

One cannot help asking this question when he considers some of the actions that have been taken by this government under the personal supervision of the Prime Minister, during the last two years in particular, with regard to the important question of national unity.

Mr. Speaker, I suppose I should say a word or two about agriculture because, after all, Rosthern constituency is one of the great agricultural areas of Canada. I am always proud to be able to say a word on this subject because Rosthern was one of the first constituencies to bring the grain championship of the world to Canada. The late Dr. Seager Wheeler did it three times in a row many years ago.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Nasserden: Rosthern constituency also had another tradition, which was that it was a Liberal fortress from the time it was first formed until 1958. One of the astounding things that I find in my riding at the present time is that the really good Liberals will not work for the Liberal party today. They are fed up with the leadership of the Liberal party today; they are fed up with the type of government we have had in Canada during the last two and a half or three years. One did not have to go around Rosthern constituency or Saskatchewan to tell them that. All they had to do was look at the sorry record of this government during the two and a half years preceding the election campaign, and there it was evident to them. Page by page there is a record unequalled in the entire history of this country in the example set by those who sit on the treasury benches and in the front row of those benches.

It does not give us in Rosthern constituency great encouragement to see the same old tired faces back there on the treasury benches again.

Mr. Laing: Careful now.

Mr. Nasserden: I must say, Mr. Speaker, that there is one exception and it is the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Laing). We like to look at his face. I would say that the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources could make himself even more popular if he would realize the great tourist potential that exists today in the province of Saskatchewan and if he did much more than his government has yet done in this regard in that province.

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I remember, sir, the minister saying at one time that he thought he should have visited my riding during the election campaign. I would welcome him coming to my riding at any time, and assure him that we can show him the great potential that exists in the tourist industry in the province of Saskatchewan.

• (8:50 p.m.)

I should like to congratulate the Prime Minister on the fact he appointed, as Minister of Agriculture, a man of the soil, a man with a grasp of these problems that are so near to the men and women who pioneered this country. I say to hon. members on the treasury benches that they should listen to this man. He went to western Canada and grasped some of the needs that existed there. Surely he should get a hearing from hon. gentlemen on the treasury benches on these important matters. I hope he does.

However, I notice the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin) taking off his glasses and bowing his head. This distresses me because he was an agricultural expert. I wonder if he may be jealous of the new Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Greene) and the pronouncements he has made in western Canada. I will confide in you, Mr. Speaker, and say that the new Minister of Agriculture has come a lot closer to understanding the needs of western Canada in relation to agricultural matters than did the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

I recall hon. gentlemen opposite putting into their literature a statement to the effect they were going to do something about unemployment insurance for farm labour. This promise is so old and so shop-worn that no one in western Canada or anywhere in Canada believes the government is going to do anything about it. I challenge hon. gentlemen opposite to put something on the statute books in that regard which will give some hope to the farm population in this country. Farmers cannot hire labour because they have not got any stamps to give these people. This is one of the things the government should do, and I am sure the Secretary of State for External Affairs realizes this.

I have had a number of letters from my riding asking if we could find farm labour anywhere in Canada or anywhere in the world. I plead with the government tonight, and I say this most sincerely, to develop an immigration policy that will bring to Canada men and women who are willing to take their