

Sweden the multinational corporations bringing profits home to his country, they could not support the social system which they have. We, on one hand, are being asked by the socialists on our left for all the benefits which we could possibly hope to extent to mankind, while on the other hand they are denying Canadians, by their propaganda, the right to reap some of the benefits of those companies which do business abroad from this country and who contribute in a major way to our society. They cannot have it coming and going; they cannot have their cake and eat it too.

Let us make up our minds whether we want to live within the ability of Canada to sustain us, or whether we want to ignore—as the hon. member for Nickel Belt suggested today—the political and economic realities of Canada, cutting the suit to fit his cloth, which I submit would be a very difficult thing to do.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** It is a lot better than your cloth.

**Mr. McCain:** I should like to add that governments of New Brunswick have had the right to estimate the charges which can be taken from the various resource industries in that area. I submit that the financial records of the pulp and paper industry in that area were taken into consideration as the governments of New Brunswick formulated their policies—whether Liberal or Conservative governments. I submit it ill behooves those who are ignorant of the facts of New Brunswick economics to make statements as irresponsible as those made by the hon. member for Nickel Belt in respect of whether New Brunswick benefits from its natural resources. It benefits because it creates employment and because it encourages development, and if the hon. member for Nickel Belt had not chosen that area as his place of residence, he might better understand some other areas of Canada. I suggest it would behoove him to stick to those things which he knows, rather than to try to speak on a number of Canadian subjects of which he is almost totally ignorant.

I want to compliment not only New Brunswick labour but all facets which make up Canadian society; that is, labour, business and government as represented in this House. Regardless of the workability of the legislation that has been introduced, with all its iniquitous structure we, as Canadians, whether we are in the House of Commons, in the offices of business or members of a union, must take a responsible position toward the long-range business interests of our economy. I plead with those on our left to recognize that there is a point in time beyond which you can go no further. That point has been recognized by the official opposition in its platform and it has been half-recognized by half-hearted legislation on the part of the government. I think this represents the bulk of Canadians, and it is pretty near time for the NDP to take a responsible position. We do not need inciters in Canada today: we need level-headed, clear-thinking realists.

**An hon. Member:** Like the NDP.

**Mr. McCain:** We do not need that anaesthetizing which has apparently taken place among certain people who seem to belong to a particular party in this country which is

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ignorant of the facts of life. They think there is nothing but pie in the sky and all you have to do is reach up, cut it and eat it. It is just not that way, it never has been, and we just cannot make it that way. Let us start exercising responsibility and stop inciting the people of Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Madam Speaker, I have enjoyed listening to some of the speeches tonight, particularly the speech of the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Marchand). His words took me back many years to the days when he was involved with the Catholic Syndicates in Asbestos, and Thetford Mines. I can remember those days when we helped raise money for an industrial union being formed by his colleagues in the Catholic Syndicates. That was a very weak organization at the time, but it had the high principle of establishing a trade union in the area where trade unionism was not developed. We helped them by supplying money in order that they might put up the kind of fight they did over many months. They were eventually able, following the Asbestos and Singer strikes, to establish a union solidarity which enabled them to force the companies into negotiation. This was something that at no time anyone considered possible.

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It was interesting tonight to hear the minister, the same man who has been in the trade union movement since that period of time and who was willing to participate in this debate. He made a very good union-hall speech and I enjoyed listening to him make the same type of speech he made many times before.

**An hon. Member:** The same speech every time.

**Mr. Peters:** Not necessarily quite the same speech. But I would have appreciated it if he had been able to stand in the House and say he was willing to help as a cabinet minister and ensure that the same kind of justice could flow to people such as workers in the pulp and paper industry whose situation is very different to that which existed some years ago. When he belonged to the Syndicate, they went on the other organizations which they established and eventually arrived at the CNTU. The pulp and paper workers of this country decided not too long ago to establish a Canadian union. They had no money but they were well aware of the fact that the companies were making immense profits. In 1972-73 the profits of that industry quadrupled: the profits of the pulp and paper industry went up from \$79 million, after taxes, in 1972 to \$320 million in 1973, and they doubled in 1974 to \$685 million in net profits, after taxes.

What should the Minister of the Environment have been saying to us, as a trade unionist? I will not speak about the Postmaster General (Mr. Mackasey) because he became obsessed—and I feel sorry for him—with being the member of the cabinet to take on the NDP all the time. He used to have more to say that was constructive, and I think that in the terms of trade unionists he would have been expected to speak for the workers in this country. But what did the Minister of the Environment say, remembering that a company that makes a considerable amount of money under the free enterprise system is a company with