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me in congratulating 630,000 Canadians who work in this vital, \$24 billion a year industry.

The government recognizes the vital importance of tourism which is why we released, on Monday, an important research study into the travel intentions of our most important tourists, our friends from south of the border. The valuable information gained from this study will enable us to continue to attract increasing numbers of U.S. and foreign visitors.

In addition, the government announced yesterday that foreign tourists will be able to collect cash GST refunds at duty-free shops when leaving the country. This extremely efficient and simple process will encourage more tourists to visit Canada and will also be a major boost to business at Canada's duty-free shops.

Canada grows with tourism, courtesy of your Progressive Conservative government.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I rise to confirm what everyone knows already. First-class mail does not mean anything under the Tory government.

Just recently a Canada Post manager confirmed that first-class mail had been held back an extra day in Vancouver so that advertising flyers could be delivered in its place. What was the feeble excuse given for such unmitigated gall? Simply that first-class mail could be delivered the next day and still be within the accepted, so-called, delivery standard.

Canada Post should be renamed "Ad Mail Canada", or better yet "Canada Junk Mail".

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HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, this past weekend I had the pleasure of celebrating Canada Health Day with the people of Mountain View Home in Yarrow, B.C.

Mountain View Home is a psychiatric facility that enables people to live in close proximity to their community. Pat and Kathy Newby and their staff at Mountain

View are committed professionals who work with residents, enabling them to lead active, dignified and therapeutic lives.

No longer are people shut up in massive impersonal institutions far from their homes. Now people with psychiatric disabilities are living their lives as part of the community.

The theme of Canada Health Day this year was Health Services: Our Community Resources. With facilities like Mountain View Home assisting people and helping them to be all that they can be, there can be no doubt that in the Fraser Valley health services are, indeed, a very valuable community resource.

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MINING EXPLORATION

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, a research bulletin from the *Association des prospecteurs du Québec* has again pointed out that mining exploration, financed under the flow-through shares system, is a profitable investment for governments.

Mining exploration financed under this system from 1986 to 1989 will produce tax revenues of over \$700 million for both levels of government, Canada and Quebec.

The results of the past ten years of exploration have started to come into focus. The 90s should be a time for developing this potential further, provided the political will and the human and financial resources required to fully develop this potential will be forthcoming.

Furthermore, these new mining entrepreneurs may play a leading role in developing the industry in Quebec.

Mr. Speaker, the present financing mechanism has proved its worth. Maintaining that system would make it possible to reassess this mechanism with a view to making it part of an integrated system, ranging from support for individual prospectors to the ultimate production stage, a system that would be adapted to the new context of the 90s. Today, the federal government supports flow-through shares 100 per cent.