

*The Budget—Mr. Fontaine*

largest was in my riding. I refer to the proposed Pickering airport site.

It is with regard to that land and a very valid recommendation that the Hon. Member made that I would like to follow up. He suggested that we consider closing Downsview and that we consider moving the Armed Forces base to Barrie. We have heard the comment that the base has to be in the Toronto area.

What I would like to propose to the Hon. Member and what I would like his thoughts on is this: we have a substantial federal landholding in my riding. We do not have a housing problem in my riding in that we are building lots of them. We could possibly move the Downsview base to the airport land in my riding. However, in closing down the airport, the Hon. Member suggested that we use some of that revenue to help the bases across Canada. I have some sympathy for that proposal.

Would the Hon. Member be willing to go even further? His area has the housing crisis, which crisis is created by people wanting to move to Toronto for real jobs. Would he be willing to recommend to de Havilland that it move to Prince Edward Island or to Portage—Interlake to create jobs in the regions of Canada, real jobs that would encourage people in the regions to stay where they are? That would help the Hon. Member's housing crisis. It would help the job problem. It would help the Government's problem in keeping the Canadian Forces Base in the Toronto area.

**Mr. Kaplan:** Mr. Speaker, we have an extremely prosperous economy in the Toronto area. It is dynamic and very viable. I would certainly like to encourage de Havilland, which is now owned by Boeing of the United States, to expand its activities across the country. I was very pleased to see Magna International, an important Toronto company, respond to economic opportunities offered in Cape Breton Island. It created jobs there and a technical infrastructure that I know will have a lot of good spin-off effects. I would certainly encourage the Government to offer the kinds of programs in Prince Edward Island that it has offered in Cape Breton. They are programs that talk to the private sector.

However, I do not view the Summerside military operation in the same way that the Hon. Member views it. He seemed to suggest that a job at de Havilland is a real job—that is his expression. I took from what he said

that he meant that a job working for the Department of National Defence at Summerside is not a real job. It is a real job. It is an important job.

I think the mandate that the military base at Summerside has is a mandate that is relevant to its location. It does search and rescue and North Atlantic patrol. What could be more appropriate for a base that is located in Prince Edward Island?

The Hon. Member should think again, and so should a lot of Conservatives, about the proposal that jobs in the private sector are the real jobs and that jobs in the public sector are not. That just does not wash. That is not the way this country is.

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**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Resuming debate. The Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine).

**Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy to comment today on the Minister of Finance's Budget Speech.

The Budget Speech describes services the Government of Canada wants to make available to Canadians, as well as the revenues necessary to pay for their distribution. For years, the Government has made services available to Canadians but Trudeau, who called himself a Liberal although, deep down inside, he was an idealist and a socialist, did it for 20 years with the co-operation of both Opposition parties—For 20 years, we gave to Canadians, we offered them services and at every election we increased the promises for the services to be provided in future, but by borrowing from people who, when the promises were made, did not pay, were not even born or in some cases from teen-agers who today, tomorrow, and 30 years from now will still have to pay for the debts of the Liberals, supported by the socialists.

Those debts, Mr. Speaker, amount to \$320 billion. That was the key point in drawing up our budget speech. How can you live with a \$320-billion debt? How can you live with interest costing Canadians \$3 million an hour or \$80 million a day? How can you live with interest costing every Canadian \$1,300 a year or a family \$5,000 a year? That is the cost for every family in Canada—\$5,000. It costs every Canadian family \$400 a month to pay the interest on the services provided by the Liberal Government, in alliance with the socialists, over the last 20 years, just to get elected every four years!