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conventional oil resources are depleting at an accelerated rate. The only logical solution to this problem is to develop the tar sands.

At this time Syncrude has an expansion scheme, a capacity addition program, which would add around 20,000 barrels a day to its current production of 129,000 barrels a day, and provide 25,000 man-years of construction work and 275 new permanent jobs. I am advised that if the world price is \$16 U.S. per barrel or more, Syncrude would be able to finance the expansion on its own. If the world price should fall below that, it would require loan guarantees from the federal and provincial Governments. Our Government should extend all its cooperation to this industry so the program is completed on schedule.

INDUSTRY

CHAMPION FOREST PRODUCTS MILL IN HINTON, ALTA.

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in Edmonton a group of concerned citizens from the town of Hinton, Alberta, held a press conference to make one final appeal to the federal Government to save the projected expansion of the Champion Forest Products mill. This project, if completed, would create some 450 jobs in the town of Hinton, as well as stimulate the economy of the entire region. It is no secret that with the downturn in the oil patch and the state of agriculture in the province, Alberta cannot afford to lose a major expansion of its forest industry, and certainly neither can Canada. Yet that Conservative Government refuses to act.

The people of Hinton tried to lobby their Member of Parliament quietly and the Conservative Government hoping that the Conservatives, who had promised so much to western Canada, would listen. They did not. Those people have now organized and taken their case directly to the people of Canada. We urge the Government to listen and act now in order to save an expansion project important for Hinton and for Canada.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

HIGH QUALITY WHEAT—FINAL PAYMENT REVIEW URGED

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, growers of high quality hard wheat on the Prairies are justifiably upset over the recent statement by Canadian Wheat Board Commissioner Jarvis that they will receive little or no final payment for number 1 and number 2 grades of wheat sold for the 1985-86 crop year.

High quality wheat attracted large premiums in 1985-86 because of world-wide shortages. Farmers who grew it had good reason to expect a fair-sized final payment over and above the initial price paid at the time of delivery. Unfortunately, it appears that funds which ought to be available for this have been used by the Wheat Board to cover losses incurred on the lower grades of wheat which sold for less than the initial price. Consequently, many farmers on the southern prairies who grow smaller quantities of high quality wheat are seeing their anticipated final payment diluted to cover losses on lower quality wheats which are grown in much greater volume by farmers in the north. I urge the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board to review this serious matter both for fairness today and policy direction tomorrow.

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AIRPORTS

MERGER OF DORVAL AND MIRABEL AIRPORTS

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Government on its innovative solution to the problem which was plaguing Montreal of having two airports 50 kilometres apart. The innovative solution, of course, is to designate them as one airport, calling Mirabel the north terminal and Dorval the west terminal. I expect that airport planners from across the world will flock to Montreal to see this innovative solution.

In order that those planners can see this solution applied elsewhere, we should resolve the problem of no direct flights to Edmonton by opening a new Alberta International Airport so that people can fly to the south terminus in Calgary and take a free bus up to Edmonton. I suggest that the British Columbia International Airport should incorporate the Vancouver terminal and the Victoria terminal, west and east. In Ontario we should have the southern Ontario International Airport, Lester B. Pearson branch, with a west terminal at Malton, an east terminal at Hamilton, and additional terminals at London and Windsor.

This is a very fine concept which will resolve all our problems. We expect that at the new Atlantic International Airport, transportation between the east terminus in St. John's and the west terminus in Halifax will be free, by ferry.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

PRESENTATION OF BRAVERY AWARD TO FIREFIGHTER KEITH CLIFFORD

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, at this very moment at Rideau Hall the Governor General is presenting a