

West Coast Ports Operations Act

years of service. When a company decides, as the Iron Ore Company of Canada did, to take all the profits that it has made, all the benefits it has received from Canada, and move it away to another part of the world and set up a new operation, when the President of that company finally makes his decision to close it down and disrupt an entire community and throw people out of work—a President, incidentally, who may well be a leadership candidate for the Tory Party—when he decides to do those kinds of things, I do not hear screams and shouts from the backbenches of the Conservative Party demanding equity and fairness for the employees, demanding that the company be forced to live up to its obligations to Canada and to its employees. When International Nickel rapes an entire community for years and takes money off to South America and other places, money made in Canada, and then cuts the prices which normally would be received by the Canadian operation, and then gradually reduces the work force by 25 per cent, 30 per cent, 35 per cent and 40 per cent over time to the point where it will shut down totally, I do not hear the Tories or the Liberals standing up and saying: “By God, we expect that company to live up to its obligations and provide employment for those people and safeguard those communities.” But when some employees, acting in their own best interests, decide that they must withdraw their services, the economic consequences of which they are prepared to accept, then, by God, the Government and the Tories together are quick on their feet to send them back to work.

I say to the labour critic for the Conservative Party that I would like to see where the Tory Party policies are which say that companies have no right to shut down plants and throw people out of work. I would like to see them talking about the obligation those people who have taken from this country have to put something back into it. I would like to see where the Tory Party's obligation is concerning a guarantee that there will be no dislocation of employment as a result of management decisions taken in the best interests of a few to relocate in another part of the country or the world, this without any concern for the interests of the workers or their communities. No, all I can see is the obscene haste on the part of both these Parties to pick on the working people of Canada constantly as though somehow or other they were there simply to be picked on. I see both of these Parties failing to put in place the proper procedures to encourage collective bargaining, failing to provide the necessary support, which is absolutely fundamental to good collective bargaining. I fail to see the position of the Government and the Conservative Party with regard to the fact that if employers are going to have the right to lay people off, shut things off and close things down in their economic interest, employees concurrently should have the right in their economic interest to decide to withhold their service until they are able to find a reasonable and satisfactory resolution to their dispute. This has not happened.

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I truthfully cannot blame the Tories for not intervening in this dispute in western Canada, but I worry about the haste with which they want to pass the legislation. It is the Govern-

ment that set up the scenario. The Government decided to impose the six and five regime. The Government made the decision that collective bargaining should not work. The Government decided it would say to the employers, “Don't bargain, you do not have to, we will solve it for you”, and that is why we reject it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Caccia) which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 259)

YEAS

Messrs.

Allmand	Campbell	Cyr
Andre	(Cardigan)	Darling
Appolloni (Mrs.)	Carney (Miss)	Daudin
Axworthy	Chénier	Dawson
Bachand	Chrétien	De Bané
Baker	Clark	de Corneille
(Nepean-Carleton)	(Yellowhead)	Demers
Beatty	Clarke	Deniger
Beauchamp-Niquet	(Vancouver Quadra)	Desmarais
(Mrs.)	Coates	Dingwall
Bégin (Miss)	Collenette	Dion
Berger	Comtois	Dionne
Blais	Cook	(Chicoutimi)
Blaker	Cooper	Dionne
Blenkarn	Corbett	(Northumberland-
Bloomfield	Corbin	Miramichi)
Bockstaal	Corriveau	Domn
Bosley	Cosgrove	Dubois
Bossy	Cossitt (Mrs.)	Duclos
Bradley	Côté (Mrs.)	Dupont
Breaud	Cousineau	Dupras
Bujold	Crombie	Duquet
Burghardt	Crosbie	Ellis
Caccia	(St. John's West)	Elzinga
Campbell (Miss)	Crosby	Epp
(South West Nova)	(Halifax West)	Erola (Mrs.)
Campbell	Crouse	Ethier
(LaSalle)	Cullen	Evans