

Income Tax

Last Tuesday, I asked the Minister of Finance to convene immediately the ministers of the Maritime provinces and Quebec, in view of this growing economic imbalance. He said that if the ministers wanted to discuss things with him, they could always come to see him. A few days ago I suggested to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie) that he meet with his provincial counterparts, business and labour. He replied that it may be a good way of setting up a long term policy but we did not hear about that yet. What are we waiting for? Businessmen are waiting to see what government intends to do. The government is waiting for an answer from businessmen. Maybe the government is waiting until business and labour get along better.

However, it is the responsibility of this government to get all those people to sit down at the same table and devise long term and firm policies. This government is not doing its job in this respect. Apparently they seem prepared to meet business and labour but they have demonstrated, Mr. Speaker, their inability to set long term policies and their lack of leadership, and the

recent cabinet shuffle is definitely not enough to reassure Canadians.

It is impossible, Mr. Speaker. No new idea can come out of that Cabinet. There has been no new blood injected in the Cabinet. As I already mentioned there are young backbenchers, Mr. Speaker, who might have some good ideas. I am sure that the hon. member for Chambly could come up with something new. I remember the promise which was made to the hon. member for Louis-Hébert (Mr. Lamontagne), the hon. mayor of Quebec City, but he must wait for his turn. They have chosen to play musical chairs for the last ten years with the same ministers and the same inadequate ideas. This is why it is impossible to trust this government that has disappointed us too much.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being 10:30 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

At 10:30 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to special order.