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types of things that I feel are more related to a long range program than to additional research and study. There are things that could be attended to immediately, and I hope the government is not going to ignore them.

One of the fears that we have in respect of the proposed Atlantic development board is the question of finances. It has already been brought out by several of the speakers—I am not going to repeat it, I simply want to call attention to the fact—that we cannot solve the problems of this area in this or that particular section of the economy. It must be a co-ordinated plan of development with action taking place in both the public and private sectors of the economy. This means you must have funds to stimulate economic activity. This means you must have funds with which to generate enthusiasm and optimism on the part of certain investment segments of our country. This means the federal government is going to have to take the lead and provide some real and worth-while amounts of money and pump them into this part of Canada with a view to developing the resources of this area.

I want to say one word, Mr. Chairman, with regard to the attitude that was expressed by the hon. member for Red Deer. I do not have his exact words, but he said something about not preoccupying ourselves with more systems and suggestions of welfare, and particularly federal government handouts. I agree with him that this is not the objective, this is not a desirable thing so far as a program for the economic development of our area is concerned. However, I would ask him to study some of the other reports that have come out of the Atlantic provinces, to study all the statements that have been made by representatives of existing industries in the area, the steel industry and others. I think you will have to agree that it is an established fact that in order to attract new industry into an area you have to be able to provide the same level of essential services to the children of the people who are going to be brought in to run these companies, the management people and so on.

It is essential that we in Nova Scotia be able to provide our people with the same level of educational facilities as they have in Ontario or British Columbia. This applies as well to the field of hospital facilities, roads and other things. The hon. member for Red Deer is shaking his head, but this is the impression he gave. We cannot do this at the moment because we do not have the same tax base and this would mean we would have to have higher taxes. You are not going to attract any industry into your area if it is going to pay taxes that will not allow it to exist and sell its products on a competitive

basis. There is only one answer, one way to circumvent that position and that is through a temporary plan of government assistance that will enable us, sooner or later, to stand on our own feet and to attract new industries that can compete.

The Deputy Chairman: Order; it being five o'clock it is my duty to leave the chair in order that the house may proceed to a consideration of private members' business, pursuant to section 3 of standing order 15.

Progress reported.

PRIVATE BILLS**MERIT INSURANCE COMPANY**

Mr. Alan Macnaughton (Mount Royal) moved the second reading of Bill No. S-14, respecting Merit Insurance Company.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this is a bill which we have received, of course, from the Senate. The purpose is very simple. The sole purpose of the bill is to add a French version to the name of Merit Insurance Company so that the title in French would read *Mérite, Compagnie d'Assurance*.

(Translation):

Mr. David Ouellet (Drummond-Arthabaska): Mr. Speaker, the Merit Insurance Company, which operates mainly in the province of Quebec, is a very good and very important company. I feel that the house should give its immediate support to this measure so that this insurance company may have a French as well as an English name. I must congratulate the company for taking a French name, as unfortunately many companies forget to do so. I think it is a noble attitude on the part of the company.

In my name and on behalf of our group, I congratulate that firm for having thought of this change.

(Text):

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

**THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OF IRELAND
IN CANADA**

The house in committee on Bill No. S-7, to incorporate the Christian Brothers of Ireland in Canada—Mr. Legere (for Mr. Morris)—Mr. Paul in the chair.

On clause 1—*Incorporation*.

Mr. Mather: Mr. Chairman, I rise simply to say that we have no quarrel with this clause or indeed with the bill. We have examined it in committee and are convinced that it is simply standard procedure to have this type