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Mr. McMillan: What is the record? Give me one example.

Mr. Waddell: The Hon. Member wants an example. Look at the growth record which he gave for Atlantic Canada and the economic problems which exist. The fact is that regional policies have not worked very well in Atlantic Canada.

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Mr. McMillan: Give me one example of patronage.

Mr. Waddell: If the Hon. Member does not know one example of patronage in Atlantic Canada, he should go to the region during an election campaign. The last time I was in Nova Scotia during an election, it was getting very hot in the car because they were paving the highway beneath us. They paved it into the Hon. Member's riding because they wanted him to win.

With reference to the Hon. Member's motion, I would like to comment on federal-provincial co-operation. One of the great things which Atlantic Canada needs is capital inflow. What exists there is capital outflow. Nova Scotians, I am told, save much money. A lot of them, being of Scottish background like my ancestors and myself, are great savers. Much of the money that is invested in savings goes out of the Atlantic provinces. If we want real regional economic development, we must find ways of putting money into the Atlantic provinces.

Instead of talking about DREE and DRIE and debating what is happening in their particular programs, we should focus on putting money into the region. That means looking at the banks. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien) talked about that. He spoke about decentralizing the banks. He only touched on it, he did not go into that idea very much. I do not think it is enough to speak only of regional offices and banks. We should be talking about taking over public ownership of at least one of the major charter banks in Canada. Then we should direct that money toward those regions and toward the small-businessmen. That would be a change in economic development. That would be a really different regional economic development program.

Mr. Crosbie: A real Canadair that would be.

Mr. Waddell: Well, I suggest to the Hon. Member that when we consider the record in Atlantic Canada by both Conservative and Liberal Governments, we see what has happened since Confederation, and we see the outflow of brains and capital, it may be better to consider taking a more radical approach toward the area.

I would like to quote some remarks which were made at a regional meeting in New Glasgow by Mr. Jim Mayne, the NDP Leader in Prince Edward Island, Mr. Peter Fenwick of Newfoundland and Labrador, George Little of New Brunswick and Alexa McDonough of Nova Scotia. They issued a statement about economic development in Atlantic Canada and I would like to read parts of that statement. They indicated—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I am afraid the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) may find the present occupant of the chair rather obnoxious this morning because I have had to call him to order on a number of occasions. There is a rule regarding quotations in the House of Commons. The Hon. Member may, of course, want to quote and cite the source of his quote, but persons outside of the House are not part of the debate in the House. If the Hon. Member chooses to quote those comments that he has alluded to, he should make those quotations his own words. I should caution him about that.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, you will note that I do not give my speeches out of a departmental memo, as Ministers do and then read them. I am incorporating, as part of my speech, some remarks and ideas made by people from Atlantic Canada. As I do so, I do so indirectly, and I will do that.

The idea which has been advanced is that the federal Government has given up the pretence of stimulating economic development in Atlantic Canada as a federal priority. It has done this by dismantling DREE. I said that at the beginning of my speech. The difference between DREE and DRIE is that DRIE will stimulate more money for central Canada.

The people of Atlantic Canada deserve better than that. We require co-operation in Atlantic Canada in a completely different way. We must focus on different sectors of the area. That is the key which I have come to understand in western Canada. That is our key to economic growth. I think we should be focusing on the strengths of Atlantic Canada—on energy, shipbuilding, transportation and getting some manufacturing of primary resources into Atlantic Canada.

I would like to focus on shipbuilding. Shipbuilding has been our proudest tradition in Canada, and certainly in Atlantic Canada. If we carried more Canadian goods and required that more Canadian goods be shipped on Canadian-built ships, we could develop our shipbuilding industry. Offshore development will help the shipbuilding industry, but we must have a commitment and certain requirements that goods be purchased in Atlantic Canada and that shipbuilding be developed there. This country has been lacking a comprehensive shipping and shipbuilding policy. That is one area on which we could focus that would help Atlantic Canada.

With respect to transportation, if we want to develop the region, it seems to me that there must be a strong co-operative approach on the part of the Atlantic provincial governments to oppose any move to erode the Maritime Freight Rates Act. In my view it is their historic right under Confederation to have that assistance. It is of immense importance. It will maintain jobs and economic development in Atlantic Canada.

I have already made reference to the fisheries. I think it is scandalous that the Minister bragged about the money which is provided to East Coast fisheries, when \$70 million of \$90 million went to bail out the Bank of Nova Scotia. It is the same story—patronage, bail-outs, and the lack of dealing with the issue at root in Atlantic Canada. Energy is another area