

1 industry, and finance, generally. A lot of it has to do,
2 therefore, with the pressure of a majority trying to get what
3 it feels is a better shake out of the whole system than the
4 one it has been getting traditionally, and resorting to the
5 State it does control -- which is the Provincial Government
6 in Quebec -- to try and achieve that upgrading of its
7 capacity, of its achievements, economically and socially.

8 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Does the Federal Government
9 do something to improve the economic situation of people
10 in Quebec?

11 MINISTER LALONDE: Yes. And not only in Quebec.
12 We have, also, in the Atlantic Provinces. We have had, over
13 the last fifteen years -- and the last ten years in particular
14 -- an extensive program called the Program of Regional
15 Economic Expansion. We have a Special Minister responsible
16 for Regional Economic Expansion. We have been developing
17 policies over the last few years, trying to stimulate invest-
18 ment in high unemployment areas. This has applied to the
19 whole of Eastern Canada, of which Quebec is a part.

20 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Do you try to put French
21 speaking people in those programs?

22 MINISTER LALONDE: Yes. One thing we have done --
23 we cannot do much in terms of forcing any type of change
24 in the Private Sector, which comes under Provincial control
25 and regulation. But what we have been doing in the area of