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between now and Christmas. About 750,000 pensioners will benefit, the affected number increasing by 20,000 in 1984. This year, more than \$250 million will be added to the Canada Pension Plan fund; for 1985, funding is expected to total \$500 million.

In addition to increasing benefits for single pensioners, the Canadian Government intends to reform the pension system so that all Canadian workers under federal jurisdiction will benefit from some degree of income security.

Mr. Speaker, Canadians are aware that pensions are a deferred salary and that is why the Canadian Government wants to focus attention on a social issue that will be the most important one in the years to come, affecting many Canadians, and I am sure that single pensioners, most of whom are women who were in a difficult situation, will be very happy to receive these increased benefits. Thank you.

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## CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BARRIE, ONT.—TAX TREATMENT OF ART GIFT TO DONORS

**Mr. Ron Stewart (Simcoe South):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Royal Victoria Hospital and Recreation in Barrie, I urge the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Bussi eres) to rectify a problem created as a result of certain decisions by officials of his Department in the form of a letter denying a charitable organization an opportunity to raise funds.

Well known Canadian artist Ken Danby has offered to assist the hospital with its current fund raising drive. He will autograph 250 limited editions of one of his paintings commissioned for the new Recreation Building, which the hospital will give as tokens of appreciation to those who make donations in excess of \$500 to the hospital fund. The hospital will make a minimum of \$125,000 through this innovative venture. But now Mr. Robert Young of Revenue Canada has ruled that donors who receive these gifts cannot be issued a tax deductible receipt for their donations.

Revenue Canada will receive tax on the \$20,000 that Mr. Danby will be paid for the original painting. Does the Minister think it just that his officials should now try to tax donations to this worth-while cause? The hospital is to be congratulated on coming up with an innovative way to raise money from the private sector at a time when medicare funding is a controversial issue.

Surely the tax department has had enough bad publicity in recent months. Surely it does not need to let a technicality stand in the way of a worthy and charitable cause. On behalf of all the residents of Simcoe South I plead with the Minister for justice, compassion, and a sense of fair play. He should straighten out his bureaucrats once and for all.

## AVIATION INDUSTRY

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF POWERED FLIGHT IN CANADA

**Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern that an outstanding event in our national history might pass without due recognition in the House. I refer to the 75th anniversary of powered flight in Canada.

On February 23, 1909, Canada proudly entered a new era in transportation when Mr. J. A. D. McCurdy flew his aircraft, the Silver Dart, from the ice of the Bras d'Or Lake at Baddeck, Nova Scotia. The airplane was designed and built by the Aerial Experiment Association which, in addition to Mr. McCurdy, included as members Mr. Casey Baldwin, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Mr. Glenn Curtiss, and Mr. Thomas Selfridge. The Silver Dart's flight was the first by a heavier-than air machine in Canada, and the first controlled flight of an airplane by a British subject at any point in the British Commonwealth.

From those early days of bamboo struts and piano wire we have progressed to the conquest of space. I am certain I speak for all Canadians when I say we owe a debt of gratitude to our early aviation pioneers, and in particular to Mr. A. D. McCurdy and the men of the Aerial Experiment Association.

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## CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

POLICY PROHIBITING ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTS TO UNION FIRMS

**Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, the federal Government and CMHC are effectively union busting by ignoring the Fair Wages Act. CMHC is forcing non-profit housing societies to take low bid contracts for non-profit and co-op housing, thus excluding many union firms from the competition. Building trades unions and non-profit and co-op housing societies are completely justified in protesting this outrageous practice. Construction trade unions in B.C. have provided generous funding for development of affordable co-op and non-profit housing. Yet, with 66 per cent of union construction carpenters unemployed, building trade members are excluded from working on the very projects they are helping to finance.

The unfair labour practices of the federal Government and CMHC must cease immediately. The Minister of Labour (Mr. Ouellet) must enforce the Fair Wages Act for all CMHC subsidized developments so that workers earn decent wages and union firms can compete. The Minister responsible for CMHC must ensure that CMHC follows the provisions of the Act and changes the low bid policy immediately.