

The Address—Mr. W. MacDonald

fisheries policy which will maintain Canada's position as the number one fishing country in the world. I look forward with great confidence to expansion of the fisheries industry and more year-round employment for our processors and fishermen.

I am also pleased that this House will be attempting to create a favourable business climate in Canada. This is important to all industries in Canada, but it is especially important to small business in this country. In my riding of Cardigan small businessmen include not just farmers and fishermen but also restaurant owners, tourism operators, small shop proprietors, and the list goes on. Not only are small businessmen the backbone of our economy but they also represent and embody the spirit of free enterprise which makes Canada great. It is important that this Parliament formulate policy which will permit businessmen to plan and to expand their operations.

Another important concern of small businessmen in my riding and, I am sure, in other rural parts of Canada is the need for improved transportation systems. If the potato, fishery and tourist industries of Prince Edward Island are to remain viable, our railway and ferry systems must be upgraded. I need not remind hon. members of this House that our railway system was originally planned by the Fathers of Confederation as a tool to assure equal development of Canada's regions. This development is not yet fully realized in Atlantic Canada. The railway is the most efficient means of transporting goods from our province and within our country, and it needs our attention.

We look to the development of alternate energy not only as a means of creating energy but also as a rejuvenation of the forestry industry in Prince Edward Island. An increase in harvesting of our forests, followed by an intensive reforestation program, will result in increased employment and a revitalization of the whole industry.

Finally, the subject of energy is especially important to my riding. My constituents are almost totally dependent on oil for energy and have the highest electricity rates in Canada. It is not important just that we find new sources of oil but equally important that we develop reusable sources of energy which will carry us into the next century. Efficient energy systems are the key to our economic well-being in the decade ahead, as they are to all Canadians. We in Prince Edward Island have the potential for many forms of alternate energy such as wind, solar and wood power. We all recognize that there is no simple solution to energy problems and that this has caused a great deal of concern to all Canadians. I believe that part of the solution lies in the alternate energy field.

We new members of this House, members of the new generation of members of Parliament, have each come as individual representatives of our ridings to this historic chamber to help bring leadership to this nation. We are all proud to be here, determined to continue the development of this coun-

try and determined to face the future with confidence. I sense that there is also a determination to keep this nation united and strong. I am sure that is shared by all in this chamber.

I sense also a determination to restructure some of the proceedings of this Parliament. We are not here for glory or honour alone. Neither are we here to waste our time or the time of this Parliament. We come to work with those who have been here before us so that together this Thirty-first Parliament can move forward, providing solutions to the problems which confront us, and as it moves into history we can all be justifiably proud that we were part of it.

I believe that individual Canadians everywhere look to this Parliament for leadership and a sense of direction so that together we can formulate policies to improve the economic, social and spiritual well-being of our citizens as we move forward into the next decade.

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I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, on again being elected Speaker of the House. Your impartiality and guidance are well known to everyone. I wish to thank you for your kindness and patience, as well as to thank hon. members.

Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to second the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne moved by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz).

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz) and seconded by the hon. member for Cardigan (Mr. MacDonald). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

[Translation]

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I move that the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. Speaker: Is the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

Hon. Walter Baker (President of the Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(2).

The House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.