

*Investment Canada Act*

who would dare to rise and say that he is against the objectives we want to add to Bill C-15.

Mr. Speaker, we are taking up this debate again to try and convince our friends opposite that they have done enough for the Americans. They have gone down on their knees and given the Americans everything they wanted, but they have not been very good negotiators. Sure, when President Reagan came they had a nice party. They even had the pleasure of hearing their leader sing. This reminds me, and those who read the biographical notes written by Ian MacDonald, that very objective journalist, will remember the story about young Brian who sang for Colonel McCormick. I am sure the Hon. Member for Champlain (Mr. Champagne) will be very interested to hear this story, because there is a connection with the deuce of spades. The Hon. Member for Champlain should know that when his leader was a boy, and the big boss from the States came up to the North Shore, after a couple of scotches Colonel McCormick would say to little Brian: Get up on the table and sing me an Irish song . . . And Mr. MacDonald reports that if Brian did a good job, Colonel McCormick automatically gave him a couple of bucks, probably in American dollars. Mr. Speaker, 40 years later, history repeats itself, the only difference being that this time, not Colonel McCormick but you and I are paying the piper! Canadians paid for the song that was sung for the President of the United States.

The Hon. Member for Laval (Mr. Ricard), who I am sure is listening, will now realize, after sipping all this Irish coffee with his organizers in Quebec City, after having applauded, that all that was a sham. He will now realize that with his tax dollars and those of his constituents, all they did was enjoy a good party among Conservatives, and have loads of fun. But except for that Canada has been lured, evidence of which they get every day, every week. I challenge any Progressive Conservative Member in this House to rise and tell me what they got from the American Government. We have until six o'clock, there are still 15 minutes left, if they have examples of anything their leader got from the Americans . . .

We know what he gave up, starting with Canada's pride and independence. We know what he gave up, and this legislation is proof enough. We know he has even further endangered our environment for another year, and I hope that Members representing rural constituencies do realize what that means for their communities. Those who have maple bushes simply have to look around their constituency. The Hon. Member for Beauce (Mr. Bernier) knows what is happening in those areas. But to the Prime Minister this is no cause for concern. Does he want to wait until the economy of those rural areas is completely down before responding to the acid rain problem? No sir, he decided to hire Bill Davis for a dollar a year. As my leader suggested recently in one of his speeches, certainly one dollar a year is still too much. Because if you look at what has happened since that appointment, all they had was a courtesy meeting. There probably is an emergency but all they managed

to do was to meet in some "Maple Leaf" room in some airport to shake hands. Nothing has been accomplished, no progress has been made.

With respect to trade, which is of concern to all of us, Mr. Speaker, there also has been that kind of study group. The announcement was made in Quebec City with much fanfare, although the Governor General was absent. But we know this was intended, and as my colleague has just said, politeness is not necessarily one of our new Prime Minister's virtues any more than humility. They reached an agreement on trade, and with a lot of publicity, they appointed the Minister for International Trade and Mr. Brock. This was official, they were their personal attachés. What happened then? Even before they had time to ingest their Irish coffee, the President was back in the United States telling Brock: "That was just for the Quebec show, you have another job." So we wake up with the Minister of International Trade negotiating all by himself. There was nobody facing him, and this was supposedly the committee of two who had the absolute confidence of the two—as you would have me say—heads of state. This again was a sham. So we are stuck with that legislation which really is a flagrant example of subservience. More subservient than that is not possible! Just think of it! We allow American multinationals to come here, to take control of Canadian companies, to even shut them down if they happen to be too competitive, while we simply look on. It has come to a point where we say to the Americans, among others: "Do not worry, this country is for sale". This is exactly what the Prime Minister is doing. Despite the reference to those big investments that would allegedly create tens of thousands of jobs, we have all witnessed yesterday, those of us who are from Quebec, who pay taxes to Quebec, we have seen the budget tabled by the Quebec Finance Minister. He does not believe in your gamble, for he said the unemployment rate in Quebec would increase next year. This should be a cause of serious concern for these people who believe that this bill will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, who had made job creation a major part of their party platform during the last election campaign, and whose only contribution so far has been their decision to contribute to the arm race. I am quite worried about this.

I hope, therefore, that during this debate our hon. friends opposite will ponder the consequences of the summit, will realize that it was a jolly good show, that it was a major success for the organizers, that everybody had his fun at the expense of the taxpayers, but now that the euphoria of their victory has somewhat subsided, I hope they will realize that governing a country such as Canada is more difficult than bowing left and right once in a while. Mr. Speaker, you signal that my time has elapsed. There is still so much I have to say, but I will certainly have the opportunity to continue and share with you my feelings, as there are 14 other amendments to consider.