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It seems that this government has not seen the devastation of its economic policies because it is concentrating so intensely on convincing itself that this recession is over.

It is time that members opposite wake up and shape up. They are wrong today. They were wrong last week and last year. They have been wrong for the last eight years.

Either start putting Canadians back to work or give us the chance to do so.

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**QUEBEC 2002**

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est):** Mr. Speaker, today, speaking as the member for Québec-Est, two-thirds of which consists of the city of Quebec, I would like to congratulate the promoters of Quebec 2002 on their success when the committee of the Canadian Olympic Association accepted their candidacy.

Throughout the process they were an example to us all by their determination and dedication, as well as by their outstanding presentation.

I am convinced that the same positive approach will help them take the remaining major stages in this process in their stride, and I want to say that I greatly appreciate their tremendous organizational talents.

This dynamic attitude will certainly reflect well on the Quebec City area, and its residents.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT**

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard):** Mr. Speaker, employment in the Montreal area is now in a free fall. The situation is deteriorating rapidly, with a 6.6 per cent loss of jobs in one year. Today the Montreal area has more than 215,000 unemployed workers on the books. In downtown Montreal the unemployment rate was 18 per cent at the beginning of this year.

The situation is depressing in other urban centres in Quebec as well. During the past year, the unemployment rate has gone up in Chicoutimi, Jonquière, Quebec City, Trois-Rivières and Sherbrooke. The average rate for

these four centres is 13.7 per cent, which is 2 per cent above the national average.

This is intolerable. The Tory government has ignored the plight of the people of Montreal and of all Canadians. The government's priority should be to bring pride and prosperity back to the Montreal area and to Canada as a whole, but to do that we will have to get rid of the Tories and elect a Liberal government.

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**AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA**

**Mrs. Louise Feltham (Wild Rose):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a statement in support of the Air Cadet League of Canada and in particular, the glider pilot training program.

The goal of the program is to stimulate and encourage young Canadians in the field of aviation. Since 1966 the Air Cadet League has given a great number of our young people a constructive purpose in which they have the opportunity to acquire organizational ability and discipline as well as skills in aviation.

The glider training program began in my riding at Natook Aerodrome in Olds, Alberta.

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Today I would like to acknowledge the contribution made by many devoted people. I encourage them to proceed with the long-term plans to provide accommodation and sports facilities for our cadets not only from Alberta, but also from B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and northwestern Ontario.

Their dedication is much appreciated.

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**ROYAL ROADS MILITARY COLLEGE**

**Mr. David Barrett (Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca):** Mr. Speaker, rumours abound in my riding and in the greater Victoria area over the future status of the Royal Roads Military College.

Residents of southern Vancouver Island are hearing and reading reports that the federal government may decide to close this top-notch education facility which has served the best interests of our nation in an exemplary fashion.