

Then we have labour relations in the post office. I can recall about two years ago having a public meeting in my riding for post office employees who were disgruntled with the way they were being treated in the post office at Kingston. Just recently one of the substations in Kingston closed down and all the post office boxes that had operated in that facility had to be moved to some drugstore or other private facility located in the riding.

Why close a good postal facility, Mr. Speaker? Because Canada Post claims it loses money. Well, I can tell you how it makes that claim stick. It raised the rates on the post office boxes, doubling and tripling the rates a couple of years before in some instances, and then wondered why customers were lost. Then the argument is "we have no customers using the service so we had better close it down".

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It being two o'clock, we now proceed to Statements by Members.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[Translation]

TURBOCRISTAL

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to a deserving company in my riding.

Turbocrystal, a maker of artificial snow, has successfully broken into the international market. This young company holds more than 40 per cent of the world market, thanks to two major assets: the superior design and quality of its artificial snow-making equipment.

Turbocrystal's equipment is state of the art. For example, the guns are computer controlled and adjusted to produce the most snow, regardless of fluctuations in temperature or humidity.

Turbocrystal, which is only seven years old, is an example for tomorrow's entrepreneurs who want to provide consumers and business people with a quality product.

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THE TORONTO STAR STRIKE

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, in these tough economic times, every Canadian knows the value of working together for prosperity and success. Every Canadian knows that if we are to beat this made-in-Canada recession, a recession our Prime Minister induced, labour and management must work together and not at cross purposes.

The labour dispute at *The Toronto Star* is a good case in point. Since June 8 members of the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild have been on strike. Since that date, management has continued to put out a drastically reduced version of the *Star*. The *Star* is one of the best English language newspapers in the world. Its writers and editors have won countless awards for their excellence, and it saddens everyone to see this institution of 100 years locked in such a dispute.

I call on representatives of management and labour to work together to come up with a mutually acceptable resolution, and I call on this government to take whatever steps it can, within the jurisdiction that it has, to ensure that this dispute is resolved to the equity and for the betterment of all.

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CANADA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, last Sunday in Fredericton the citizens of my riding celebrated Canada's 125th anniversary with a warm and enthusiastic expression of the unified spirit of pride and patriotism which our country so badly needs at this time in our history.

More than 10,000 people turned out to share friendship and to demonstrate citizenship on the banks of the Saint John River, and the results were inspiring to behold. Truly it was a display of the broad and rich fabric of diversity which characterizes Canada. English and French languages were being spoken; a host of multicultural costumes and cooking was on display; native cultural participation was evident; and volunteer contributions from one and all. It was an all-Canadian event to remember.