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**THE ECONOMY****INCREASE IN EXPORTS**

**Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention some more good news about the economy. According to data published this week by Statistics Canada, our total commodity exports in the third quarter of 1985 increased \$460 million over last year's figures for the same period.

More recently, in October, our commodity exports were valued at nearly \$11 billion, with \$8.5 billion going to the United States. As far as our balance of commodity trade in concerned, we have a surplus of \$2.353 billion with the United States.

Spurred on by increased shipments of coal and refined petroleum products, exports continued to rise in October 1985, reaching a record level of \$10.9 billion. This is an increase of 2.1 per cent over September and the third consecutive monthly increase.

Considering the size of our domestic market, Canadians are far more dependent than Americans on foreign markets for exports of goods and services. In fact, exports of goods and services as a percentage of our gross national product are three times the percentage attained in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, here we have the positive results of policies initiated by the Conservative Government that have helped to stimulate the Canadian economy.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS****UNITED STATES PLAN TO CLEAN UP TOXIC DUMP SITES**

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, the city of Niagara Falls, New York, is home to several toxic dump sites. The City is already four months behind in meeting a Federal Court request for a clean-up schedule. Now City Council has rejected the recommendation by City staff to hire a consultant to help and develop a clean-up plan. Why? The consultant's fees would drive up water rates. This act of political cowardice is indicative of the lack of political will to find a solution of how to clean up the dump sites. The lack of political will does not stop at the Canada-U.S. border, though; it is contagious and has infected the present Tory Government.

The Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) refuses to let Canadians know the contents of an American plan to clean up the toxic dumps, a two-month old document which is public in the U.S. Indeed, the Minister will not go even so far as to express an opinion on the contents of the plan. Decisions affecting Canadians are being made behind closed doors, keeping the Canadian people in the dark. I urge the Minister of the Environment to come clean with the Canadian people and tell them what he thinks about the U.S. plan to clean up the dumps, what he intends to do about the shortcomings in

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the plan, and how he intends to convince the Americans that extraction and destruction of the toxic materials are better than containment, and that action should start in the immediate future.

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**CROWN CORPORATIONS****DE HAVILLAND—SIZE OF PUBLIC FUNDING**

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, in 1974 the Liberals embarked on a bail-out of de Havilland which was in grave financial trouble. The Liberals ignored all advice and moved ahead with their pipe dream, a dream which was to see an ever increasing role for Government in the market-place through the setting up of hundreds of Crown corporations. Along with their bosom buddies from the NDP, they endeavoured to teach the business world a lesson. They appointed new managers at de Havilland and opened wide the taxpayers' purse. After pouring in \$830 million of taxpayers' money it was obvious that they had failed miserably. de Havilland's long-term survival was in jeopardy.

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Now, through my Government's move to privatize de Havilland, the future of the company and its workers looks bright. The Official Opposition seems to have lost touch with the mood of Canadians. Canadians know that privatization costs the taxpayers less and means more jobs. The Ontario Liberals know this. They are trying to sell UTDC and other Crown corporations. The Quebec Liberals have just appointed a Minister of State for Privatization.

We, the Progressive Conservatives, acted to stop the haemorrhage of public funds and ensure the survival of de Havilland. We acted to save hundreds of jobs. We keep our promises, and Canadian taxpayers recognize that fact.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

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**CROWN CORPORATIONS****SALE OF DE HAVILLAND—TERMS OF PROSPECTUS**

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister who, according to the House Leader, should be here shortly, I will put my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. Even he, who has a talent for secrecy, should have recognized that the handling of the de Havilland affair by the Government has been deplorable, even by the Government's own standards.

No thanks to the Government, we have obtained a copy of the secret prospectus which was given to prospective purchasers of de Havilland. It confirms that the Government has been spreading misinformation about the deal.