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development is a right in Confederation. That is why the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is so crucial to the Atlantic region. It is a program of fundamental economic advantage to these four provinces, which is designed to provide the potential for economic balance with more affluent regions of Canada.

It is not only important that we maintain ACOA's advantage, it is even more important that we use it wisely and well to create lasting benefits which, themselves, will help achieve the balance and may, eventually, even remove the need for special regional aid. Until then, regional development is a unique and essential instrument of Canadian Confederation in Atlantic Canada and elsewhere.

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## INUIT RELOCATION

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, we are appalled by an article in *The Ottawa Citizen* today which denies the suffering endured by Inuit of northern Quebec, who were relocated to the Canadian high Arctic in the 1950s as part of a government initiative. It is obvious that the writer has not spoken to any of the Inuit involved, nor does he have any personal knowledge of the circumstances and hardships which confronted these Inuit people.

The writer accuses the survivors and descendants of the relocation of spreading garbage. Perhaps this writer, unlike the people who were relocated, never had to forage through a white man's dump because he was hungry.

The article is misinformed, ill-researched, and pompous. Not only do these Inuit people deserve recognition of their suffering and an apology from the Canadian government, they now deserve an apology from the writer of this disgraceful article.

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[Translation]

## AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, from December 3 to December 7, International Trade ministers from 100 or so GATT member States will meet in

Brussels to conclude the Uruguay Round and make decisions on the future of world trade. This Round is the most ambitious one we have known since 1948.

The Union des producteurs agricoles in Abitibi-Témiscamingue has made frequent representations during the past few months. It is afraid the Canadian government's strategy consists in gaining access to international markets for our wheat in exchange for dropping subsidies and production support programs in Eastern Canada for milk, beef, pork, and so forth.

Mr. Speaker, Canadian representatives must stand up for our farm producers in Quebec and Canada.

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## PREMIER OF NEWFOUNDLAND

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, in *La Presse*, we were again treated to one of those recycled statements by "Lord Screech". Premier Clyde Wells was at it again, and all I can say is that although as Quebecers, we patiently listened to him for eighteen months when there was still hope for renewed federalism, today, our patience has run out. We will not stand for lectures from the Premier of Newfoundland on citizenship or Politics 101, Mr. Speaker.

The Premier of Newfoundland had the nerve to say that the Bélanger-Campeau Commission was unlawful. Mr. Speaker, we have news for the Premier. The Bélanger-Campeau Commission will serve as a guide for all Quebecers in deciding on their common future, and nothing Clyde Wells can do will stop them. Quebecers have nothing to learn from "Lord Screech" who says today it is up to the federal government to decide on our future.

Mr. Speaker, the right to self-determination is internationally recognized. Even Newfoundland called a referendum to decide whether it would join Canada. And today, they would deny us the same basic right? Mr. Speaker, that is unacceptable!

• (1410)

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret the hon. member's time has expired.