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## HISTORIC EVENTS

### NETHERLANDS LIBERATION DAY

**Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North):** Mr. Speaker, today the Netherlands celebrates Liberation Day, a day of celebration which, better than any other, demonstrates the strong bonds between Canadians and the Dutch. On this day in 1945 the Netherlands were liberated from German occupation. I am proud to say that Canadians played a prominent role in freeing the Dutch people from Nazi oppression.

The tulips which brighten Ottawa's and Toronto's spring remind us of the ties we share with the Netherlands. Canada and the Netherlands will always share a special attachment based on history and friendship. From the sheltering of the Dutch royal family during World War II, through liberation from the Nazis, to the current enrichment by immigration, our bonds have only been strengthened.

As the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke North, I would like to offer my congratulations, on the occasion of Liberation Day, to Canadians of Dutch heritage and the people of the Netherlands.

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## FORESTRY

### CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE DEPARTMENT

**Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, during the 1984 election campaign the Conservative Party promised to establish a Department of Forestry to oversee this important Canadian industry. It employs nearly 900,000 workers directly or indirectly. Its value of shipments exceeds \$30 billion annually, and its annual exports exceed \$16 billion. New Democrats continue to support the establishment of a separate Department but the Conservative Government now appears to have abandoned this promise.

New Democrats have been calling upon the Government to bring in a new National Forest Act to replace the old one dating back to 1966. Research expenditure in the industry is at an extremely low level. It is currently running at less than half the level of expenditure of our major competitors. It is also below the Canadian average for industrial sectors and other resource sectors such as agriculture and mining. Silviculture expenditures need to be increased at both government and industry levels.

New Democrats call upon the Government to give Canada's number one industry the attention it requires. Only then will this renewable resource be able to continue to provide its benefits to all Canadians and do so indefinitely.

[*Translation*]

## FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

### TRIBUTE TO PARTICIPANTS

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, as you know, today we welcome the leaders of tomorrow, the Forum for Young Canadians.

The program is rich and varied, thanks to the co-operation and assistance of Ministers, Senators, and all Members of this House.

[*English*]

I loved the thoughts from a counsellor who described the shared impressions of the participants as anxious, energetic, polite, boisterous, cute, intelligent, bright, calculated, receptive, merciless, fun-loving, handsome, motivated, durable, hungry, warm, physically fit, talented, pleasant, comical, and above all, truly Canadian. We welcome the Forum for Young Canadians.

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## CANADA POST CORPORATION

### KAPUSKASING—SUPERMAILBOX TO SERVE THREE HOMES

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior):** Mr. Speaker, in the constituency of Cochrane—Superior there is only one community which receives door-to-door mail delivery. That community is the town of Kapuskasing.

Recently three new homes were erected on Progress Crescent. To the owners' astonishment and dismay, Sir, they will not get home delivery of mail. Progress Crescent gets instead, can you believe it, a supermailbox. It is located about 100 feet away from where the letter carrier's route abruptly ends.

What justification is offered by Canada Post for this absurdity? The reason given is, and I quote: "This diversity of service is a natural result of geography and the diverse demographic patterns of our country".

When meaningless mush like that becomes a substitute for common sense, need we ask any more whether Canada Post has gone utterly mad?

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## MINES AND MINING

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANADIAN EXPLORATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

**Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday afternoon the Minister of State for Mines (Mr.