

fishermen, particularly on the northeast coast of Newfoundland and on the coast of Labrador, are worried about their future and what is going to happen to the inshore fishery. That problem was not mentioned or addressed in the Throne Speech.

There was no mention of the serious decline in ground fish stocks off the Atlantic Coast and what this means for the fishing industry, another serious problem. Is the Government committed to extending the 200 mile limit, for example, over the nose and tail of the Grand Bank to get better control of ground fish stocks? These are things we wanted to hear, what my people wanted to hear and did not.

What about oil, Mr. Speaker? Oil rigs have left the East Coast, and Hibernia is stalled. What did we find in the speech for solving this dilemma? Only that the Government has signed the Atlantic Accord, and that will take care of the situation. But that is not the case, Mr. Speaker. We have the Atlantic Accord, but Hibernia is not going and the oil rigs are leaving the East Coast. Let me quote what the President of the St. John's Board of Trade said as reported in the *Evening Telegram* for September 12, 1986. This is just to show you, Sir, that this is not simply an opposition voice crying in the dark. The Board of Trade President Geoff Tooton told the Kiwanis Club of Cabot:

—that Ottawa must come up with more incentives to keep exploration drilling alive.

The loan rig operation offshore Newfoundland right now is expected to stay around for only another 10 months. After that the term "offshore" may mean fishing only for some time.

Hard hit by the unforeseen collapse of oil prices, oil companies and business leaders across the country are now asking Ottawa for help to save what is left from the deregulation experiment.

—there's a need for more incentives to keep up at least a minimum of offshore drilling, if only to help delineate already proven reserves.

It's time for the federal Government to reassess the situation in the frontier lands of Canada's energy industry and act decisively today.

There is no mention, Mr. Speaker, of how the Government wants to address this problem. What is needed is a made in Canada price or some financial incentive to the oil companies so they can start drilling again and Hibernia can get going. It must not be allowed to drift.

Like my colleague, the Hon. Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett), I found some things of value in this Throne Speech. I think that congratulations are in order to the Government for mentioning a national forum on post-secondary education, and a forum on technology; the latter being something I have been urging for the last two years. It is an important issue in Canada. The Government of Canada must address it and it must not be left to the provinces. I was very pleased to see that the Government will call a national forum on post-secondary education. I think this Party can take some credit because our leader has been stressing post-secondary education in his speeches, not just since this Parliament began but before. At the present time we have a national Liberal task force on post-secondary education. However, I congratulate the Government for this. It is the first

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time that a Government has made mention of it in a Throne Speech and it is very welcome indeed.

I was also pleased to see the attack that is going to be made on illiteracy in Canada. There are economic pay-offs to solving the illiteracy problem. It is a situation that exists all across the country which must be dealt with, and dealt with soon.

I was also glad to see the reference to the Government's intention to improve water quality to bring in the Environmental Protection Act and to take other measures to improve water quality. I was pleased because the Exploits River Sytem in my riding, a very important river system, is in great danger at the moment. As some people will know, there is a very important paper mill on that river and there is effluent going into it. As well, there is salmon enhancement taking place. This river could become the greatest salmon river in North America, so it is important that we come to grips with these problems. We will be asking the Government to follow through, not only with its verbal commitments, but with its pocket-book, because we will need \$22 million to solve the problems in the Exploits River system.

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There were some good things in the Speech from the Throne, but I have to agree with the Hon. Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett) that there were things we wanted to see but did not see. For example, I wanted a firm commitment to the advancement of the equality of women in the workplace and in society. What did we get from the Government? The Government made the statement that it hoped the private sector would follow the example of the Government of Canada in advancing the equality of women. I do not think that is good enough. I think there must be more than that. There must be legislation, guidelines, and some use of the levers of the Government of Canada to ensure that the private sector indeed follows the example of the federal Government in advancing the cause of women. There was no commitment to day care, which is a growing issue in my riding and across the country.

On the question of youth, there will be more consultation with the provinces. That is not good enough. In my province close to 50 per cent of eligible young people are unemployed. That is a national tragedy. The Senate report just told us that young people are in danger of becoming a lost generation, yet the Government says it will have more consultation with the provinces. As I said, that is not good enough. It is a serious and real problem which needs the attention, help, and support of the Government of Canada.

There are some good things in the Speech from the Throne, but on the whole I found that it did not address, in a realistic way, the very real problems in the Atlantic provinces. I hope the Government of Canada is not taking the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) seriously and is not being guided by what he said. He suggested recently in the Atlantic provinces that we should possibly compare ourselves with the Third World when we talk about economic and social advancement.