

buy one? They cannot afford any right now, but that is not marrow either. That is also fat. The fat of the land is something we only dream about these days in the Province of Newfoundland.

When I say that this Government's economic scalpel has cut right to the bone marrow in the Province of Newfoundland, what I mean is that Newfoundlanders are beginning to lose hope. They are being swept up in a tide of cynicism, anger, frustration and hopelessness. Yes, Mr. Speaker, they are becoming convinced that they are the human disposables in a society being crafted by a Government that bows down before the altar of market forces, in a world that must conform to the theology of user pay and to a throw away society. There is nothing so tragic as a people without hope.

There can be no greater waste anywhere in our society than in a young mind afflicted with the curse of cynicism. There are too many tragic people in my province. There are too many good young minds that have been poisoned by the frustration and anger that comes with cynicism.

You know the cynic, Mr. Speaker. Every Member in this House recognizes a cynic when he sees one. He is the young man or young woman who does not trust anybody, the person who believes that nothing he or she can do will change anything, the person who believes that everyone is out for himself or herself. The cynic is seduced by the option of coping out, seduced by the option of sitting on the sidelines and condemning all of those who would attempt to chart their own course and who attempts to fasten the fabric of society in which they live.

The message of the Government is to cut, cut and cut some more. If you are patient enough, if you bow down before the altar of market forces and believe in the philosophy of user pay, one day down the road, somewhere, God knows when, it will all be all right, you simply have to have faith.

As this Government begs for faith, the ranks of the cynics are swelling and we are losing the most important resource this country possesses, the good young minds, the heart and soul of the country, which is eating itself in frustration and anger in a sense of hopelessness.

I say to the Government, as has been said to the Government by the Conservative, same stripe Premier of Nova Scotia, by the Conservative same stripe Premier of Newfoundland, by the Conservative same stripe Premier of Prince Edward Island, by the Conservative same stripe Premier of New Brunswick, by opposition leaders in all four of those provinces and by the Atlantic Provinces Chambers of Commerce, the Transportation Commission, and Economic Council, indeed the voice of the people of Atlantic Canada, that this policy is not going to work.

The people of Atlantic Canada unquestionably would prefer to live in a society where they would not need to have a hand-out, and would unquestionably prefer to be giving, contributing to the pot that sits at the centre of the country, not depending upon the wealth of those elsewhere. Until that day arrives, until we find in a very complex and difficult world, a

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changing world, the kind of solution that allows us to make the contribution we want to make to the nation as a whole, do not in the name of some ideological political philosophical doctrinaire position about the market-place take away from Atlantic Canada the underpinning of our economy, socially and economically. Do not say to our young people, those who just want a chance to have the dignity of a job and the dignity of a paycheque, that they are part of a disposable society. That is the greater tragedy being inflicted upon Atlantic Canada with the economic measures of this administration.

I give way in the hope that my colleague the Hon. Member for Westmorland-Kent (Mr. Robichaud) will be able to add his voice to this debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Are there questions or comments? Resuming debate.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, on the last point made by the Hon. Member for Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe (Mr. Tobin) I will speak for only 10 minutes and allow the remainder of the time to go to one of our colleagues.

I rise in this debate not as someone new speaking on opposition days with concern about Atlantic Canada because when the previous Liberal Government was in power our caucus was making exactly the same kind of resolution in the House. Many of the items I will speak about relating to Government neglect, taxation policies and the way the Government's actions have impacted on the people of Atlantic Canada are the same types of things that I was saying four years ago in a similar debate.

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The problems in Atlantic Canada are not new. Historically they have not been caused by any one Government. However, the people of that region are legitimately concerned about them. Their concerns have been expressed in the House over a number of years. The people of the region have every reason to expect that the Government will not neglect or continue to neglect their problems. They have every reason to expect that we, as a Parliament, will actually deal with some of the proposals.

It is with that in mind that I wrote to the chairperson of the Standing Committee on Regional Development. I asked for that committee to travel to Atlantic Canada to take a look at what was happening. I indicated that we could use another in-depth study of the area. I suggested that if the committee did not have the time to tour all Atlantic Canada, it could use the very tragic situation of Cape Breton as a study model. I hope Hon. Members of all three Parties support that committee spending time to consider the situation and to make an extensive tour of the Cape Breton area. Other colleagues in my caucus have written to the same committee asking for an in-depth study, so that the people of the region could make presentations. I hope the committee will take the opportunity to visit there and to conduct a very intensive study.

I have visited Atlantic Canada a number of times in the last three months. For that matter, I have made three trips in the