

the fact that the Canadian Government, the Government to which he pays taxes, will rebate up to 80 per cent of the importer's leasing costs or customs duty. A shipowner sourcing in Canada is not eligible for any rebate whatsoever. The result in 1983 was a record importation of foreign built vessels to Canada.

If the Government is serious about job creation and the preservation of a viable Canadian shipbuilding industry, let it act now to encourage sourcing in Canada. No industry should have to fight its own Government in the international marketplace.

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### FORESTRY

#### CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE MINISTRY

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's No. 1 industry continues to decline and the Liberal Government continues to ignore the problem. Yesterday the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Caccia), the Government's excuse for a Minister of Forestry, said that he was too busy to attend the inaugural luncheon for the Canadian Forest Industries Council.

Much of our traditional forest resource has been depleted. Twenty-five million hectares of logged-over lands have not been adequately restocked. Some of our traditional markets are drying up. Logging and sawmill communities suffer from widespread unemployment and economic insecurity. But the Minister does not have enough time to meet with industry representatives.

Long term forestry agreements have not been signed with the major forestry provinces. In 1984-85 British Columbia has to make do with an \$11 million extension of an agreement, instead of a new agreement which would have seen over \$100 million provided in federal-provincial funds.

This neglect of our basic industry must stop. As a start, the Government should establish a separate ministry of forestry with a full time minister, not a part time person who is out to lunch whenever forest industry representatives come to call.

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### LOUIS RIEL

#### GOVERNMENT URGED TO GRANT POSTHUMOUS PARDON

**Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, I, like so many other Canadians, am disappointed at the lack of agreement between the First Ministers and native leaders at the constitutional conference on March 8 and 9. One would suppose that after all the negotiations and study, some agreement could have been reached on the four agenda items under discussion at the conference, namely, equality rights, aboriginal title and rights including treaty rights, land and resources,

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and self-government. Because of the failure, the federal Government should initiate action on its own to spur the provinces into addressing aboriginal issues in a more substantive way.

The federal Government deserves support for its March 9 announcement on removal of sexual discrimination from the Indian Act.

It is hoped and anticipated that provincial Governments during their annual premiers' conference will place native issues at the top of their agenda.

In addition, it would be appropriate for the federal Government to move to correct an historic injustice by granting a posthumous pardon to Louis Riel. The Government could proceed on this matter through a Bill I introduced in the last session, and which I will be reintroducing again, I hope today.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### CROWN CORPORATIONS

#### CANADAIR—GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN CHALLENGER AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

**Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board. He will know from his experience in this House that Members of this Party have questioned the Government's decision to be involved in the Challenger program, since 1976. In the 1982 Shielding Report, which the Government commissioned, we find:

—the business of selling executive aircraft is undisciplined, ruthless, and checkered by practices which any government should abhor.

Why does the Government continue to damage the job opportunities and the future of those working for Canadair by insisting on carrying on in a business checkered by practices that any Government should abhor?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member ought to check those allegations and make the most of his opportunity to listen to the Minister responsible for Canadair and affiliated companies who is appearing before the *ad hoc* Standing Committee to explain the situation of Canadair and of other companies controlled by the CDIC. He would find out for himself that concrete steps have been taken to ensure the profitability of Canadair and that the Challenger's development and sales outlook are very promising.

[English]

### EXTENT OF GOVERNMENT FINANCING

**Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South):** Mr. Speaker, if we cannot get the President of the Treasury Board to explain why