

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Premier.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

PREMIER WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member opposite talks about taking power and taking it across Labrador and across the Gulf and down through Newfoundland, across the Gulf and through the Maritimes and down into the State of Maine. As if: Look, you know, this is just too much trouble. We really should not bother with this. What we should do is - she should go back to her previous position. We should just give this all away to Quebec. Which is exactly what her government and her Premier and previous governments have been prepared to do is give it to Quebec.

An article appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* just this weekend. Do you know what it is entitled? Let it go, Newfoundland. Let it go. That is what we should do. We should listen to the hon. member opposite and we should listen to the members of the Opposition. We should just let it go. We should give it all way.

In that particular article they also say, "Williams isn't wrong on the facts." So everything that we laid out in Ottawa last week, every single fact is correct. They acknowledge that, but instead Quebec has this patronizingly colonial attitude: Let it go, Newfoundland and Labrador, give it all to us and we will take care of it. Well, over my dead body that is going to happen, I can tell you right now.