

*Adjournment Motion*

not answer my analysis of how the free enterprise system used up the forests and left us in the situation which everyone acknowledges we are now in. He did not answer the question of how the free enterprise system put the fishery in the state it is now in. We have not been under some kind of a socialist regime.

**Mr. Taylor:** Oh yes we have.

**Mr. Blaikie:** This is not an intellectually respectable claim. How can you answer this kind of garbage, Mr. Speaker? If that is the case, why did all of the five major banks in the country donate as much to the Liberal Party as they did to the Conservative Party? Was it because they thought the Liberals were socialists? Is that the same reason that the seven sisters oil companies donated money to the Liberals in the same way that they did to the Conservatives? Was it because they thought they were socialists? Really, Mr. Speaker, sometimes the claims that are made by Progressive Conservative backbenchers push the imagination and credibility. I only hope that the next five years in Government for them will have some kind of educational effect on them, then maybe we will not hear the same kind of intellectual garbage we get from them from time to time.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The question period on the last speech is now over.

**Mr. Taylor:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I had no intention of making fun of the Hon. Member's riding. It is Birds Hill and I will remember that from now on.

**Mr. Blaikie:** Winnipeg-Birds Hill.

**Mr. Taylor:** I wish I had time to answer the other questions he raised.

**Mr. Blaikie:** You can have all the time you like, but you won't have the talent.

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**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

## SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 45, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The Hon. Member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Dingwall)—Regional Development—Glance Bay Coal Project. (b) Plight of older miners; the Hon. Member for Algoma (Mr. Foster)—National Revenue—Discontinuance of advance tax rulings in case of limited partnerships. (b) Effect on Algoma Steel.

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

## RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Ken James for an Address to Her Excellency the Governor General in reply to her Speech at the opening of the session; and the amendment thereto of Mr. Turner (Vancouver-Quadra) (p. 38).

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate you and the Hon. Mr. Bosly on your appointments. I also congratulate the mover and seconder of this debate as well as the preceding speaker, the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie), on his re-election and his contribution to this debate.

• (1620)

Mr. Speaker, since this is my maiden speech in the House of Commons I would first like to thank the people of southwestern Saskatchewan for sending me to Ottawa to represent them. I will try to the best of my ability to justify the confidence that they have placed in me.

I am grateful to my colleagues in the House who have been quick and generous with their counsel and advice.

I pay tribute to my predecessors, Frank Hamilton and Jack McIntosh. It was Mr. McIntosh who first aroused my interest in the Party. I thank them for sharing their wisdom and experience with me.

The riding of Swift Current-Maple Creek is located in the southwestern corner of Saskatchewan, bordered on the south by the State of Montana, on the north by the South Saskatchewan River, on the west by the Province of Alberta, and running approximately 150 miles east into Saskatchewan to include such villages and towns as Ernfold, Hodgeville, Meyronne and McCord. The population in 1981 was some 53,000 people. The area comprises some 18,700 square miles from Leader in the northwest to Mankota in the southeast, from Consul in the southwest to Morse in the northeast.

Southwestern Saskatchewan is almost totally agricultural and comprises a vast farming and ranching area. It was pioneered largely in the early 1900s by hardy settlers from the northern United States, Ontario and Europe. They were men and women who carved out the oft-times inhospitable Palliser Triangle, a heritage for succeeding generations.

The main centre of population is the City of Swift Current, also known as "Speedy Creek". Some attribute this name to our winds because I am told that Swift Current has the second highest mean wind velocity in Canada. The remainder of the population is divided evenly between some 69 towns and villages, the largest of which are Maple Creek and Shaunavon, and the farm community.

While Swift Current owes its beginnings to the railway which arrived in the winter of 1882-83, it owes its continuing prosperity as a centre of supply to the surrounding farmers and ranchers. Agriculture is far and away the predominant economic force. Approximately 80 per cent of those in agriculture