

public meeting, "I wish DREE would get on with the job so that we could look after the problems in the other part of the province." I suggest the hon. member was referring to that situation, when talking about the province of New Brunswick having two capitals—Fredericton for the south of the province, and Ottawa for the north. The people of New Brunswick can no longer tolerate that situation.

The hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) in his usual, rambling way, spoke of DREE balkanizing the country. He forgot completely that this country was balkanized economically long before DREE was established. He spoke about the department taking an equity position in DREE assisted companies. Has the hon. member any idea at all of the increase which would be needed in the department's manpower if departmental representatives were to sit on every board of directors of DREE assisted companies and help in the making of the many corporate decisions which must be made? The hon. member's statement was absolutely silly. I am sure also, and I am still dealing with his speech, that the people of New Brunswick will be happy to know that he considers all statements coming from New Brunswick to be stupid. At least that is what he said. But that statement is probably indicative of the poor showing his party traditionally makes in New Brunswick elections.

Hon. members opposite suggested in this House that the minister and the department do not listen to the advice of provincial and regional authorities. I want to lay that spurious charge to rest, too, Mr. Speaker, because the record in New Brunswick is sorry indeed. The consequences have been unfortunate when the department has listened to the incompetent advice of the Tory provincial administration in that province. I refer to Bricklin, Brunswick Mills, Fleming and Gibson, Venus Electric, Cirtex, and a whole host of other companies which could be mentioned, all of them provincially incorporated.

In fact Bricklin was the dream child of our premier and a fly-by-night boy from south of the border. What happened? Mr. Speaker, \$21 million of public money went down the tube, down the drain, with nothing to show for it except a couple of cars of a type no longer made, stashed in some political friend's garage across the river from Fredericton. That is the result of advice DREE accepted from the province in good faith. The department was led down the garden path.

Brunswick Mills was set up to saw 100 million board feet of lumber. A so-called expert was brought in from another part of the country to run the mill. But the 100 million board feet of lumber were not there to be sawed.

The case of Fleming and Gibson is another specific example of the department of natural resources in New Brunswick having absolutely no idea of the resources potential of the forests of New Brunswick. A mill was set up, under a company which had formerly managed its affairs well, to saw 37 million board feet of lumber. DREE readily agreed to give that company assistance. Unfortunately, only between 12 million and 15 million board feet of lumber were available to support the mill. What happened? The company is in receivership and DREE, of course, has lost the money.

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Members of the Tory party opposite said repeatedly this afternoon that the minister does not listen to provincial authorities. I say to him, he had better not listen to some of them as much as he has in the past, or the department will be ruined with poor advice. It is not the minister's job to go to the forests of New Brunswick or any other province, to determine what resources exist there. That is the responsibility of the province to determine. And what is the province doing which is supposed to take this responsibility?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being ten o'clock it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Section (11) of Standing Order 58, the proceedings on the motion of the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald) have expired.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

URBAN AFFAIRS—GRANVILLE ISLAND, VANCOUVER—FUTURE OF PROPERTY AND PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Minister of State for Urban Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) a question concerning the expenditures of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on the area known as Granville Island in the city of Vancouver. I asked what is the federal government's policy concerning the future of this property and what is the purpose of the proposed expenditure? Those are two clear inquiries in one question. Unfortunately the minister's answer was not clear. He gave, as those who have come to know him have learned to expect, a typical non-answer. He said that this is a demonstration project which has already given excellent results and which involves an important part of Vancouver. He said this project has been under way for a certain number of years and it is now about to be completed.

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The words "demonstration project" have been used in the past. They certainly imply to me the use of housing. However, I can assure the House there is no housing involved in the Granville Island project. As to it being an important part of Vancouver, I certainly agree. It is still a major industrial site downtown in the city of Vancouver. Perhaps the minister was referring to the fact it lies in the constituency of his colleague, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford). I am not certain about that.

The minister says it has been under way for a certain number of years and it is now about to be completed, but he