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Canada and from the all important markets, and they were severed from any sense of belonging.

Something which sticks in my mind, Mr. Speaker, as an historian, is an incident which occurred in 1885 at the time of the second Riel Rebellion. The people of Calgary at that point in time were fearful for their future. Perhaps looking back on that time their fears were exaggerated, but nevertheless they were fearful because of the uprising which had occurred in the west.

During the midst of that crisis in the summer of 1885, troops from central Canada came into the west by the yet uncompleted CPR. Troops were able to move from central Canada to western Canada and the people of Calgary, it is recorded, believed at that point that they became a part of Canada for the first time. They felt they were Canadians. There is a real danger in western Canada, Mr. Speaker, of these western Canadians losing that feeling of belonging.

We faced a crisis in this country a few years ago in the Province of Quebec. We would be naive and foolish if we believed that the sense of alienation which exists in Canada has existed in only one region. It can be equally true of western Canada.

The way to deal with that alienation is to have a government in place which is aware of and is sensitive to the concerns of western Canada. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) has a special responsibility in making western Canadians feel a part of Canada. The Minister of Transport has an equally important responsibility. I hope and trust he accepts that and recognizes the importance of his administration.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): It being five o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 62(11), proceedings on the motion have expired.

This House stands adjourned until Monday at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 5 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
