

## CANADA POST CORPORATION

POSTAL RATE SUBSIDIES—EFFECT OF CANADA-UNITED STATES  
TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure that it will come as a surprise to most Canadians to learn that Canada Post is a part of the free trade agreement. This will not be welcomed by Canadians. We are not giving away Canada Post, but we are giving away postal rate subsidies used to support Canadian magazines and periodicals. These include small professional journals, Canadian specialty magazines, and even magazines with mass circulations like *Maclean's*.

Canadians have found with this free trade agreement that it is illegitimate for them to use the Post Office to support Canadian culture. From now on, Canadian magazines will have to play to a North American market. They will have to forget about their Canadian roots and their Canadian audience. What the Mulroney Government has done has been to sell out Canadian culture just after it had said it would protect Canadian culture.

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## SUPPORT FOR CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, British Columbians are ecstatic about the Government's free trade deal. They know that it means jobs. They know what the addition of 250 million customers will mean to the Canadian market-place. They know that more trade means more opportunity to expand economic horizons.

What western Canadians do not know is why the NDP and the Liberal naysayers are nattering negativity. Members of the Opposition are not consistent. They were negative when we began negotiations, they were negative when we broke them off, and now they are negative because we have a deal.

Three-quarters of what we produce in the West is sold to the Americans. Unfettered access to the huge U.S. market-place means that we have opened the window on the world. We are good traders now; we will be even better traders tomorrow because of this agreement.

British Columbians, and indeed all Canadians, now know who leads and who follows. Progressive Conservative Government means strong initiatives and concrete results.

I say to my colleagues in the Liberal Party and the NDP that we are leading Canada into the 21st century; they are not. We are improving the Canadian economy; they are not. We will be governing this country for a long, long time, and they will not.

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## CRITICISM OF CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) went to Washington to tell the Americans that Canada was open for business and up for sale. The midnight madness sale is over and Canada has been sold out to the United States. We learned today that in spite of the free trade deal the softwood lumber tax is to remain in place, the duties placed on shakes and shingles, steel, fish and other commodities will also remain in place, and that duties on our products will be allowed in future.

Not only will the duties and softwood tax remain on British Columbia products, but the Okanagan tree fruit industry will be wiped out, cottage wineries will be destroyed, vineyards will go, and the struggling family farm has been skewered. B.C. farmers will be overwhelmed by heavily subsidized U.S. agricultural products.

Now that the federal Government has agreed to purchase its goods and services from American suppliers, western Canadian companies which looked forward to participating in government procurement programs have been abandoned.

Sir John A. Macdonald and John Diefenbaker, if they were with us today, would be calling out in despair. They, like most Canadians, believed the federal Government should work in Canada's interests, not those of the U.S.

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## FREE TRADE—CANADA-UNITED STATES AGREEMENT—IMPACT

**Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis):** Mr. Speaker, last weekend, this Government achieved a historic agreement between Canada and the United States. We had promised Canadians access to the American market of 240 million consumers, and we kept our promise.

Canadian manufacturers are now assured that they will keep their present export market of \$95 billion a year and increase it thanks to their creativity and dynamism.

This gigantic success for our two countries will result in the creation of 350,000 new jobs in Canada. Because our plants will produce on a larger scale, consumer prices will decrease by nearly 6 per cent according to the Economic Council of Canada. Our farm product marketing system will not be affected by the agreement, and neither will Canadian culture, contrary to what the socialists are saying today.

Today, we pay tribute to our negotiators, to our Conservative Parliamentarians, to our Ministers for International Trade