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The bottom line is this. This dollar amount has increased, it has not decreased.

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CORPORATE TAXATION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, last week Gordon Gray, the chairman of Royal LePage, stated that Canada should end the universality of its social programs or risk national bankruptcy. Royal LePage is connected to Brascan, which is connected to Trizec, which is connected to Royal Trust, et cetera, et cetera.

He did not call for an end to the perks that entitle Royal Trust's senior managers to borrow money at favourable interest rates and to buy company stocks at a discount. He did not call for an end to tax shell games that allowed Brascan to declare 1989 pre-tax profits of \$442 million and only paid .07 per cent taxes, or Trizec that had \$202 million taxed at .8 per cent. Both are former winners of the corporate welfare bum of the week.

He did not call for an end to capital gains exemption, tax deductible cocktails and other super deluxe multibillion dollar corporate goodies that have privileged a few at the expense of the many. I agree with Mr. Gray when he said: "Once you know the facts even a fool can understand".

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CANADIAN FORCES BASE CHILLIWACK

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack celebrates its 50th anniversary this week.

Established at Vedder Crossing in 1942 as a military engineering training centre, Sardis Camp grew to become what is now CFB Chilliwack.

CFB Chilliwack provides virtually all basic officer training in Canada.

CFB Chilliwack is also home to the First Canadian Engineer Regiment or 1 CER. UN peacekeeping efforts in the Persian Gulf were greatly assisted by the engineers of 1 CER. Their operations have now been consolidated

with construction of a \$10.5 million facility to be officially opened on Friday by the Associate Minister of National Defence.

I welcome the attendance of His Excellency, The Governor General who will join us in celebration this coming Saturday.

CFB Chilliwack has been part of our community for 50 years. It is part of the family and we are proud to recognize the important role it plays.

I trust this celebration puts to rest last year's rumours of closure. Congratulations, CFB Chilliwack. You do us proud.

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FISHERIES

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, our understandable preoccupation with the foreign overfishing issue is overshadowing some of the other disasters of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

For example, his catch failure program has to be seen and is a major disappointment for all who were looking to it. Last fall, the minister asked fishermen and plant workers on the southwest coast to wait until the winter fishery was over. I have some news for him. They waited. The winter fishery was as dismal as we told him it was going to be. Ask the people in Isle aux Morts, Rose Blanche and Burnt Islands.

They are the reason why the minister has to take a fresh look at his catch failure program. I ask him to do it without further delay to ensure that those fishermen and those plant workers and others who need that assistance will get the assistance that they need.

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4-H CLUBS OF CANADA

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris): Mr. Speaker, as you know the wealth of a nation lies in its people. By the same token, the future of a nation lies in its young people.

For that reason, I am very happy to be able to be here today to pay tribute to one particular youth group which I think has made a tremendous contribution to Canada in the past and will continue to do so in the future.