

increased personal income taxes by \$23 billion since 1984. Now we have it confirmed that the Mulroney trade deal is a lemon for Canadian consumers. I have come to the conclusion that not only is the trade agreement a lemon for consumers, but so is the Mulroney Government.

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BANKS AND BANKING

A GRANDMOTHER'S GIFT—BANK'S LESSON FOR ONE-YEAR OLD

Mr. W. Paul McCrossan (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, yesterday it came to my attention that one of Canada's largest banks set a world record for levying a deterrent charge on its youngest customer.

Jake Mastandrea had to be taught a lesson on his first birthday. His grandmother wrote him a cheque for \$25 as his birthday present. Although the cheque indicated \$25 she inadvertently left off the five in recording the amount. The cheque was returned and Jake was assessed a penalty of \$5 for depositing his grandmother's birthday gift. Incidentally, his grandmother, who deals with National Trust, was not assessed a penalty because they do not charge for simple customer errors.

When I was a little boy my mother used to recite one of Little Orphan Annie's poems ending with the warning "The goblins will get you if you don't watch out". Perhaps today's mothers should be warning their children that "The banker-man will get you if you don't watch out".

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

CALL FOR ELIMINATION OF SUPERMAILBOXES

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, there are about 232,000 households currently served by supermailboxes. About 175,000 are serviced by contractors at an annual cost of \$35, and the balance serviced by post office letter carriers at a cost of \$97. Full delivery by letter carriers costs \$120 per household. Going door-to-door for all existing supermailboxes would therefore cost about \$16 million a year.

Canada Post projects another 500,000 supermailboxes will be added over the next three years. About half will be the result of lower cost supermailboxes in new subdivisions. Extending door-to-door delivery to them all would cost an extra \$86 per address, or about \$22 million. Add that to the \$16 million, and the total additional cost is \$38 million.

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A one cent increase in the price of mailing a letter generates \$25 million, so it would cost less than two cents to axe the supermailbox program.

I say that two cents is a small price to pay for equality and fairness. Let us hope the Minister pays a bigger price in the next election for not understanding that.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

LIBERAL PARTY

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, in the last few days, Canadians have begun to see the true face of the federal Liberals. The federal Liberals are in a panic; they absolutely must collect money to replenish their coffers left \$6.5 million in debt by lawyer Michel Robert. One wonders where this money has gone.

Yesterday, the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet), the official spokesman for Trudeau and Lalonde, was parachuted in by the Senate bigwigs to direct the Party's affairs. He is one of those taking part in the putsch to oust the leader. The lawyer Michel Robert, who lost \$6 million from the Liberals' treasury, is still there.

The Hon. Member for Outremont (Mrs. Pépin) is feeling queasy. The 22 signers of the letter against their leader, Mr. Turner, are still active. They have the support of the Hon. Member for Papineau, according to this morning's *Globe and Mail*.

Also, on the matter of free trade, which is very important for Quebec, the federal Liberals are working against this province. Canadians will not let a tragically divided party that is several million dollars "in the hole" govern the country. The federal Liberals prove to us that they are masters of disloyalty, deceit and treachery, not to mention hypocrisy.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—STEEL INDUSTRY

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, we have finally seen the truth of the so-called Mulroney-Reagan trade deal. This week the Americans want the Canadian steel industry to sign another voluntary restraint agreement, limiting the amount of Canadian steel that can be imported into the United States.