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In addition, the Government improved the opportunities for small businesses to participate in federal government procurement programs. Moreover, the federal Government implemented a \$500 million capital gains exemption for investments in the shares of small businesses, and moved up the lending ceiling under the Small Business Loans Act from \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

Small business is important to Canada. We must recognize that 50 per cent of the new jobs created in Canada in the next five years will be created by the small business community.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

KILLARNEY, ONT. POST OFFICE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, the Tory Government's plan for postal service in rural Canada was spelled out in the fall of 1986. It was to close 5,000 rural post offices and remove 9,200 jobs, most of them held by women.

It is a plan to take away post office employees' jobs and replace them with short-term contracts, to close post offices and replace them with supermailboxes, and cut back on rural routes.

Now that plan will hit the community of Killarney which will be part of the new Algoma constituency, because the postmaster there has signalled her retirement at the end of this month.

The Killarney post office has a vital and important role in that community of some 500 people and for the thousands of tourists who come to visit there every summer. It is important to the senior citizens who depend on it for service, as it is for business because of the relative isolation of the community.

Now that the postmaster has resigned, the post office is to be reduced from a full-time post office with a full-time postmaster to a retail commission outlet and a part-time service only. If no commercial outlet can be found, it will be reduced to superboxes.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

TORONTO'S BID TO HOST 1996 OLYMPICS

Mr. Allan Pietz (Welland): Mr. Speaker, the summer Olympic Games will give many Canadian athletes the chance to compete with the world's best. Several members of the Canadian olympic rowing team have been training on the Henley Regatta rowing course in St. Catharines and on the South Niagara rowing course in Welland.

These clubs are working hard to upgrade their courses, not only to ensure that we continue to offer world class facilities to our homegrown and world class rowers, but also in an effort to enhance Toronto's bid for the 1996 Olympics.

The proximity of these facilities to the main Olympic location, and the commitment of the local rowing clubs to maintaining and upgrading the existing courses will certainly contribute to a positive response to the Toronto bid when the 1996 Olympic site is finally chosen.

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VISIBLE MINORITIESJAPANESE CANADIANS INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II—
CALL FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, during the last election campaign the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) deplored the abuse of the rights of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War and said: "If there was a Conservative Government I can assure you we would be compensating them". Some three-and-one-half years have now passed and the issue is still not resolved.

In 1986 a Price Waterhouse study commissioned by the National Association of Japanese Canadians evaluated the internees' confiscated property and forgone income at \$443 million. The Government offered a paltry \$12 million and, yes, it said it would generously throw in an apology.

The time has come for the Government of Canada to settle this whole issue with the Japanese Canadian community.

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MENTAL HEALTH WEEKSUPPORT URGED FOR CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH
ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Mr. Barry Moore (Pontiac—Gatineau—Labelle): Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to remind Members of the House and the general public that this is Mental Health Week. For the past 30 years the Canadian Mental Health Association has co-ordinated events to raise national public awareness aimed at reducing the stigma of mental illness and at encouraging community acceptance of those in need of mental health services.

The Department of National Health and Welfare is pleased to collaborate with the CMHA in this worth-while effort to draw attention to the importance of mental health issues. This year's slogan for Mental Health Week is: "Mental Health—Keep it in Mind", and all Canadians are invited to give their full support to the Mental Health Week events that the local branches of the CMHA have planned in their communities.