

He mentions the fact that the duties are less for goods and garments going to the United States. They are less. He mentions the fact that there are competitive problems. That is true. However, manufacturing in Canada increased in productivity by 1 per cent last year and 4 per cent so far this year. The Wood Gundy report says it will increase by at least 8 per cent this year and 12 per cent next year. We only increased the number of manufacturing jobs in the months of April and May by 40,000. This is the largest increase of any element in unemployment. Manufacturing is all of a sudden disappearing, but jobs are increasing.

I am wondering whether the member for Trinity—Spadina has been there too long and has not been out looking at what is really happening in the world and Canada. We are in a restructuring. We are in a global recession, yes, but we are in an industrial restructuring where we have improved the efficiency of the economy with the goods and services tax. We have improved the efficiency of the economy with our free trade agreement and with our trade agreements generally. We have improved efficiency and business confidence. The Conference Board of Canada suggests that business confidence is up 16.1 per cent.

Where has he been? There may be problems, but part of those problems are NDP problems in the province of Ontario where legislation introduced yesterday would make it the roughest, toughest labour legislation in all of North America.

Mr. Mills: The world.

Mr. Blenkarn: The world. Here is the member for Trinity—Spadina, a member of the New Democratic Party, who ought to turn his heat on Queen's Park. He should make sure that Queen's Park withdraws that stupid legislation and lets Canada build, grow and trade again.

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, there have been quite a few statements and very few questions, but I can take some of the statements as implied questions.

As for the last one about the Labour Relations Act, it is not true that it is harsher than in other jurisdictions. In fact, in many ways, it is less harsh, even as proposed, than certain parts of legislation in other parts of Canada such as Quebec and, in general, in the countries of Europe which are doing better economically, or at least as well as North America. They have a much stronger labour

movement and they have a much stronger recognition of the obligations of employers to their workers.

It has been recognized, even by Bill L'Heureux who is the president of Hees Inc. that there has to be a balance of co-operation. He has commended the Premier of Ontario and his government for their conduct toward industry. He is not a nobody. He represents a great deal of investment. The way he spoke publicly on this matter indicates that he sees good prospects of co-operation between Ontario investors and the Ontario government in the creation of jobs.

The hon. member may want to disagree with Mr. L'Heureux. He is free to get in touch with Mr. L'Heureux and give him his views. Perhaps he will learn something from Mr. L'Heureux.

On the matter of the recent trade surge, it remains to be seen how that translates into the employment and well-being of people in Canada. Unemployment in Ontario increased by 17,000 in the month of May. It has often happened that the over-all wealth of a country, in the usual way of measuring it, increases, but it does not get distributed where it is needed which is to the majority of the people. If the majority of the people do not have the means to feed their children well, if they have to go to food banks—as many have to in Toronto—and if they do not have the means to get their children educated, then the economy will suffer. I think these are things that are being overlooked by the government of this country.

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, I was listening with interest to the speech and the comments by the hon. member for Mississauga. I have a small comment to make.

I have a friend who is a big developer in Mississauga. I had occasion to talk to him.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I would hope the hon. member would direct his questions to the hon. member for Trinity—Spadina as he was the one who was speaking.

Mr. Kindy: I had a discussion with this friend and he told me that even though he was strong financially and he built 180 houses, he could not sell 20 because there is a depression in Toronto. Here is a person who has been involved in development for a long time and he feels that Canada is moving toward a depression.