

firm is creating in Kingston. Frankly, down in Newfoundland we do not give a damn if it is owned by the Martians as long as it creates jobs for Newfoundlanders and Canadians. We do not care if it is owned by the Afghanistanis. We don't care if it is owned by the Martines, or the Martons, or the Crosbies—in fact, we would prefer it to be owned by the Crosbies. It does not matter to us, we are impartial. If I had any sense I would be owning something and not up here working and slaving until 2.30 in the morning. In fact, if I get any offers that would set me up I would be gone like a flash.

Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): How about a nickel, John?

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It is my belief that the privileges of all Members have been abused when the Minister for International Trade takes advantage of the television cameras and the 10 people who are watching today to make an appeal to do some useful work, because we all know that the work he has been doing for the last number of years has been useless. This is a terrible abuse of the parliamentary channel. I would hope that he would tell us how the free trade deal will help—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Minister for International Trade.

Mr. Crosbie: That Hon. Member's future has always been well behind him. He is enjoying his last session in the House. Why did he get re-elected?

Mr. Tobin: With a bigger majority than Crosbie.

Mr. Crosbie: Because I slaved for his district. I improved Deer Lake Airport. I was a fool. There was a new terminal building at Deer Lake Airport, a \$17 million harbour improvement at Corner Brook, tens of millions for the Kruger mill in Corner Brook. There were improvements at the airport in Stephenville, and on and on it went. What happened? Well, we see the results of how things went wrong. We are only interested in doing good for the people of Canada, no matter who they have representing them.

Let us look at a larger firm. I want to look at Nova Scotia based National Sea Products.

Miss Clancy: Yes, let's look at that.

Mr. Crosbie: Oh, the Liberals hate success. They hate success. Our Premier is well sprung.

Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Would you articulate on that a little, please?

Mr. Crosbie: I am not going any further, Mr. Speaker.

Earlier this month Mr. Gordon Cummings estimated that 400 new jobs will be created at National Sea Products because of the Free Trade Agreement. He stated: "The seafood industry now will do more secondary processing in Canada. Instead of taking a fillet of fish, putting it in a 16 1/2 pound frozen block, sending it to the United States and processing it there, we'll be able to do that here in Atlantic Canada".

We have had one example of a small business, and now this is an example of a traditional resource industry expanding in Canada because of free trade. It has a \$2 million production line on the floor in Lunenburg which, as a result of our success in the election, will now go into operation creating another 35 or 40 additional jobs in National Sea Products in the next few months because of the fact that the people of Canada supported us in the election.

Let us look at one larger enterprise, Du Pont, a giant chemical company. Next, I am going to hear: "Who owns Du Pont?" Is it American-owned or controlled, or Canadian-owned or controlled, or is it Italian—does Luigi own it? Frankly, I do not care who owns it. I would prefer it to be Canadian-owned, but if it goes on doing what it is doing now, and doing what it promised it will do, it has a very warm spot in my heart.

What is this giant chemical company planning to do? It has stated that capital spending in Canada for 1989 will be \$150 million, an increase of 50 per cent over this year. Why is it doing this? Its President, Ted Newall, on December 2 stated: "This is designed to help us capture the opportunities provided by free trade with the United States . . . The end to uncertainty about free trade gives us the opportunity to pursue our corporate strategy more vigorously. Export sales will more than double from the 1987 level, approaching \$500 million by 1991. Our strategy is to invest in businesses that can serve the full North American market and that can now, or soon, become competitive with the best in the world".

This is one of the so-called branch plant companies that members of the New Democratic Party kick and thrash around about. They don't mind the old branch plants in Windsor; no, Sir. They don't mind the branch plants in Oshawa. I have not heard the Leader of the New Democratic Party rise and kick the bejabbbers out of General Motors that has put billions and billions of