

In Newfoundland it has not increased. The job creation in Newfoundland was minus 4,000 last month, while the labour force growth was 2,000—for another 6,000 unemployed. The sorry record of this government goes on and on.

The government should voluntarily resign and get out of power in order to let someone else attempt to do something for the economy that it has ruined. Cabinet ministers are like whirling dervishes. Mr. Speaker, have you ever seen a whirling dervish? I saw them once in the Egyptian Sudan. They stand in one spot and they whirl, whirl and whirl. They keep whirling, whirling and whirling for a long, long time. That is what is happening to cabinet ministers. Canada has had three ministers of finance in the last four years—whirling dervishes! Mr. Turner whirled like a dervish out of the House of Commons. The hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Macdonald) whirled like a dervish out of the House of Commons. My prophecy is that the present Minister of Finance will whirl like a dervish out of the House of Commons in the next year or two when the election comes.

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

**Mr. Crosbie:** The “Shawinigan saviour” will not save his deposit next year when the electorate has a chance to get at him, even with the partial treatment which has been given to businesses and industries in his district. What are our financial, business and economic ministers doing about this tragic situation? What the Minister of Finance is doing is before us in this bill. What is the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Horner) doing about this situation? Well, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is doing everything under the sun but doing his job. He should get down to trying to produce some solutions. The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is blaming Canada’s present condition on everyone but himself and the government. Members might agree that the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is only responsible to some extent because he has been in that portfolio for only six months.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** He has not had the time to muck it up.

**Mr. Crosbie:** He has not had the time to really do a job, so we will not blame him too much. The minister is blaming everyone under the sun. I should like to refer to *Hansard* of November 9, 1977, page 757, which indicates that the hon. member for Crowfoot will have a lot of “crowfoot” to eat after the election next year. In fact, he will have lots of time to eat it. The hon. member for Crowfoot blames everyone but the government for Canada’s present economic situation.

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As hon. members in this chamber realize that the difficult economic times we have in Canada are not caused by the government and they have no relationship to the government? I quote the minister as follows:

We are having these problems partially as a result of the maturing of Third World countries.

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We have to blame the poor Third World countries for the mess our economy is in, according to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Further on the same page the minister is recorded as saying the following:

This high inflationary period was certainly not the fault of this government or the result of its policies.

Six months ago he was saying every day that it was the fault of this government and the result of its policies; but now because he is on the other side of the House it is not the fault of this government. What does the minister think about unemployment? There is not a heavy, high unemployment rate in the minister’s own district out in Alberta. Because of the good PC government in Alberta there is almost full employment there. They are begging people to take jobs out there, so the minister does not have to worry about unemployment.

However, as recorded at page 759 of *Hansard*, the minister was talking about Cape Breton where unemployment is as bad, if not worse, than it is in Newfoundland. I think the rate in Cape Breton is in excess of 30 per cent. People there have been subject to the unemployment tragedy for at least 15 or 20 years, and the history of unemployment goes back even further than that. But I am talking about the latest bout of unemployment for the miners and people of Cape Breton. What sympathy does the minister display for those who are out of work on Cape Breton Island? As recorded at page 759 of *Hansard*, the minister was talking about energy and saying that we have a chance to become self-sufficient. He said:

That should give any Canadian a great deal of hope and confidence. We are slow in developing some of our coal mines. That is one aspect which could be improved.

**MR. BLACKBURN:** Especially in Cape Breton.

**MR. HORNER:** Especially in Cape Breton because of the costs, and I think I should say perhaps because of the inappreciability of the Cape Bretoner for the retention of his job. That is a serious accusation.

The minister himself acknowledged that it was a serious accusation. The minister accused humble mine workers of Cape Breton of being wastrels, sluggards, job-avoiders and welfare-seekers. He said that they do not appreciate retaining their jobs; that they “inappreciate”. I have not heard that word before, but it is clear what the minister meant. He meant that Cape Bretoners do not appreciate working; that they do not appreciate jobs; that they “inappreciate” them.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** A “Hornerism”!

**Mr. Crosbie:** According to the minister, it is the fault of the Cape Breton miner that he is unemployed. I hope the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen), who also represents that area, will confirm that this is indeed the government’s analysis of the situation in Cape Breton and that it is the fault of Cape Breton miners themselves that they are unemployed because they do not want jobs and that they “inappreciate” them. I hope the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will have the good sense to come to this House, get down on his hands and knees before hon. members from Cape Breton and apologize for that insult to the people who live there.