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the Liberal Party, that we begin to realize and recognize what is going on.

But the Member for Mississauga North has come to the end of the line because people are starting to turn on PetroCan, starting to realize what is going on, starting to investigate, starting to circulate stories. I will tell him a few of them right now before he goes home for supper.

Go down to the Strait of Canso, in the home territory of the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen), and find out what PetroCan is doing. They have an operation, a shore site, from which they carry on their business. At the request, I think, of someone from the Liberal Party they moved that a few miles down the road. Why? They wanted to escape organized labour. The great supporters of the labour movement in Canada, the Liberal Party, wanted to escape the collective bargaining process, so they moved their plant out of an area in which there was an organized labour group—

Some Hon. Members: Shame, shame.

Mr. Crosby: —to an area where there was no organized group. They made a contract with a Liberal friend, a person who runs a construction company, well known across Nova Scotia as a Liberal Party supporter, the President of Nova Construction Company, and they made a deal with him to supply the labour force. It was at rates of pay much lower than those demanded by the unionized labour force. That is the kind of thing PetroCan does.

What does the Member for Mississauga North have to say about that? He is leaving the Chamber, but before he goes let me ask the Member through you, Mr. Speaker, why Petro-Canada, in the interest of all Canadians trying to support the Canadian economy and develop our industries, petroleum and manufacturing, when it needed containers for its operation, went to Europe to buy the containers, when right in the place where the containers had to be landed, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, there is a container manufacturing plant. Why did they do that if their interest was to develop Canada and Canadian industry?

There is not a Member in this House on either side who cannot tell you a story about PetroCan, and that is what you are going to be hearing in the next months and years, stories about Petro-Canada. When the next election campaign is called there will be Members in that very constituency of Mississauga North and they will be reciting the litany of sins committed by PetroCan since its expansion. It will be a lot more than the stories we all know about, the speculation in shares of Canadian Petrofina, the profits that were made by insider trading by a person who now sits on the Board of Petro-Canada, Mr. McCain from New Brunswick. Ask him. Where is the Member for Mississauga North? He has left the Chamber. Maybe he wants to call Mr. McCain and ask him when and how and under what circumstances he acquired his shares of Petro-Fina, how much money he made and where he got his information, why did he take that action and who called him about it. We could go on, but it is going to be a sorry day for Members of the Liberal Party from here on when they stand

up in the House of Commons and attempt to defend Petro-Canada, with all the evils that that organization has committed. I will not even talk about Mr. Joel Bell, because I am here to talk about Crown corporations in a general way.

I said that the form of the motion introduced in this House by the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) was designed to expose the evil of Crown corporations, but there is substance to the motion, Mr. Speaker, and it runs much deeper.

In presenting this motion to the House, the Leader of the Official Party embraces a philosophy that has two basic elements: a social conscience within the framework of a free enterprise system. I, for one, am not afraid to stand up in this Chamber, or anywhere else in this country, and defend the free enterprise system.

The proliferation of Crown corporations, not subject to Parliament control and public scrutiny—

Mr. MacBain: What about Irving Oil?

Mr. Crosby: —at once destroys the possibility of exercising a social conscience in Governmental affairs and damages the viability of the free enterprise system.

Mr. Speaker, one of the Members opposite has raised the matter of Irving Oil. I would like him to check one of the very devices used by the Government under the guise of Crown corporations, to find out how this Government is feeding money to Irving Oil, through the Petroleum Compensation Board. It is just another kind of Crown corporation, another kind of organization not subject to scrutiny and control. When somebody representing the Province of Ontario starts attacking the Irving Oil Company in the Province of New Brunswick he had better realize that this is one of the greatest friends of the Liberal Party, and they will be very dissatisfied when they hear that the Member for Niagara Falls (Mr. MacBain) attacks Irving Oil. J. D. Irving will be on the phone this very night to the upper echelons of the Liberal Party and the Liberal Government complaining about that, and never more will you hear that Member for Niagara Falls complaining about Irving Oil. He is already in trouble. I want to expose him. J. D. Irving will rise from his luxury condominium, wherever he is, and strike him down, because he is the beneficiary of this hiding, of this failure to account publicly for what goes on in the Canadian Government.

Let me explain this vital point in simple terms. The system of Government employed in Canada involves only one real safeguard, and that is public accountability. How do we get that public accountability? The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and his Cabinet are required to account to Parliament. The Parliament of Canada must account and answer to the people in every general election.

The law that limits the life of Parliament to five years ensures that any failure to account to the Canadian public will be quickly and severely punished, and that is what is going to happen to the Liberal Party when the mandate of this Parliament expires. The people of Canada are going to punish the