

Oral Questions

Mr. Axworthy: Lots of results.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): If there is indeed a threat to existing Canadian markets in Saudi Arabia we will do that again with regard to existing Canadian markets. But I make the point that what needs to be broken here is the cycle of subsidy which has grown up over so many years.

Mr. Deans: What about now?

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): There is some chance now that it can be broken. That is the best hope for Canadian farmers, and this Government has taken the lead in bringing that matter to international economic councils.

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[Translation]

SHIPYARDS

VISIT TO OTTAWA BY SOREL REGION PEOPLE REQUESTING WORK

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I wish the Prime Minister would answer the question instead of asking the Minister to reply for him. Mr. Prime Minister, today 2,000 Sorel area residents are here begging for work. A month ago it was people from the Montreal area, and six months earlier it was people from the Quebec City area. Does the Prime Minister find it normal that Quebec residents should have to come here seeking justice, begging for work and asking for jobs in Quebec shipyards?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can see why the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie was booed outside the House by Marine Industries Limited workers. Now we understand why. He thinks Quebecers are beggars. Quebecers are not beggars, they are very proud individuals. In fact 630,000 Canadians found jobs since this Government was sworn in. And there will be many more, including Marine Industries workers who have been seriously harmed by the unkept promises of the Liberals. The Conservatives will honour their promises.

REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER MEET PEOPLE FROM SOREL

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, it is scandalous and demoralizing to see how far the bush-league Prime Minister can stoop. If the Prime Minister is not totally spineless after closing down Schefferville, let him show he has the courage to join me outside and address those 2,000 men. Will the Prime Minister meet with these people and promise them jobs? Yes or no?

Hon. André Bissonnette (Minister of State (Small Businesses)): I did go outside!

Mr. Speaker: Order! Order!

Mr. Bissonnette: Mr. Speaker, I did go outside and say that the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie was a liar. I said that the only one here in Ottawa who spoke about shutdowns is the Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie. Other than the Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie, nobody here in Ottawa has been talking about closing down the shipyards.

[English]

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. Members are complaining about language heard on the other side, expecting the Chair to be able to hear it despite the fact that side is making so much noise the Chair cannot hear it.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I think I heard through the noise the Hon. Minister refer to the Hon. Member for Sainte Marie—

[Translation]

—as being a liar. If he said that he must withdraw the word.

Mr. Bissonnette: Mr. Speaker, I said—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: No. Order, please. The Hon. Minister will please resume his seat.

Mr. Nunziata: Bounce him.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for York South—Weston will please keep in his seat.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Wednesdays are always my favourite day.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Minister knows that if he has said that he must withdraw it and do nothing but that. I must hear that, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Bissonnette: I withdraw the word, Mr. Speaker.