

The Address—Mr. James

sible. Government is now listening to their problems and accepting positive suggestions about how best to deal with these difficulties. Together we are working towards a sensible and equitable solution, and we will reach one!

There is also the pastoral aspect in the constituency of Sarnia-Lambton. Agriculture is the vitality of the region. In the surrounding area of the City of Sarnia, the Village of Point Edward and the urbanized areas of the Townships of Sarnia and Moore, farming and the raising of livestock have been the historical strength. The miles and miles of carefully tended lands radiate from the undustrialized buildup in the "Chemical Valley". Over the years this has demonstrated that there can be a healthy balance between the traditional use of land and the industrialization which is required in today's high technology society, a balance which respects and acknowledges that both sides are victors.

Transportation is the key to the success of Sarnia-Lambton. Situated as it is on the deep navigable St. Clair River which leads into the Great Lakes system, there is a constant flow of marine traffic. Huge ships bound for Thunder Bay, Lake Superior and Sarnia-Lambton, as well as for ports on the American side, plough their way through Lake Huron after passing under the Bluewater Bridge. Sarnia has storage elevators and repair docks to accommodate these lake and ocean-going ships. The international Bluewater Bridge is a major link between United States and Canadian markets. The new Highway 402 connects directly to the Bluewater Bridge. This highway was completed with the combined efforts of private enterprise and government and is considered the best example of Canadian road building. It is a credit to Canadian engineering and construction.

The new Sarnia airport, which I will have the honour of officially opening later this month, will complete the final element in the transportation chain. Sarnia-Lambton is now fully prepared and able to put its efforts, its facilities and its vitality behind the construction of a new Canada.

The peoples of Sarnia-Lambton would be at home in any other Canadian community. All ethnic backgrounds, all creeds and all persuasions are represented in our community. Our residents are representative of "Anytown Canada" and they delivered to this Government the greatest show of trust and support in the history of our area. They believe in what this Progressive Conservative Government stands for. These people believe in our sincerity, our wisdom, our expertise and we cannot let them down!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. James: Mr. Speaker, this Government has been given a responsibility no other Government has ever had. We now have a Government which represents all Canadians, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. This Government has been given the trust of the Province of Quebec, something unseen since the sweep of the late John Diefenbaker's Government in 1958. The onus is now on us to honour this trust and to give it the respect it is due; to take the fragile hopes of this country and bring them back to reality; to examine the situation we

have inherited and make it right. This is not an easy task we have been entrusted with but it is a choice we made prior to September 4. It is our choice and we cannot, and we must not, abrogate our responsibility. This Government has a responsibility to realize the hopes we envisaged some time ago. Despite the obstacles left in our path, we will deliver. We now have the opportunity to deliver to the people of Canada the Government they desire and deserve. Our Government is one that holds true to its promise and works for the people, rather than expecting the people to work for it.

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One of the most serious problems facing our country at this time, and perhaps the most urgent on the new Government's list of priorities, is the unemployment situation. As mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, we will be introducing new programs in a three-pronged attack, and we will be asking for the direct involvement of all sectors of our society. We will be asking for public input to reach the most efficient and rewarding end possible. We will be instituting new training programs that will be market-oriented and more in line with the needs of the future. With dedication and forethought the unemployment statistics in this country can and will be reduced as quickly as is humanly possible.

We have made a commitment to the Canadian people to improve our economy. This coming Thursday evening the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) will announce a plan designed to reduce the deficit in an orderly, balanced and fair manner.

As mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, our Government will provide incentives to enhance risk-taking and the entrepreneurial spirit. This will have a positive effect on a cause close to my own heart and interests: the vitality and new growth of small business in Sarnia-Lambton and across Canada.

We have a commitment to justice. It makes me proud to quote from the Speech from the Throne, wherein it is said that our Government accepts the responsibility to rectify the grave effects in our correctional system. Legislation will be introduced to correct the inequities in this system. We have a commitment to international trade, an area in which Sarnia-Lambton is so heavily involved. We have said that we will open new gates and expand our horizons towards better and wider trade agreements with new and established partners. We have a commitment to maintain the updating of the Canadian Armed Forces and the role it plays in international affairs; to strengthen our alliances and world-wide standing by assuming our share of the burden of maintaining peace in the world.

It is not surprising that there was mention made in the Throne Speech to the labour movement in Canada, and how one of our Government's goals is to foster a feeling of trust and shared responsibility with those who represent the workforce of our country. This is an attitude that is integral in the rebuilding process in which we now find ourselves involved. In Sarnia-Lambton there have been few strikes and fewer work stoppages. There always has been a dialogue between labour