

ways for Canada Post to save money. The Seaway is not dead yet, so why does Canada Post act as though it were? Business improves with better service, not poorer service. Restore the Marine Post Office that has been serving the Seaway for over 20 years.

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[Translation]

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### MODIFICATION OF BENEFITS—UNHAPPINESS OF EARLY RETIREES IN NEW BRUNSWICK

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent):** Since January 1 of this year, Mr. Speaker, all those who took early retirement and receive a pension are no longer entitled to their full unemployment insurance benefits.

Last week in Oromocto, New Brunswick, I attended a meeting of early retirees who are opposed to the Government decision, rightfully denouncing this unfair treatment. First, they paid their unemployment insurance premiums throughout their active life. Second, they were not even consulted, let alone given sufficient notice of this change. Finally, the issue was not debated in the House of Commons.

These early retirees are so upset that they are prepared to travel all the way from New Brunswick to Ottawa to protest against this new measure, a clear indication that it is a bad and unfair decision!

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### THE LATE SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Following the death of the French writer, Simone de Beauvoir, on behalf of the New Democratic Party I would like to pay special tribute to the author of *The Second Sex*, *Old Age*, and many other famous works, and the extraordinary contribution she made. It was Simone de Beauvoir who said that to leave one's mark in the world, one had to be of this world. We shall remember her, not only for the spirit of her feminist writings but especially as one of the greatest philosophers of our time, and, with her companion, Jean-Paul Sartre, as the greatest defender of the Left in France. She was fond of quoting these words by Dylan Thomas: "Do not go gentle into that goodnight. Rage, rage against the dying of the light". Her light will continue to shine for us all.

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### FORESTRY

#### EDUCATION—GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

**Mr. André Plourde (Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup):** Mr. Speaker, at the annual meeting of the Forest Industries Council, the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) announced an allocation of \$6 million to maintain our support to the forestry education program. This program is comprised of four elements, as follows: subsidies to universities, \$2 million; scholarships, \$605,000; research and development contracts, \$1.2 million, and student employment, \$1.3 million.

Six Canadian universities with forestry departments will receive over \$2 million to improve their training resources for forestry graduate studies. In addition, the Canadian Forestry Service has set up a scholarship program to help 50 second- and third-level students and has also allocated \$1.3 million to job creation under the Summer Employment Program for 300 forestry students. This is good news for the forestry students of Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup. The forest industry plays a major role in the economy of my constituency.

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[English]

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

#### CUTS IN NETWORK PROGRAMMING CONDEMNED

**Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North):** Mr. Speaker, CBC President, Pierre Juneau, announced that the CBC will have a \$48 million shortfall in its annual budget, despite a \$22 million increase in its grant from Parliament and an increase in advertising revenues.

In a period of fiscal restraint the last thing a private sector firm would do is cut its product line. Would Campell's cut out tomato soup? Yet Mr. Juneau has ordered the cutting of 122 hours of network TV programming, including Toronto's *CBLT Morning*.

Rather than slashing at its product line, the CBC should consider trimming some of the excess fat in senior management. If the CBC is serious about its commitment to expenditure reduction and long-term survival, then its quality programming should be the last thing to go.

Is nothing sacred? Barbara Frum, you could be next!

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!