It is high time this bandaid policy was replaced by a real regional development strategy.

All the parties concerned now agree that we should focus our energies on revitalizing the region's industrial sector. In April 1983, the GATIQ, the Groupe d'action pour l'avancement technologique et industriel de la région de Québec, was established, an initiative that was in line with the subsequent economic summit. The Groupe d'action, Mr. Speaker, consists of establishments that are directly connected to technological disciplines and the industrial sector. These include Laval University, the Institut national de recherche scientifique, The Société Inter-port, which recently announced that seven industries were ready to settle right away in the Sainte-Foy area, including the Chambre de commerce du Québec métropolitain and the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec. The GATIQ intends to consolidate the region's scientific and technological resources by promoting exchanges among researchers and between researchers and industry. In this particular context, the most satisfactory way of achieving these goals is to create a hi-tech industrial park. In this connection, the Conseil d'orientation de développement économique de Sainte-Foy, following an economic summit and a thorough study of the matter, has come out in favour of establishing advanced technology industries in the Sainte-Foy-Quebec City corridor. The existing industrial park was suggested in this connection since its location was admirably suited to the purpose the council had in mind.

The park is located behind the CRIQ and the INRS, is surrounded by zoned industrial parks and has all the resources and services required. This is where we would like to see the Institut d'optique et de laser, which has been very much in the news recently.

Mr. Speaker, although we are hardly in the Silicone Valley class, we in Louis-Hébert and the Quebec City Region are in a position to prove that this is where the economic future of our region lies.

Mr. Bernard Valcourt (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada, just like the Hon. Member for Louis-Hébert (Mrs. Duplessis), is favourably impressed by the commendable role played by GATIQ—Groupe d'action pour l'avancement technologique et industriel de la région de Québec—in the establishment of hi-tech industry in the Quebec City area.

The cooperation process in this endeavour among both levels of government, local universities and the private sector stands as an example to be emulated.