

Mr. McMillan: In any event, I can tell her that Montreal has been a port of exit for PCB materials that are exported to Wales for incineration. They are subject to the most stringent federal regulations and the full force of law under the Transportation of Hazardous Goods Act. The PCB materials themselves are not allowed to be in Montreal at the port longer than, I think it is, 48 hours before shipment.

REQUEST THAT SHIPMENTS BE HALTED

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, I am glad that the Minister does not have to live in Montreal and be responsible for the safety and security of its citizens.

The Québec Environment Minister said this morning when asked about a possible PCB shipping accident in the St. Lawrence: "The risks of transporting dangerous wastes in this manner are frightening".

The time has come to stop the storing and shipping of the nation's PCB wastes in Montreal. I am asking the Government if it will stop shipping and storing of PCB wastes in Montreal? Or is it not concerned about the safety and security of the people of Montreal?

Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, as is the wont of members of the Liberal Party across the aisle and the Hon. Member, she quotes the Minister of the Environment for Québec. She does so very incompletely. She did not go on to complete the rest of his paragraph which is: "It is a question of principle. On a temporary basis exporting our wastes to England from Montreal is fine".

I ask her and I ask her Party, given the fact that communities across Québec and Ontario have resisted efforts by both Governments—the Government of Ontario and the Government of Québec—to establish permanent incineration facilities in those provinces, what is her answer?

Mr. Tobin: You're the Minister.

Mr. McMillan: If we cannot get permanent facilities built in provinces such as Québec and Ontario because of community resistance, what are we supposed to do? We have been shipping them to Wales. Soon to be on stream in October in Swan Hills, Alberta, is a permanent facility. The federal Government will be working with the provinces to see whether we can overcome community resistance to these permanent facilities.

In the meantime I am discussing with my cabinet colleagues the possibility of some transportable or mobile units that can overcome that very problem of resistance.

Oral Questions

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—WESTERN DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister in charge of the Western Development Fund. In light of the fact that the Prime Minister of Canada said to Premier Ghiz of Prince Edward Island when talking about regional development subsidies: "Trust me. They are excluded from the deal", yet the senior bureaucrat involved is saying that the subsidy program is already being restricted because of the trade deal, what I want to know is who the Canadian people can trust. The Prime Minister has already broken promises in terms of senior citizens. He has broken promises in terms of closing down rural post offices. He has broken promises in terms of patronage. He has broken promises on acid rain—

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the Hon. Member will get to his question.

Mr. Nystrom: In light of the fact that the Prime Minister has broken promise after promise in the areas of patronage, acid rain, Air Canada—

Some Hon. Members: Sit down!

Mr. Speaker: I do not know quite where this question is going, or the preamble. I would ask the Hon. Member to put his question.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, how can the people of Canada trust this Prime Minister and this Government when they have broken so many promises?

Mr. Axworthy: They just keep lying.

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification): Regardless of what has just been said by the Hon. Member for Fort Garry that we just keep lying—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McKnight: —I would suggest that he take cognizance of the *Winnipeg Free Press* editorial which states: "Tell the truth".

Mr. Axworthy: Why don't you take cognizance of the truth once in a while?

Mr. McKnight: The paper says that the Leader of the Liberal Party was wrong in so many instances regarding the free trade agreement.

Mr. Axworthy: Stop reading editorials and start looking at the truth.

Mr. McKnight: He was wrong in so many instances on the free trade agreement.