

*Regional Development***PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT
MOTION****SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS
TO BE DEBATED**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent)—Regional Economic Expansion—Hawkesbury—Grant to Duplate of Canada—Loss of jobs by Oshawa employees; the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski)—National Film Board—Reconsideration of order levying charges for use of films; the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall)—Labour Conditions—Fairey Aviation lay-offs—Income maintenance benefits.

• (5:00 p.m.)

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, Notices of Motions.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT****SUGGESTED INCLUSION OF RENFREW AND
LANARK IN DESIGNATED AREA**

Mr. Murray McBride (Lanark and Renfrew) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give consideration to the advisability of including the counties of Renfrew and Lanark as a suitable and necessary extension of that portion of North-Eastern Ontario which is now a designated area under the provisions of The Regional Development Incentives Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this motion is to provide an opportunity for me, along with the hon. member for Renfrew North (Mr. Hopkins) to say publicly what we have been saying privately for many months. The target of our exercise is the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (Mr. Marchand) and the officials of that department who determine what areas of Canada should be included as designated areas under the Regional Development Incentives Act, and what areas should not be included.

I have tried for many months to find out just how the final decisions were determined. The answer to that question, I am sorry to say, depends upon the person to whom you

talk in the department or in the minister's office. For example, I was told some weeks ago that the province of Ontario was considered on the basis of the ten large economic areas already established by the province and used for most studies and considerations of regional needs. As such the whole of eastern Ontario was considered, for the purposes of the Regional Development Incentives Act, as one single unit. This unit is commonly known in the publicity of the Eastern Ontario Development Council as the "Golden Triangle," a term that may seem a misnomer in lieu of the fact that too much of the gold in "them thar hills" is still strictly in "them thar hills" in spite of the articulate planning and boundless efforts of the Ottawa Valley leaders who seek to liberate some of those nuggets.

I was told by one official of the department that in terms of the measurable indices used to determine what areas should qualify under the Incentives Act, all of eastern Ontario, that is, an area bounded by the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers and extending west to a north-south line just west of Kingston and east of Mattawa, averaged out at 105 and 106, just slightly above the national average. When I attempted to get the figures used I was further informed by the minister's office that areas were designated as a matter of judgment in the final analysis; that no new studies were done, and that cabinet decided what areas should be in and what should not be in, to the extent that money allowed. Mr. Speaker, such explanations are not good enough.

Such actions and designations should not be a matter of decisions made without serious studies of the facts, but rather decisions made after serious and appropriate analysis that will stand the scrutiny of any reasonable citizen of this country, to say nothing of being able to stand up to the scrutiny of any member of this House and of the thousands of Canadians for whom he is the spokesman.

The counties of Renfrew and Lanark do not constitute a bleakly hopeless and depressed area. Let me set the record straight on that. We are not hopelessly poverty stricken, and there are valid reasons why we are not. We have some magnificent assets. Chief among them is the fact that we have people who are willing to work, and work hard for industrial and economic development. I want to illustrate this by quoting at some length from the "Final Report and Recommendations for