

*Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement*

And he then set out nine reasons. He is a businessman, and not a socialist. He is a businessman. He makes money. He pays taxes and he creates jobs.

When we arrived in Ottawa after the 1984 election, I recall the Opposition saying: "You promised jobs, jobs, jobs."

Well, we have created jobs, jobs, jobs. We have created 1.3 million new jobs. We no longer here the Opposition talking about jobs.

Let me quote the writer's reasons. They are as follows:

- 1) Free trade should, in my mind, be universal and thus must begin within one continent.
- 2) When two countries like Canada and the United States are so complementary, free trade can only be good for both.
- 3) To me, Canadian trade policies have for too long been protective with the result of an artificial economic environment: damaging productivity and creativity. Thus Canadians have been denied the opportunity to compete and succeed better.
- 4) As a Canadian I look forward to more opportunities and when access to consumers goes from one to ten, so do the opportunities.
- 5) Culture is hard to define. Canadian culture is in constant evolution. We must face the fact that survival as a people and as a country would not be attained by isolating ourselves economically.

And those sitting on the other side of this House do not know what the word "economically" means. To those in this country in business, it is an important word.

He goes on:

- 6) I have faith in my fellow citizens and in their ability to adapt and succeed. When opportunities are offered, Canadians who are ready to work, learn, compete and prosper will mold the future of this country.
- 7) Canadian consumers are now paying a premium on a great number of products. The liberalization of economic activities through free trade can only result in lower product costs and an improved standard of living. The Canadian consumers will profit from free trade.
- 8) True, some sectors are doomed and some jobs will be lost in them. However, for one job lost, two will surely be created in new or enlarged sectors.

This person knows what he is talking about.

- 9) Canadians of Italian descent appreciate what their fathers have done. Like most Canadians, our ancestors left their country looking for opportunity in a new land where a future could be built for themselves and their children. Let us not lose the guts and the initiative of our ancestors. I have not lost them; I am for free trade.

And he signs, "Sincerely yours"—though he should have signed "progressively yours". The writer's name is Luigi Liberatore.

This is an individual who once said to me: "Though I am a Liberal, I like what your Party is doing. This time, I think I am going to vote for you." And I said to Luigi: "If you vote for me, you vote for prosperity." And what kind of a car does he drive today?—a Mercedes Benz.

And he is going to keep driving a Mercedes Benz. He will continue to be prosperous. His business will continue to grow.

I told Luigi that a vote for me would mean that the country would go forward and prosper. I told him that my Leader needed all of the seats in Quebec that he could get.

We have seen the "57-43" buttons worn by members of the New Democratic Party. They think that if they add the votes cast for the Liberals to those cast for the NDP, that that somehow constitutes a victory for them. Well, we in the Quebec caucus should all be wearing "63-0" buttons, because you guys got zero in Quebec. And if that is not a majority, what is?

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker, I am sorry to point at my socialist colleagues all the time, but they were the ones who came to sow fear in our area. They thought they could gain their first seat in Duvernay. I commend the people in Duvernay for having made the right choice, because it would have been a terrible thing to live with a NDP seat in Quebec. And my comrade Agnaieff or the other one, I can tell you they tried very hard to scare people, to scare businesses. They told them: Vote for me, they are going to tax your profits. What a nice, a smart thing to say! But they did not even get 15 per cent of the votes. They did not finish first, they finished third.

And I would also like to quote another important person in Quebec who is awaiting free trade, someone many of my colleagues know—Mr. Péladeau, Québecor's president. Look at what Mr. Péladeau said—Weaklings will complain that the Americans are coming here, but it is us who must go to the United States. He is not a weakling, he started from scratch. You know how he started, I explained it again here in this House the other night. For the benefit of those who are absent: He was \$2 000 short when he wanted to establish his first printing shop. Two thousand dollars was not the end of the world ten years ago. Imagine, while his mother was away on holidays, Mr. Pierre Péladeau sold his mother's piano to get his first cash