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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements  
of the Major Federal Parties on Subjects of Interest to EAITC****Le Quotidien : Plates-formes, positions et déclarations des partis  
fédéraux principaux sur les sujets d'intérêt à l'AECEC**External Affairs/Affaires extérieures*no significant items/  
aucun élément d'importance*International Trade/Commerce extérieur*no significant items/  
aucun élément d'importance***Other issues/Autres questions :****Immigration\*****Party positions:**

- BQ** Quebec should control the process with more focus being on immigrants once they arrive. French language training would be increased.
- Lib** Canada should maintain its current immigration levels with emphasis on independent applicants and those with relatives in Canada. Refugee policy should centre on those sponsored by government or individuals.
- Nat** Current levels of immigration should be maintained until the economy improves.
- NDP** The NDP favours the current level of immigration, however, those violating the immigration law should be subject to deportation. Refugee-determination procedures should be streamlined.
- PCs** The immigration limit is about 250,000 per year under current government policies.
- Ref** Those refugees who "simply show up and claim refugee status" would be turned away. They would possibly reduce the immigration limit to 150,000 p.a. and would restrict family reunification criteria to dependent family members.

\* Source: The Globe and Mail, September 25, 1993**GST/TPS**

Un gouvernement libéral n'abolira pas la TPS avant 1996, a indiqué Jean Chrétien. « Nous aurons un comité des Communes qui voyagera à travers le pays pour avoir les opinions des gens d'affaires et des citoyens », a dit M. Chrétien.

**Coalition**

Winnipeg Conservative MP Dorothy Dobbie, in an interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, said that if a large number of BQ and Reform party candidates get elected, the Conservatives and Liberals should consider forming a coalition to govern the country.

