

Mr. Lundrigan: No conditions. I will answer the hon. member's question, after I have finished my speech, for half an hour if he wants me to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The Chair wishes to remind the parliamentary secretary that it needs more than the consent of the parliamentary secretary.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Does the House give unanimous consent to the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate to pursue his remarks?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Perrault: I suggest it requires my consent as well. May I ask my question now?

Mr. Lundrigan: When I have finished my remarks. Then the hon. parliamentary secretary, the member for B.S.—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The hon. member now has the floor by unanimous consent and he is the one to decide when a question may be asked.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

• (9:00 p.m.)

Mr. Lundrigan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did have a few further points to raise as suggestions. However, I shall not take the time of the House to make them now; I shall do so later when we get into committee of the whole and make a clause by clause analysis of the legislation before us.

As I was saying, in 1961 and 1962, when the right hon. member for Prince Albert was Prime Minister and we were even more distant from Ottawa than we are today because communications were not as sophisticated as they are now, I remember listening to the talk emanating from Ottawa about developing the north, about the vision of the north, and could visualize the Prime Minister of that day leading the Canadian people, with his usual style and magnetism, into the exciting prospect of developing the northern resources of this country.

I vividly remember that and the tremendous effect it had on me as a young Canadian who was just old enough to vote. I have not witnessed that kind of attitude in this country during the last three or four years. I have not seen the kind of leadership where our people are told that we must develop our great resources. The continent of Labrador, which belongs to the province of Newfoundland, with all its natural resources, the great oil reserves in Alberta, require for their full development vision, determination, incentive and drive. This is what is lacking at the present time. Not only is it lacking in this bland and bare piece of legislation now before the House; it is lacking in our whole attitude to the development of the resources of this country. We have no leadership, no development programs, no drive or determination.

I should like to see Canadian-owned and Canadian-inspired industries given a little extra incentive to devel-

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op our natural resources in the north, our oil, timber and so on. But this is what is missing in this tax legislation and in the attitude taken by the government. In short, we lack leadership. I am receiving no inspiration from this government and neither is the average Canadian investor. No incentive or inspiration is being given to even our business community.

No incentive is given to encourage people to go into the north and make a few dollars for themselves. How many members of this House of Commons have seen our people spend six or eight months working in the north in order to earn a few extra dollars to put in their pockets? These people are adventurers, explorers and developers, yet they get little benefit from their efforts. They give up the easy amenities of life defined by the hon. member for Mount Royal, the one who believes that everything should be big and rosy under the street lights. Certainly there is lacking the inspiration reflected by the author of "Sam McGee," Robert Service and other great Canadian writers, and this whole attitude is compounded by the lack of leadership shown this country.

In conclusion—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lundrigan:—I want to deal with a matter that I am sure others will want to develop. We have in Canada today the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, sometimes called DREE, which sounds like some form of nasal congestion. This department is charged with eliminating regional disparity in Canada. Under this new, just society there is to be no more regional disparity in Canada.

One of the things that someone has dreamed up is that we are not prepared to amend our monetary and fiscal policies on a regional basis because we might offend Canadians in other parts of Canada. So the department has decided to give incentives to enable industries to be started, for example, in the Gaspé area, a slow-growth area which has been called a designated region. I do not know what Tom Kent calls it because there are so many different nomenclatures attaching to it. Although this has been the thinking and philosophy of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the officials of the department have shown a good deal of interest, their programs just have not worked.

Why have they not worked? It is because these designated areas are among the most backward in Canada, economically. They have few formalized business structures. Few of the businessmen in the Gaspé are able to open up their books to prove they qualify for an incentive grant; they are not able to say that they received \$40,000 from firm A and \$50,000 from firm B. I am sure the hon. member will agree that business communities are not well formalized in the underdeveloped parts of the country in particular.

The fact is that the philosophy of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion—if there ever was one except in the mind of the former deputy minister—has not been a success. Put our loan program, our fisheries development program, the Farm Improvement Loans Act,