

**Mr. Darling:** Mr. Speaker, I quoted those words because it seems to be the suggestion and feeling of a great many people who are in small and big business across the country—

**Mr. Manly:** What is your opinion?

**Mr. Darling:** Just a minute. As far as I am concerned, I live in a rural area in which there is seasonal unemployment and has been for years. A difficult time is coming up now and will continue through until next year. I am hoping that unemployment insurance will continue on. However, it is more important that unemployment insurance be tightened up.

It is much better to have meaningful jobs than to have band-aid jobs. In my own riding, I must admit that there have been jobs that have been created for 10 or 12 weeks simply to get the individual over the hump for unemployment insurance purposes for another year. It would be much more satisfactory if the economy could be turned around and jobs created that are not just band-aid jobs like cutting brush, and digging holes and filling them back in as has been done in the past. I am not saying that this has been done recently. However, these are the things that we are hoping to overcome.

[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Questions and comments. The Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie.

**Mr. Malépart:** I have a question, Mr. Speaker.

I think my hon. friend knows perfectly well that the number one problem for Canadian is unemployment. They want action on job creation. On the other hand, the number one problem for heads of businesses and multinational corporations is the deficit. Could my hon. friend inform the House why his Government has listened only to the demands of the Conseil du patronat and similar bodies, namely to reduce the deficit and increase the unemployment rate?

● (1540)

[English]

**Mr. Darling:** Mr. Speaker, we have stated definitely that the deficit is all-important. However, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Government are not making jobs secondary to the deficit. Both jobs and the deficit will have to be looked at in a hard way. Certainly certain jobs are going to be phased out. As has already been stated, certain jobs in the Public Service will be done away with. Some 1,200 or more of those jobs are not in evidence yet but were to be filled later. The filling of those positions will not be acted upon. I am well aware that jobs are all-important, as the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and this Government have stated. We inherited the 1.4 million unemployed from the past Government. I am quite sure that this Government will have a better record a year from now. The latest statistics indicate that, for the month of September, unemployment has decreased.

*The Address—Mr. Darling*

[Translation]

**Mr. Malépart:** Mr. Speaker, could my hon. friend opposite show me this mini-budget in the Throne Speech and tell me what kind of encouragement it contains for my constituents—I suppose the Hon. Member also has constituents who go to see him and who are looking for jobs—what kind of encouragement can I draw from this for my constituents and where can I say: Look, the Conservative Government has done something, here is a solution to your problem, you will have a permanent job? Where can I find that in this document?

[English]

**Mr. Darling:** Mr. Speaker, as far as the document is concerned, the people of Canada have every confidence, and certainly gave this Government the mandate to turn around the economy, to turn away from having the Government helping out by creating jobs such as painting a church. Those were purely band-aid jobs with no permanency whatsoever. That is what I said in my speech and that is what the Prime Minister is going to do. The people of Canada seem to agree with that.

Yes, we are aware that there is serious unemployment and we are aware that it will continue. The figures are not very rosy. The projections indicate 10 per cent unemployment for the next four or five years. If we can get the economy going, businesses, both small and large, will start hiring. Businesses are delighted with the statement made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). Those statements created confidence. Businesses will start enlarging their premises. Businesses did not trust the previous Government. They would not spend a nickel because they did not know what the Government was going to do next. We are looking toward better times.

[Translation]

**Mr. Rossi:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Hon. Member, when he refers to band-aid jobs, whether he means jobs created for students during the summer through our Summer Canada Works Program for Students, and since the Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight) has cut Summer Canada Works for Students completely from his budget, will those students have a program so they will be able to work throughout the summer, as was done under the previous government?

[English]

**Mr. Darling:** Mr. Speaker, when I was speaking of band-aid jobs, I certainly was not referring to the student program. Let us hope that the economy will be much better next summer so that a lot of those students can be hired by private entrepreneurs and businesses. When I was speaking about band-aid jobs I was thinking back to the jobs which were created by the winter work projects, where townships would submit an application to have their roads brushed. Those jobs would have been done anyway. Those were the jobs about which I was speaking, the jobs which do not lead to anything meaningful. I will give the present Government full marks for moving from the winter work projects to providing wages and assistance to private individuals and entrepreneurs to enlarge or improve