

## CANADA LANDS COMPANY

### REVIEW REPORT'S FINDINGS

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Today, Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of the House the Public Works Canada document entitled *Report on the Special Review of the Canada Lands Company at Mirabel*. I would like to read page 4 of the report which is entitled *Over-all Assessment*. I invite the Tories to pay attention because we will be asking questions later. It says:

More precisely, our review of selected documentation supplied to us by the Corporation, and transactions indicated deficiencies in the following areas:

- Contract administration.
- Poor documentation supporting the existence, purpose and validity of some expenses.
- Production of information required by Central Agencies.
- Composition of the Board of Directors.

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It goes on to say:

We also recommend that the Director, Finance and Administration review the observations concerning administrative matters and ensure that acceptable documented controls are in place until the closing of the activities of the Corporation.

One of the highlights of the report was its mention of the fact that the local bar was hired to be in charge of the security of vacant lots at Mirabel. Yes, that is a sobering thought for the Government to contemplate.

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## TRADE

### CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—NORTHERN ONTARIO—POSITION OF PREMIER

**Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, in northern Ontario with its great resource based mining and forestry sectors and its attractive tourism industry, trade with the U.S. is extremely important. Seven out of 10 jobs depend directly on trade. It is for this significant reason that I am so frustrated with the Premier of Ontario's stand on our Government's trade pact with the U.S.

When he speaks, the Premier is not considering the needs of our region. He is not listening to what is being said by northern Ontarians and by Canadians. He is too busy with his red-tie rhetoric.

The trade agreement holds out great hope for the development of the northern Ontario region. Through securing access to the U.S. market, the Government in the trade pact ensures future growth, opportunities, and prosperity throughout the country.

A recent poll of businesses done by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business shows that 16 per cent in Ontario, and only 13 per cent across the country, oppose this trade deal.

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In fact, in Ontario, over two-thirds of small businessmen feel that this pact will be positive or will have no impact on Canadian business. In northern Ontario only 13 per cent are against the deal while 67 per cent see it as being the vehicle into the future.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is for this deal. So is the Canadian Mining Association, the Ontario Mining Association, Noranda Mines, the Canadian Export Association, and the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters' Association. I say to the Premier, wake up, start listening to Canadians and stop playing your red-tie brand of politics.

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## AGRICULTURE

### SPECIAL GRAINS PROGRAM—AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise), in announcing the Special Grains Program, documented the real disaster that is developing in agriculture in Canada. The Special Grains Program got \$1 billion last year as an absolute minimum to cover the losses of grain producers. This was after an 18 per cent decrease in grain prices.

This year, after a further 20 per cent drop in grain prices and after farm organizations have asked for \$2.6 billion, the Prime Minister and his Government are offering an increase of only \$100 million. This is a great disappointment to the grain producers who had hoped to stay even with the cost of production this year. Instead, the steady stream of farmers off the farm is likely to grow. The disaster that is documented shows that the Government knows what is happening but chooses not to act.

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## FREE TRADE

### ADVANTAGES FOR CANADIANS

**Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to read a letter I got yesterday from a Beauce agricultural producer who belongs to the Union des producteurs agricoles. Here it is:

It is difficult today to predict with any accuracy the impact of the free trade agreement on our operations. Common sense indicates that the agreement would widen our horizons and act as an incentive to improve ourselves and lower our production costs by using the latest technological facilities without always falling back upon such social services as grants and stabilization insurance coverage. And yet, so many people have been telling me that we cannot tackle a giant! My response to that is that it is not the Americans who