

Let us take Churchill or Thompson, Manitoba where the hon. member is from. Let us say that somebody wanted to start a major regional economic expansion there. All sorts of presentations would be made to the Government of Canada. They would knock on every government department door possible in order to see this happen. That is what happened in Nova Scotia as well.

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[Translation]

### BARRIERE LAKE ALGONQUINS

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In 1991 a trilateral agreement was reached on an integrated management plan for renewable resources, covering forestry and wildlife in an area of about 10,000 square kilometres located partly within the La Vérendrye wildlife reserve and surrounding area in Quebec.

What does the minister intend to do about supporting the efforts of the Barriere Lake Algonquins to protect the environment in the La Vérendrye wildlife reserve? Today, the Barriere Lake Algonquins want to erect barricades to prevent logging companies from entering the forest, saying they want to protect the fauna and flora. They want to maintain a 60-metre buffer zone, not the 20-metre zone which meets current standards under Quebec law.

**Hon. Pierre H. Vincent (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Minister of State (Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend the hon. member for Abitibi on his work on these issues, and also the hon. member for Pontiac—Gatineau—Labelle, who has been involved in this matter for some time.

As the hon. member for Abitibi pointed out, a trilateral agreement was signed in 1991 on the management plan, and a working agenda was drawn up by the Government of Quebec and the Algonquins. I recently met Chief Matchewan, who is trying to persuade the Quebec government which withdrew from the negotiating table to come back to the table and resume negotiations on the management plan. As pointed out in the

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agreement, the federal government is involved in a trustee role, and my department will continue to act in that capacity.

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[English]

### WESTRAY MINE

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice.

The legal counsel for the Westray inquiries said on March 30 that if he did not receive the documentation necessary for a proper investigation he was going to commence legal actions. Our records show that at least 80 pages of this documentation have been censored including 60 pages from the Prime Minister's own file.

Will the government and particularly the Minister of Justice provide to the inquiry uncensored copies of those pages, yes or no?

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister for Science and Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know how the hon. member could know what is missing and what has been changed because the commission has this information. We passed thousands of pages to it on April 8. It has all these documents and it is going to keep them confidential until the judicial proceedings on criminal charges are dealt with.

How could the hon. member know whether there are 60 pages, 6 pages or 6 words missing?

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, all members of the government when questioned on this said as long ago as last May that they would co-operate fully with the inquiry. This includes the Prime Minister and the House leader. In fact on June 9, over 10 months ago, the government House leader said: "The government has been forthcoming with all the background documents necessary for the people to examine what has occurred and reach their own conclusions".

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As the minister in charge of the documentation to the inquiry, why has he and his predecessor held back 11,000 pages of documentation which was only sent to the inquiry last week?