

AND THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE THINGS AT A COMPETITIVE PRICE? HOW DO WE RECONCILE THOSE?

The only way I guess is to get all these immigrants coming in and give them \$5 an hour to make things because nobody that is already here is going to work for \$5 an hour.

That's why we bring them in now but what happens is that they get smart and then the unions or whatever come to them and say, "You're making \$5 an hour, do you know that is pathetic. Demand \$20 an hour and if you don't get it go on unemployment or welfare or whatever."

So the mistake that Canada is making is letting them go on pogy so they won't work for \$5.

That's right.

I think it's ridiculous bringing all these people in and they won't even let them work for a while, put them to work right away. They won't quit if they don't get another job or they don't get pogy.

Q. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT CANADA AS COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WESTERNIZED WORLD LIKE FRANCE, GERMANY, BRITAIN, OR SPAIN, ARE WE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT HOW MUCH WE EXPORT AND IMPORT AND HOW MUCH THEY EXPORT AND IMPORT, ARE WE DOING WELL OR POORLY COMPARED TO THEM?

Well they're trying to open up Europe with the European Economic Community.

Yeah, 1992.

And I think that's what's trying to happen in North America.

Trying to compete.

Yeah, trying to have Mexico and the United States and Canada become a part of it.

P. ARE WE DOING WELL OR POORLY RIGHT NOW?

I think we're working towards trying to do well. I think we're caught in a transition period where more people are forced out of their jobs and depending on what age they are whether or not they can ever be retrained. I think a good example is the beer companies when they are closing down so many of the breweries in each of the provinces. Now whether or not we are creating jobs which those people are willing or able to work at for the remainder of their working career would mean that we are doing well. If all we are doing is eliminating jobs and consolidating and creating a better competitive atmosphere and we are subsidizing those people for the rest of their lives, then we are doing poorly. That's part of what the unemployment in the Maritimes in the fishing industry is all about. They're only working for 10 weeks and they're collecting for 40 weeks but when you do that you don't generate any entrepreneurship that says you've got money for ten weeks and you've got to come up with money for the other 40 weeks and we don't force people to do that. There might be some way to deal with that if you kept all the health care benefits and you eliminated all the wage benefits.

We don't actually have a world standing as a trading country. People think highly of Canadians, a safe country, very law abiding, but if you go to Europe and you look for any mention of Canada in the newspapers, you'll never find one. It's a very nice place to be but that's about it.