

promote—this kind of co-operation between these two railroads for the sake of efficiency, there would probably be a spin-off benefit as well. He would probably be in a position to give the public more complete information about what the practices are of the railroads. That might even open up the question of what is the real cost of shipping grain since the railroad has been caught implicitly contradicting itself as to the actual cost in relation to efficiency.

I would hope that this amendment would be adopted, that the Administrator would use his power to ensure the efficient handling of grain and monitor the practices of the railroad, so that the records would show whether the railroad has been handling grain efficiently in the past. I believe this would be very interesting because the debate about the Crow rate, which is the main subject of this Bill, of course, is likely to continue for some time. The same interests which want to increase the rate will still want to increase it even after this Bill has been defeated.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that this amendment will be adopted. If not in its present form, then it is conceivable, as I said before in this debate, that there might be some compromise arrangement available whereby the essence of the amendment could be adopted.

I see my time has expired, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

EXCLUSION OF PETERBOROUGH FROM TORONTO FOOTBALL COVERAGE

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): The Crown corporation, CBC, has made a decision to exclude Peterborough from television coverage of the Toronto Argonauts' Canadian Football League game on Sunday, October 9. Peterborough is clearly outside the 75 mile black-out radius. As a result of this I have learned that the CRTC is entirely at fault because it neglected to add the 75-mile exclusion clause to a contract with Classic Communications of Richmond Hill, Ontario, which fully intend to broadcast the game via telecasts picked up from CHEX Television station in Peterborough, Ontario.

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Therefore, the CBC has made the arbitrary decision of disallowing Sunday's broadcast by CHEX and its affiliates on the basis of an error by CRTC in drawing up a licence with a Richmond Hill cable TV company. What this means is that thousands of football fans in the east central Ontario region will be denied the privilege of viewing the game, a deplorable situation which is further compounded by the loss of thousands of dollars of advertising revenue.

I strongly urge the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) to intercede immediately on behalf of football fans and force the CRTC to get its records straight and not deny football fans viewing rights because of a contractual error by the CRTC, a regulatory agency of the Ministry of Communications.

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[Translation]

EMPLOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENTS OF BOMBARDIER COMPANY

Mr. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House today to the fact that a major contract has been awarded to a Quebec company in my riding, and I am referring to Bombardier, which in its twenty-fifth year has succeeded in breaking into a market ignored until now by Canadian companies, namely, military vehicles. Madam Speaker, about twelve months ago, Bombardier was awarded a contract worth nearly \$140 million which created a lot of jobs in the Eastern Townships, 1,875, to be exact, and yesterday, another contract worth \$68 million was announced, which means an additional 1,000 jobs in Quebec. The product, a 4-wheel drive jeep, will have 50 per cent Canadian content during the first year and 60 per cent the second. I think this is an incredible achievement for a Quebec company, and it is due to its ability to draw on its own technical expertise, to know where the market is and to diversify production. After starting 25 years ago as a snowmobile manufacturer, Bombardier was able to find new markets, and I think that thanks to the expertise of its workers and management, this company which we can really call our own has a great future.

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[English]

LOUIS RIEL

PLEA FOR POSTHUMOUS PARDON

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, this House acted yesterday with unanimous consent to correct an historic injustice. Perhaps the Senate might also act in a similar manner.

The House acted to assist the Government of Manitoba to reinstate the constitutional rights of Manitobans so provided in the Manitoba Act of 1870. The Parliament of 1890 could have prevented that injustice through the use of the federal constitu-