

should get some other speech-writers. The Leader of the Opposition says that we will be hosed, harmonized and homogenized when the barriers come down on January 1, 1989. I say that he should add that he is attempting to hoodwink the Canadian people when he says they have been hosed, harmonized and homogenized. He is an attempted hoodwinker.

If the Leader of the Opposition happens to be correct, which of course he is not, then he is saying that Premier Bourassa is hosing, harmonizing and homogenizing the Canadian people. That is a very rare thing for a premier of Quebec to do. I see a premier of Quebec hosing us, but I do not know about harmonizing or homogenizing the rest of us. He is saying that Premier McKenna, a member of his own Party, is prepared to hose, harmonize and homogenize. I suppose it is safe to say that, now that the United Church has met in British Columbia.

He is saying that Gerry Regan, former Premier of Nova Scotia and former Minister for International Trade for Mr. Trudeau, is to do the same. He is saying that Donald Macdonald, who was appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau to head a royal commission on Canada's economic future and prospects, and which brought in a report, and that all the people sitting with him, including Michel Robert, President of the national Liberal Party of Canada, are out to hose, harmonize and homogenize Canadians. It just shows how foolish, juvenile and inaccurate is the statement by the Leader of the Opposition.

If those who support this agreement are hosers, homogenizers and harmonizers, and traitors, then there are an awful lot of Liberals in this country in exactly the same boat, including Senator George van Roggen who had the courage, gumption and backbone to resign his position as chairman of the foreign affairs committee.

Historically, we see that the exact opposite is true. Since World War II, successive Canadian governments have pursued policies that have decreased trade barriers. Those same governments have created the modern social safety net that we enjoy today. They have pursued regional development and supported our culture and industries. We followed in that tradition of Diefenbaker and, to be fair, the tradition of Liberal governments in doing this.

In fact, we introduced our own Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency which, already in one year, is astoundingly successful as we continue to pursue regional development.

Our colleague, the Minister of Communications (Miss MacDonald), and her predecessors have supported cultural industries with might and main.

We are bringing in child care with legislation that is before the House, adding to the modern social safety net. One can argue the details about whether it does enough, does not do enough, or spends enough or does not spend enough. We are bringing in free trade and child care. Surely that gives the lie

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to the people who run around Canada trying to mislead and frighten Canadians and senior citizens about what this means. I do not know how they can look at themselves in the mirror every morning. They are a hard looking crew in the first place.

Mackenzie King, Louis St. Laurent, John Diefenbaker, and Lester Pearson did not see any contradiction between tariff reductions, increased exports to the United States and domestic social and regional development policies to build a strong and unique Canada. None of them saw any contradiction because there is no contradiction. That is why we are able to take these steps. It is because of the prosperity in Canada as a result of our international trade and trade with the United States of America.

In terms of 1986 dollars, from 1947 to 1986, merchandise exports to the United States grew from just over \$7 billion to almost \$94 billion, an increase of over 1,225 per cent. During the same period, the welfare of Canadians went up tremendously. Per capita, Gross Domestic Product in 1986 dollars grew from \$7,400 to almost \$20,000, an increase of almost 170 per cent. Total employment in Canada grew from 4.8 million to 12.3 million, up 155 per cent, with employment in manufacturing rising by 88.7 per cent.

I might point out that in the last four years, employment has gone up 1.292 million. Let me also point out that in the last four years, 728,000 more women are working in Canada than were working four years ago. Yet we listen to this silly and vicious opposition day after day. There has been a 25 per cent increase in the number of women in managerial administrative jobs. Youth unemployment has gone down by 240,000 in the last four years. It increased 141,000 from 1980 to 1984, when Mr. Trudeau and the Liberals were in office and the pitiful grump we see here today had a majority. Youth unemployment went up, but where was Senator Hébert when he was needed? He was in the Parliamentary Restaurant having *paté de fois gras* when the unemployment figures were going up. The Opposition critic sitting over there today was the Minister.

In the same period, 1947 to 1986, public spending on education went up from \$147 per capita to \$1,237 per capita in 1983-84 in real terms. Spending on health care increased from \$54 per capita to \$1,211 per capita by 1985 in real terms. All this took place while we were becoming more and more dependent on the U.S. in our trade.

Direct financial benefits under social security programs rose to almost \$50 billion in 1985, from \$3.8 billion in 1947, for all public welfare programs, including health. This took place all the while we were becoming more and more dependent on the U.S. market.

More open competition with the United States led to economic growth and it led to a dynamic, distinctive Canada. The past four years in which we were getting closer and closer to free trade with the United States has made us no less compassionate as a society, no less progressive as a nation, and no less Canadian. That is the fact. The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement will sustain and strengthen that growth and