

*Economic Development*

I ask the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre, does he understand point number one before I move on to point number two?

**Mr. Wilson:** Two?

**Mr. Simmons:** There are only two. I have said them twice. I say for the benefit of the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre, as I have given up on the hon. member for Burlington (Mr. Kempling) who is about to give up on himself, I believe—

**Mr. Kempling:** The golden age of b.s.

**Mr. Simmons:** The second point, for the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre—

**Mr. Wilson:** You have not completed the first one.

**Mr. Simmons:** Why is their heart not in it? Why are they going through the motions? The stomach has gone out of them; their heart is not in it. They cannot even get up for the fight any more. They are still living the night before February 18. They cannot accept what is the case. This is July. This government has been in power for a number of months, but they are still living in the past. They are still wishing their lives away. I finally said something the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre understands.

The hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) is gone. I had hoped to have a few words with him.

**An hon. Member:** You are driving us out of here.

**Mr. Simmons:** We are going to drive a lot more of you out of here next election day. In the meantime, stick around.

**An hon. Member:** Come to Burnaby.

**Mr. Simmons:** If that's an invitation, I will work on it. My good friend for Etobicoke Centre is still having trouble getting beyond one. Two comes next, then three. I will talk to the hon. member later about the rest of it. A few moments ago the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain, and I hope he is within hearing distance of my voice, attempted to rouse himself, to bring himself up for the occasion. He tried to give an example. What did he do? He dragged out good old tourism, good old motherhood. What did he say? With expanded chest and full height, he stood up and said, "We have not yet really explored all our potential in the tourist industry." Isn't that brilliant? Isn't that something new and novel? Should he not rush out and have it copyrighted? "We have not exhausted our potential in the tourist industry." That is clear evidence of our failure on this side, that we have not gone out and done all that we could do in the tourist industry.

The hon. member rested his case on that. That is our sin, that we have not done all the job yet, that we are only getting on with it. We have not done it all. That is the indictment he hurls our way. That was the most vile thing he could say about us over here, that we have not completely exhausted all the avenues in terms of tourism.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Simmons:** They are happy tonight, Mr. Speaker. They look at me. They should be happy, their leader is not here. They are reasonably happy.

**Mr. Kempling:** Where is Trudeau? Where is MacEachen? Where is Gray? Where are all the economic brains?

**Mr. Simmons:** I do wish, Mr. Speaker—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Simmons:** As soon as they are ready. We have all the time in the world. I do wish the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain were here because I want to respond to a couple of the points he made. At one point he lamented the fact that this debate on economic development should be taking place on an opposition motion. I happen to agree with him there. It is unfortunate that the only time we hear a debate in this House—I say, "debate" as opposed to statements—is on a motion such as this about economic development. And why? That is what I ask myself every day during the question period when I sit here and watch, and watch—

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**Miss MacDonald:** And watch?

**Mr. Simmons:** —and watch!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Simmons:** The hon. member for Kingston and the Islands is trying desperately but not very successfully to make cheap political points. She does not even do that very well. Where is all her concern for economic development, then? Where is the concern of the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain? If they want to talk about economic development, let them raise some of these matters in the question period or inject it in any number of debates, for instance, on Bill C-30, the borrowing bill, or in discussion of Bill C-3. There are lots of opportunities.

Opposition speakers tell us tonight that the only time we can talk about economic affairs is on an opposition motion. That may well be the case because in very real measure it is the opposition in this House, as in any other, which to a large degree sets the tone and content of the debates. If they choose during the question period to attempt to make cheap political points, that is their problem rather than ours. We have a number of answers for them. We do not have them all, but we are working on those.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Simmons:** We have a number of the answers but they are afraid to ask the questions.

According to the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain, if I may quote him, "It is time to say we need no more tinkering with the economy". This is a welcome announcement. I was glad to hear an NDP spokesman tell us we needed no more