

curement of foreign equipment, have resulted in an influx of foreign-built ships twice as numerous as those built in Canadian yards.

The Government's plan to ensure work for shipyards abroad at the expense of Canadian yards has worked; employment in the shipbuilding industry has sunk from 14,000 to less than 6,000 nationally. Very real concern has been expressed by the Canadian Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Association.

Excessive unemployment, and billions of dollars in torpedoed business, can be directly linked to government actions that failed to protect Canadian industry and encouraged the importation of foreign-built equipment. Canadian shipbuilders cannot afford the financial and personal losses that come from the Government's protection of jobs in foreign shipyards. We on this side, as usual, are in conflict with the policies of the Government and will return this industry to a productive, vital Canadian sector by implementing legislation that will do just that.

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DISASTERS

STORM DAMAGE AT GABARUS, N.S.

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, last week a raging storm went through my constituency of Cape Breton-East Richmond, destroying a number of private wharves in the community known as Gabarus. In addition to destroying those wharves, the major breakwater which had been in place for about 25 years was also destroyed.

I wish to put on the record formally that I will be approaching the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané), the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy), as well as the Minister responsible for Canada Works, to seek additional funding. It should be noted that I will also be seeking the co-operation of the provincial Government in Nova Scotia which viewed the disaster at Gabarus, to assure that it will also be providing moneys so that the facilities at Gabarus can be upgraded, renovated, and put back to normal in order that the fishing industry and the economic benefits of that area can be restored.

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IMMIGRATION

FEES CHARGED PROSPECTIVE HONG KONG IMMIGRANTS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, on Friday in the House of Commons I brought up the matter of the immigration scam in Hong Kong. I mentioned the lawyers and so-called immigration consultants who are going over there and charging exorbitant fees for giving advice that could

essentially be had free from the Canadian High Commission. The Minister should take this matter up with the president of the Canadian Bar Association to find out who these people are, what this is really about, and what he can do about it.

We need to upgrade the Hong Kong office. There are good people there, but there are line-ups, and files all over the floor because there is not enough storage.

There are even ads in the *Vancouver Sun* about this. On Tuesday, October 25, an ad appeared in the *Vancouver Sun* saying:

Eligible for immigration. Make a solid investment in a precious metals refinery in Vancouver and become a Canadian citizen. \$300,000.

It gives a telephone number.

There is nothing wrong with having business entrepreneurs as immigrants, but we should make sure that we do not give the impression that you can buy our way into Canada at the expense of the family class. Many of my constituents who have brothers and sisters in Hong Kong cannot afford \$300,000, but they also want to get their relatives over here.

This is a real scam that is going on in Hong Kong and it is now going on in the Vancouver papers. The Minister should look into this. We should examine our immigration policy, which is inherently inequitable when you think—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATION IN PETERBOROUGH AREA OF ONTARIO

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, for those who had exhausted UIC benefits in the Peterborough area, the NEED Program would allow them to renew claims after a ten week work period. However, I have now been informed that this work period has been increased to 16 weeks because of a supposed improvement in the unemployed rate for Peterborough. This is simply not the case. It is only applicable if Peterborough is averaged into the high employment area of Oshawa which is currently benefiting from an increase in production and sales in the automotive industry.

It is indeed unjust and demoralizing to design a project, the purpose of which is to instil renewed confidence in the unemployed, and then, simultaneously, extinguish their hopes by extending the work period from ten to 16 weeks in the middle of the program. This represents callous indifference to the plight of those so adversely affected by unemployment, and therefore demands immediate attention from the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts).

The unemployment percentage rate for Peterborough must be determined separately from District 52 since District 52