

The federal Government should have had the courage to ban alachlor altogether. It would have been standing on guard for Canada by banning dangerous substances. But it has not addressed that problem, nor has it addressed the problem recently brought to its attention about the wood preservative, PCP.

Finally, I wonder if MPs could be told just what herbicide has been sprayed on parts of the Parliamentary Lawn, and why this was felt to be necessary. The ugly little yellow signs, however temporary, as well as the herbicide itself, hardly enhance the image of the Hill.

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TRADE

SUCCESSFUL FUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, congratulations are in order for the Minister of State for International Trade (Mr. Kelleher) and his team of negotiators who have successfully persuaded the European Economic Community not to impose its threatened increase in tariffs against Canadian fur products.

The proposed increase in import tariffs from 7 per cent to 24 per cent would have had a disastrous effect on Canada's \$650 million per year fur industry. However, we must not forget that the reprieve lasts only until November, when shoe import quotas are due to expire. If Canada unrealistically imposes renewed quotas, the European Community will undoubtedly, once again, retaliate against our fur producers.

The Minister of State for International Trade must therefore not rest on his well deserved laurels but renew his efforts to keep the European market open for Canadian furs on a permanent basis.

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FINANCE

BUDGET FORECAST

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, today, May 23, 1985, will be a day that will long be remembered by middle and lower-income Canadians. At 4.30 the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) will smash these Canadians with a sledgehammer type of budget. It is the same type of budget that defeated the Tories in 1979. Today, for the first time, the Tory Government will show its true colours to the people of Canada as the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) bows down to his friends in big business who will be the ones profiteering from the Wilson Budget.

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Mr. Speaker, I sympathize with those Canadians whose lives will be drastically changed by this Budget: senior citizens, farmers, workers whose money will go to fill the coffers of the

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big corporations that support the Conservatives. The repercussions of this Budget will come back to haunt this Government which has always blamed the previous Government for its own incompetence.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Canadians to buy new shoes today, because only the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) will be able to afford them tomorrow.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

START OF NEW BRUNSWICK PAPER MILL PROJECT

Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, Tuesday of this week was an historic occasion for the Miramichi, the area which I am pleased to represent. A 40-year old dream came true when the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) participated in a sod-turning ceremony that marked the beginning of a \$360 million paper mill project.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Jardine: In the words of the Minister, "it was one of the most important days in the history of New Brunswick, and especially the Miramichi".

This repap paper mill will help stabilize employment for more than 1,600 mill and woodlands workers; it will provide 1,000 person years of employment during the construction phase, and will create 125 new permanent jobs.

This is a prime example of how this Government, through the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens), in co-operation with the province and private enterprise, has worked in a positive way to provide what this country needs—jobs, jobs, jobs.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

EMPLOYEES' RAIL PASSES

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, for 100 years, ever since we started building railways in our country, there has been an agreement, written or unwritten, between the employees of the railways and the company management that employees would have passes to travel on the railway lines. That benefit has been cut back as passenger service has declined.

Recently the CNR reached an agreement with its employees whereby its employees continue to get the pass privileges. Unfortunately the CPR, that poor company which has been given hundreds of millions of dollars by Canadian people, still opposes that kind of agreement.