

## AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville):** Mr. Speaker, since accessibility to the American market as promised during the free trade debate is now seen as a myth, as witnessed by the countervail being imposed on Canadian pork entering the American market, when can the Canadian farmer expect to see some counter steps taken or hear some positive announcements by the government? This would put stability back into our domestic markets, since that expanding market in the U.S. is gradually being closed through harassment, as the Minister of Agriculture so aptly described, according to a news item in the *The Ottawa Citizen* on October 28. The minister said: "Rather than harmonizing, we're being subjected to harassment and it is timely and necessary to remind our American friends of the spirit within which the free trade agreement was negotiated."

When can farmers expect to hear the plans that the government has to counter this harassment?

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[Translation]

## OPPOSITION TO BRUNELLE REPORT

**Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine):** Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to protest against the Brunelle report on isolated posts in the north and other areas. You will understand that my constituents, and I agree with them 100 per cent, are very upset about the possibility of further cuts in certain programs. We are really isolated, because we lack a number of essential services. There are a number of examples of this in remote areas. Take our transportation network, which is quite primitive compared to the rest of the country. Compensation through this isolation allowance makes it possible to level some of the disparities in the system, in a country the size of Canada. Our economy has benefited from this allowance, Mr. Speaker. The young, the not so young and the elderly are starting to enjoy living in this part of the country. Before making this decision, I think we should sit down and consider ways of giving people a fair deal. Today I want to ask the Minister of Finance to reject the conclusions of the Brunelle report so that we can discuss the matter again.

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[English]

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

**Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth):** Mr. Speaker, the harbourfront of the city of Dartmouth is one of the last underdeveloped waterfronts of any major city in Canada. Over the last number of years, the city administration has examined various redevelopment options which would encompass a mix of recreational, commercial and residential development.

One of the major impediments to this project going ahead is Canadian National's marshalling yards located directly on the waterfront. In the past, CN has either refused to cost share any studies of harbourfront development or to fund any studies dealing with the relocation of the marshalling yards to other parts of the city of Dartmouth.

Early this week I met with CN president Ron Lawless to discuss this urgent and pressing matter. I have asked no more than the city of Dartmouth be treated in the same manner as that of Toronto, Edmonton, Montreal or other Canadian cities where CN has participated in harbourfront or downtown redevelopment in partnership with municipalities and the private sector.

I therefore ask this government, and in particular the Minister of Transport, to support this important initiative to the fullest, and to encourage Canadian National's active and early participation in this very necessary, timely and exciting proposal.

## EDUCATION

**Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, this current week has been selected to mark the great contribution which our community colleges and technical schools make to the life of our country.

Canada's community colleges and technical schools offer a wide diversity of job-oriented, educational programs designed to create the skills which will be required as Canadians face the impressive challenges of our national future. Graduates from these programs step into every area of our nation's life, using their new skills and knowledge to make a significant difference both for their own lives and for Canada.

Whether it be in the fields of health or social services, in our primary manufacturing industries or in the business services sector, the impact of community college