

Our politics were a model; it was a political heaven after the chicanery I have seen up here in Ottawa.

An hon. Member: How about Come-By-Chance?

Mr. Crosbie: The minister announced the Fundy tidal power project in February and just two or three weeks ago we heard another announcement by the minister. He said he was going ahead in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with another study on the Fundy tidal power project. The government would spend \$15 million on a study which would take two or three years to complete. How can they now claim to study something which they previously announced as part of a one million job project back in February at the great first ministers' conference?

I call the minister the "bionic windbreaker" after his attempt to put this kind of thing over on the Canadian people. Something which strikes closer to home and which cut me to the quick when I discovered what lay behind it was the minister's announcement about the Gull Island transmission program to develop Gull Island power at Gull Island, Labrador and the Lower Churchill; to develop 1800 megawatts of power and transmit it to Newfoundland by a transmission line and through a tunnel into Newfoundland. That was one of the 40 projects announced by the minister. All that he announced then was that they were going to form another corporation which was to do another series of studies on the Gull Island project.

How long are the people of Canada going to tolerate this pile of hypocrisy? I have to keep my language parliamentary, but it is a fantastic struggle. How in the name of heaven can I keep my language parliamentary when I consider things like this? I am almost tempted to let go and become unparliamentary for the first time in all my experience—

Some hon. Members: Oh!

Mr. Crosbie:—I am so upset. Let us add up the jobs on just these five or six projects. The minister promised 5,000 direct jobs and 15,000 indirect jobs on the Kitimat oil pipeline project. He cancelled the project the next week. That is 5,000 unemployed. Mark that figure down—5,000 Canadian unemployed who were deceived. The people who thought they were going to get jobs out of the Kitimat oil project are not going to get them.

Tar sands III is another project the minister said would give 20,000 direct jobs and 60,000 indirect. This man is a veritable superman in job creation. We'd have to hand it to him if there were any truth to it at all. So that was another 80,000 jobs.

Then there is the Great Canadian Oil Sands expansion with 250 direct jobs and 750 indirect; Syncrude expansion, 8,000 direct jobs and 24,000 indirect. Ye gods! We have a veritable hurricane of a Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources when it comes to creating jobs on paper! But he has not created one job yet, not one which was not paper.

With respect to James Bay the minister said there were 65,000 direct jobs and 195,000 indirect. This government had

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nothing to do with it—not financially, and with no assistance. In fact, they tried to block, attack and crack the Quebec government at every opportunity, trying to crush it and knock it in a great example of co-operative federalism. But they don't mind stealing jobs from the Quebec government. They don't mind trying to take credit for the 65,000 direct and the 195,000 indirect jobs. They don't mind stealing from the separatists. Imagine a minister of that great government over there having something to do with the separatists, stealing credit for jobs away from the separatists, that government led by the right hon. gentleman opposite who on Friday put on a disgraceful exhibition of the cheapest kind of guttersnipe politics. It is no good shaking one's head, Mr. Speaker. I witnessed the event myself. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) suggested that because someone did not agree with him and his policies toward the province of Quebec they were separatists. He will not do that again very soon, I trust.

The hon. minister went on to list the Gull Island project, Mr. Speaker, and said that project would create 11,000 direct jobs and 33,000 indirect jobs in Newfoundland. Now, we have 35,000 unemployed in Newfoundland. It would have meant that one third of our unemployed would be going to work if there had been one iota, one scintilla of truth in it. One third of our unemployed would have been working. But there was not one scintilla, jot or tittle of truth in the minister's tergiversation—I think that's the word.

Mrs. Holt: Oh!

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt) will not be with us next year. She has added to this House, but I won't say what.

I could go over all 40 of these projects to show just what the minister attempted to do to what he thought was a gullible Canadian public back in February. He has here the Polar Gas project, the East-Can exploration program—and Eastcan is not even exploring off the Labrador coast this year. He has included the gas swaps—

Mr. Alexander: Has he got the wheel in there?

Mr. Crosbie: He hasn't got the wheel or the horse in here, Mr. Speaker, but he has everything else. There is the Delta Beaufort gas. That one's set to go. There is the Dempster pipeline, Westcoast Transmission and then there are the gas swaps. I wonder who could swap gas with the minister? That would be some swap! He has the Quebec and Maritimes Gas pipeline, the Panarctic exploration program, Petro-Canada, conventional areas—whatever that means—heavy oil development, oil storage. What a con game! What a shell game! And the minister was playing a shell game with Shell.

We should have had that third project under way long ago. Why is it not under way? Because we have a minister who is not going to get off his duff to do anything. He is not going to move off centre plate, and centre plate for the minister is where he sits. Why do I say that? Have I any proof for that statement? Members of the House might say this is a hard thing to say about the minister. It cannot be that we have a