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Therefore we must ask if we can have confidence in the private sector in that particular industry. While that confidence may come about in the future, in the meantime I see these cuts putting a burden on fishermen who can least afford to bear that burden. The effect of that invested money has been to help some of the banks perhaps, but it has not helped too many fishermen in any substantial way.

What about forestry? The Government has also helped in forestry. While that industry is in difficulty, it is not as severe as the fishery. When the Government helps an industry in the forestry sector to modernize a mill, for example, it means the addition of new technology. New technology in and of itself does not create new jobs but eliminates jobs. Therefore, as a result of giving health to the forest industry through stability and modernization, some jobs have been eliminated. There is a vacuum in job creation which I do not see being filled by the forestry sector.

What about mining? I have talked about one mining town in particular but I believe it is general knowledge that this industry all across Canada is struggling in a very tough market-place. While some are doing much better than others, there certainly will not be a dramatic growth in the mining industry in the near future. In the meantime, how will those jobs be provided?

We are told that we should not look to those major corporations and multinational firms to create the jobs but that the real vitality in the private sector will be in small business. I support that concept. In this respect I have a great deal of time for the President of the Canadian Federation of Small Business. However, I would ask him to give details of where those 176,000 jobs are that he talks about because I want to get after the firms that have them. While there no longer is a relocation allowance, I want to find a way to send my people there.

I have a lot of time for his organization because I believe that the vitality of the economy will be with small business. However, this revitalization will not occur if the Government takes such action as cutting tourism out of the Industrial Regional Development Program. That program is one of the major tools the Government has now to assist private enterprise. I might say that the tourism industry includes many small businesses and employs many semi-skilled and non-skilled people. I believe that that industry has great potential in this country and it is surely not an incentive for private enterprise if the Government does not allow it to qualify under the IRDP.

I repeat that while the economic statement has some good points, the over-all cuts will have a devastating effect in the Atlantic area and I do not see where the slack will be taken up or how those cuts will be healed by the private sector. I believe the Government must reconsider its policy in this respect, to see how it affects the disadvantaged areas of the country, particularly northern and rural areas. I would ask the Government to do that because, if it does not, it will eventually pay the political price and will not return to this Chamber with the kind of majority it has today.

Mr. Duguay: Mr. Speaker, I want to comment on a question the Hon. Member asked during the course of his speech. He wanted to know what we would say to young people in Canada this summer. He was referring to the Summer Canada cuts.

Let me tell the Hon. Member that as a person who has spent nearly 20 years working with young people, there is one message that I do not want to give them. It is the message that the previous government gave them during the last 20 years, that the solution to the problem of jobs is to mortgage the future, to borrow money that we cannot afford to borrow and to create jobs that do not produce anything in this economy.

There are examples of some of the jobs that were created by this program. For instance, it was a young person's job to post CEIC posters, giving credit for the summer jobs to the Minister.

I am concerned about young people but I want them to learn something about the realities of life; the fact that jobs do not appear out of thin air and that make-work jobs are not necessarily jobs that create work. I want young people to learn that a free lunch is not a birthright.

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Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I thought this was a 10 minute period for questions. I would like to ask a question if the Hon. member is not going to take the whole period.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The period for questions or comments allows Members to make comments. I would ask, however, that the Hon. Member make his comment within a reasonably short period of time.

Mr. Duguay: My comment will be short, Mr. Speaker. The previous speaker alluded to the fact that Tory times mean massive deficits and used the NDP example in Saskatchewan. It seems to me that one look at the Province of Manitoba, the only NDP government in this country, would illustrate what kind of deficit it has created.

Mr. Rossi: That has nothing to do with jobs.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Rompkey) made a very thoughtful speech and covered several areas of interest to the Government. Actually he was very complimentary to the Government in several ways. He made reference to devastation that he suggests will come as a result of the belt-tightening that we are doing with the complete mandate of the Canadian people. Could he give us any idea whether or not he feels the devastation that he predicts will be anything comparable to the devastation which his Party suffered on September 4?

Mr. Rompkey: Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member wants to rest safe and assure the seat he has in the security of the Government, he can do that. But there is another election