

*The Address—Mr. Nunziata*

scheduled to be built in Drummondville. That location was chosen on the basis that it met certain criteria and on the basis that the new institution would complement the existing institution in Drummondville. That is why the original institution was built where it was, in contemplation of a second phase. However, the Prime Minister decides he has to help the people of Baie Comeau, Port-Cartier, and Manicouagan, the people of his riding, because he made a lot of promises during the election campaign and he has to deliver. So what does he do? He calls the Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) and the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McInnes) and tells them to move the prison to his riding. As if they had not already had enough, he wanted a \$60 million prison built in his riding.

What is the cost to Canadians of this decision to help out the Prime Minister? We know it will cost \$15.8 million more in construction costs. That is a colossal waste of taxpayers' money. That is not the end of it. It will also cost an additional \$3 million a year in operating costs. Where is this Government's sense of economic justice and fairness? To satisfy the Prime Minister, the taxpayers of Canada are being forced to pay an additional \$15.8 million in construction costs and an additional \$3.3 million every year in maintenance costs. The Auditor General is examining that decision and he will be submitting a report to Parliament on October 21. There is no question that he will be severely criticizing the Government for that decision.

**Mr. Malone:** How do you know?

**Mr. Nunziata:** Simple logic tells you, my friend, that if you move a prison in order to satisfy the Prime Minister's wishes at an additional cost of \$15.8 million, the Auditor General is going to be highly critical of that decision.

That again leads me to question the credibility of this Government. It seems to be concerned about the deficit. We on this side of the House recognize that it is important to be fiscally responsible.

**Mr. Malone:** When did you think of that?

**Mr. Nunziata:** Yet the Government is prepared to fritter away \$15.8 million initially and \$3 million annually because of the Prime Minister. Yet does he have the nerve to stand up in the House and answer questions? No, he does not. He does not have the courage or the backbone to stand up and try to defend that decision.

**Mr. Malone:** I rise on a point of order. First, to suggest that any Member of this House lacks courage is unparliamentary and Beauchesne's will show that to be the case. Second, any review of *Hansard* for the past week will show that the Prime Minister has answered questions every day. The Hon. Member says he answered no questions. That kind of misrepresentation ought not to be allowed to stand in *Hansard*.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I do not consider the points raised by the Hon. Member to be points of order.

**Mr. Nunziata:** Mr. Speaker, all I can say to the Hon. Member is *res ipsa loquitur*. I will stack my credibility and integrity against the Prime Minister's any day.

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

**Mr. Nunziata:** Any day, my friend.

**Mr. Malone:** What a mouldy bottom of the stack you would make.

**Mr. Nunziata:** The Prime Minister also indicated in this House, and I know he did not intend—

**Mr. Malone:** You do not deserve to be here.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. We have been doing well for the past week. Let us continue, please.

**Mr. Nunziata:** Mr. Speaker, I know Members opposite are getting a little bit—

**Mr. Malone:** The Hon. Member for Crowfoot.

**Mr. Nunziata:** Indeed, the Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone). They are getting a little bit touchy, but when one starts striking at the truth, the reaction we get is obvious.

**Mr. Malone:** You could not spell "truth" if we gave you the five letters.

**Mr. Nunziata:** All I can say is *res ipsa loquitur*.

The Prime Minister said to this House on Friday that there was a 37 per cent unemployment rate in Port-Cartier. I know he did not intentionally mislead Hon. Members. I know it was a mistake. The unemployment rate in Port-Cartier is not 37 per cent or 38 per cent as the Prime Minister said in this House and elsewhere as the reason for justifying the decision to relocate the prison. The unemployment rate, if he should check the record, is 15.8 per cent. He was either being innocently naive or deliberately dishonest, but I am not going to suggest he was deliberately dishonest because it would not be appropriate to do so.

You are indicating that my time has expired, Mr. Speaker. I would be prepared to answer any questions from my hon. friends and colleagues opposite. The Speech from the Throne leaves something to be desired. As you know, the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner) has moved an amendment to the Throne Speech indicating non-confidence in the Government of Canada. All I can say is that while we may not have the numbers in here to succeed on that particular amendment, I am convinced we have the numbers in the country to defeat this Government.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone) on a question or comment.

**Mr. Malone:** Mr. Speaker, in the Throne Speech the Government indicated its desire and intention to rid this nation