

Adjournment Debate

with a \$35 billion deficit, accumulated as a result of the wasteful spending, mismanagement and a total disregard of the taxpayers of the country by the previous Government. Economic recovery in Canada will be achieved evenly, from one end of the country to the other.

The distinguished former Minister knows very well what is going on in Montreal. He knows the role which is being played by Crown corporations. Air Canada, for example, has 40 per cent of its total workforce in Quebec, mostly in Montreal, and it injects close to \$800 million in salaries.

The Government's intention is well known. It has no concept whatsoever of interfering with the very prominent role which is played by large active Crown corporations in the continuing development of the City of Montreal.

Montreal is one of the world's great ports. Last year it set records and this year it will set more records. What supports that? What are we doing to make the Hon. Member so upset? The Hon. Member is very much aware of the former Government's intention to remove Transport Canada's Transportation Development Centre. That was kept in Montreal by the

actions of the present Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) and the former Government under the leadership of the Right Hon. Joe Clark. They kept it there because we are concerned about Montreal.

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With respect to the Hon. Member's very specific question, he knows that the development centre will not create new jobs. It will simply be a method of transferring jobs from one centre to another. It will not have the thrust that the Hon. Member is seeking. There is no intention, Mr. Speaker, on the part of this Government to be other than most attentive to the aspirations and hopes of the cities of Montreal, Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m. pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

The House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.