

allocation of jobs as between men and women in that province?

Would the Minister be prepared to provide answers to these quite important questions which frankly have been hanging about for some time and which I expected him to answer before now?

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon), I can only in passing comment upon the fact that only yesterday the Hon. Member somehow or other got out of Canada and started to raise a question which would have been more relevant in Washington, D.C. Today he has taken us down to alligator country while we talk about Atlantic Canada, and then he got into the question of foxes. I must admit that perhaps there is no better Member of this House to speak about foxes than the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor. Then he dealt with the question of Sysco. As he undoubtedly knows, Sysco has been mainly the responsibility of the Government of Nova Scotia. There are discussions at the present time concerning its future activities. Of course, we are participating in those discussions with a view to trying to do what we believe will be right for the people involved with that company.

The Hon. Member also referred to forestry in New Brunswick. I know he will be very pleased with an announcement, which will be made probably within the week, concerning some activity in New Brunswick that most Members of the House would heartily endorse. As well, he referred to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) with respect to certain ongoing discussions with Newfoundland. I can only say that I think it would be more appropriate for my employment colleague to comment on that aspect of the question.

Mr. Rompkey: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to ask.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Unfortunately the time for questions and comments has expired. Resuming debate with the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon). Is there unanimous consent to call it one o'clock?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member will start his speech at two o'clock.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

Mr. Rompkey: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I had hoped to raise this point of order before the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) left. Now that

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the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) is in the Chamber, perhaps he could clarify the point.

The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion said in his remarks this morning that there were two new agreements signed with the Province of Newfoundland since his side of the House became the Government of Canada. To my knowledge, that is not the case. There have been announcements of intentions, but to my knowledge there have not been two new agreements signed that were not originated by this side of the House when we were the Government of Canada previously. I know the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion did not intend to mislead the House. Maybe he was right, but I do not think he was. Possibly somebody could clarify that for me.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret to inform the Hon. Member that in my opinion this unfortunately is not a point of order.

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There are large gaps in the knowledge of the hon. gentleman. When I speak later this afternoon I will address myself to his inadvertent lapses of memory. I will describe all that has been done for Newfoundland and Labrador in the last seven months, more than in the last 10 years.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rompkey: That doesn't answer the question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When the House rose at one o'clock, the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon) had the floor.

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I must say, since I am going to make a speech, that I feel I should rise on a point of order.

Mr. Crosbie: You have not done a thing for the Atlantic provinces.

Mr. Langdon: Give us a chance.

Mr. Crosbie: You will never have the chance.

Mr. Langdon: I first want to express my pleasure at having the opportunity to speak today. This is a fine morning in Ontario after a demonstration last night of what indifference and negligence can result in for Governments that are guilty of that. I suspect there are few Conservatives today in the House of Commons who are not sitting slightly less comfortably in their seats. For me, that is a pleasure.

I have to remind people, as the voters of Ontario reminded the Government last night, that a tough jury is out on all of us, a tough jury that has to be satisfied that we are dealing with all the crucial issues in front of this country. I give congratulations to the Liberal Party in this House of Commons on the gains it made in Ontario. I give hearty congratulations to my colleagues in my Party, particularly in Windsor where we managed to take a seat away from the Liberal Party.

I also have to say that it is a pleasure to be part of the same debate as the "Minister for closure". The Minister for closure