

Now that they have shown they could shove the country's fundamental law down our throats with impunity, the only alternative left for Quebecers is to leave with honour and dignity, their heads held high, and to take their destiny into their own hands.

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[English]

CANADA POST

Mr. Jack Frazer (Saanich—Gulf Islands, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, many Saanich—Gulf Islands constituents complain about Canada Post's service. Despite rate increases mail delivery is notoriously unreliable. Personal mail boxes have been replaced with centralized superboxes. Service, rather than improving, is deteriorating.

By legislating that anyone who delivers letter mail must charge three times what Canada Post charges, government has created a monopoly operation and, typical of such enterprises, an inefficient one. Furthermore, using its financial advantage on letter mail to cross subsidize, Canada Post can sell junk mail delivery at a loss, thus prohibiting effective competition from other agencies.

Because there is no alternative mail delivery system, Canada Post has no fear of dissatisfied customers. The advent of facsimiles and E-mail gives some Canadians an option but many Canadians have no access to these alternatives. What is missing and vitally needed is fair competition. Government should remove the Canada Post competitive price advantage and let the free market set prices and standards.

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"MY CANADIAN BOUQUET"

Mrs. Georgette Sheridan (Saskatoon—Humboldt, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Saskatchewan artist Anne Prefontaine.

In 1985 Anne was commissioned by the French Cultural Association to make a painting for the town of Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. This painting was ultimately presented to the Right Hon. Jeanne Sauvé, former Governor General of Canada, on September 17, 1986. Madam Sauvé was a francophone who spent part of her childhood in Prud'homme, Saskatchewan, a small village in my riding of Saskatoon—Humboldt.

Mrs. Prefontaine's painting is called "My Canadian Bouquet", en français "Mon pays en fleurs". The painting depicts a beautiful bouquet of flowers. On closer inspection we see it is made up of the floral emblems of each of the provinces and

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territories, including the prairie lily, the floral emblem of Saskatchewan. Each flower is beautiful on its own, but as part of this floral arrangement the beauty of each is further enhanced. Like Canada, the final result is truly more than a mere sum of its parts.

I thank Anne for stepping forward again with her message of love and hope for a united Canada.

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QUEBEC REFERENDUM

Mr. Lyle Vanclief (Prince Edward—Hastings, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I received a letter the other day from the Prince Edward county council. Part of it reads:

Council was in unanimous agreement that I should forward a letter to you as our representative of the Government of Canada advising that Prince Edward county urges the residents of Quebec to remain a part of a strong and independent country.

Although ours is but a small voice in what has become a national debate, the people of Prince Edward have always had a strong sentiment for home and country, a country which includes Quebec.

This letter was signed by Laverne Bailey, warden of the county of Prince Edward.

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Mrs. Carolyn Parrish (Mississauga West, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, an open letter was sent by the Mississauga West Federal Liberal Riding Association to the residents of Quebec. It expresses their thoughts and feelings about Quebec within Canada:

As members of two of the four original provinces, Quebec and Ontario share a 128-year history of being close neighbours within Canada. Over the years we have established many links through families, trade, commerce and tourism. The vibrant and ongoing ties continue to define the spirit of solidarity that only close friends can share.

Through education, travel and a wide range of pursuits and experiences a new generation has acquired even greater cultural sensitivity. We believe that given the opportunity, young people will enhance and strengthen the ties that exist between us.

As friends, neighbours, and Canadians we have helped to build a great nation. Together we can continue to enjoy the richness Canada has to offer.

Le Canada n'est pas le Canada sans le Quebec!

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AGRICULTURE

Mr. Jake E. Hoepfner (Lisgar—Marquette, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the Liberal government's WGTA buyout has turned into a total fiasco. It is clear that whoever designed this program had limited knowledge of prairie agriculture. It is confused, disorganized and poorly planned.