

in the dairy industry are prospering. However, those who are involved in the cash crop business, the grain farmers like those in western Canada to whom my colleague who spoke previously referred, are experiencing all of the same difficulties as those across Canada. I very much welcome those initiatives in the Speech from the Throne that comment upon stabilizing and broadening markets for agricultural products for Canadian farmers. It will impact on my community in a dramatic way.

About 11 out of the 50 largest employers in metropolitan Ottawa are now located in Nepean—Carleton. More surprisingly, of all of the companies, organizations and businesses in metropolitan Ottawa with sales of over \$25 million annually, at least one-third are situated in Nepean—Carleton, a community that only a few years ago was an agricultural community or an agricultural and bedroom community.

The community of Nepean—Carleton has grown and prospered over the years. It has prospered because it has had good municipal Government. It has prospered because of the role played by volunteers in that community. It has prospered because of the strong school boards that have been set up both in the public and separate school systems. It has prospered because of its programs for seniors and because of the foresight we had in the area of recreation. That blend of recreational facilities, good Government, good libraries and good homes, all of those things that make the community a comfortable, convenient and enjoyable place to live, have all come together. I am proud to be part of a Government that is working toward enhancing all of the good things that are there in the business world and elsewhere.

One of the areas on which the Throne Speech touched was the National Capital Commission, an organization that has been with us now for many years. That organization is dramatically important to metropolitan Ottawa and to the nation. I have now had the privilege of residing in the greater Ottawa area for 27 years, and as I have watched this community grow, many of the good things that have happened in metropolitan Ottawa over the last years have happened because of the National Capital Commission. I am thinking of the parkways, our remarkable expanses of open land, our green belt, the great festivals we have throughout the year such as Winterlude and the Festival of Spring and the joyous occasions that take place here on what was once Dominion Day and is now Canada Day. All of those have been orchestrated by the National Capital Commission. Those are things that we see in our everyday lives, but there is much that the NCC does that goes unseen including the provision of hard services, roads and other things like that.

Of course, the National Capital Commission is charged with enhancing our national monuments and with having a national presence in this our capital city. In balance, it has done its job well. The National Capital Commission needs to be supported by all of us so that our nation's capital will grow stronger and so that Canadians will become prouder of their capital and will want to come here for holidays, for educational experiences

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and to see their national heritage. As parliamentarians, we have a responsibility to see that that comes about.

For those of us who live here, who have our homes here and who work and play here, the National Capital Commission touches on our daily lives in a dramatic way.

One of the things I have recognized in recent months, working closely with members of the National Capital Commission, is that within the Commission's mandate is the development of the so-called green belt that mantles the metropolitan community, so the National Capital Commission needs a much stronger policy, a much more refreshing approach to how the farmland in the green belt is developed and enhanced. At the same time, I am concerned that a mechanism has to be found to allow the National Capital Commission to be more accountable to the concerns of the local community.

I hope that we all might give this some thought as we address those principles contained in the Speech from the Throne, principles that will enhance the National Capital Commission and will make it one of our important instruments for the future.

On Wednesday, we heard the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Oberle) address this Chamber on the actions of the Government over the past two years in the area of research, science and technology. It is a remarkable record, when we stop to think about it. The Government introduced a five-year plan for granting councils. It brought forward support in a unique way for organizations like the Institute of Advanced Studies. It has put into place the Technology Centres Program, a program of which few Canadians are aware, that is starting to pay remarkable dividends for Canada. It introduced our Space Station Program, and it is working with a great deal of enthusiasm to continue our satellite program with the M. Sat and Radarsat program. After all those achievements, the Government included some additional items in the Speech from the Throne. Foremost in all of this was the indication that the Government intended to establish a National Advisory Board for Industrial Technology and industrial technology transfers.

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I trust that my colleagues, as well as all Canadians, recognize the impact of that decision. It means that a group of informed Canadians will be brought together as an advisory board. They will be the best minds available in Canada from industry, education, the private sector, and Government. This group will work together, and the meetings will be chaired by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). For the first time in Canada's parliamentary history, decision and policy-making relative to the significant areas of research and innovation is being brought forward to the Prime Minister's Office, a most significant place in our decision and policy-making role.