

mark in response to my good morning.

KIERANS: Yeah, we wanted to hear from the new boy.

CBC: Okay, Ron Atkie, the floor is yours. That's a little unfair. Eric Kierans, I think I'll start with you.

As I said before, the news the green paper goes into the House of Commons today. The Globe and Mail is reporting or suggesting or predicting that it's going to say we have gloomy economic prospects in this country and that the best foreign policy response might be in the area of trade. What do you make of that Eric and generally what are your thoughts?

KIERANS: Well generally a green paper is just... as was said yesterday in the Globe and Mail, a discussion paper. It's really setting forth a number of problems that have gone back like boots and shoes and textiles to confederation itself. You have to examine or ask yourself what is the motive. I'll say this about the government, they are masters, really at capturing the media. You know you make a leak and you have something before the report comes out, then the report comes out and then the people who didn't benefit from the leak begin to criticize the report, and the people who got the benefit, so you keep a discussion going on something that's really not all that much concerned and all that much different and you again ask yourself, what are they doing here? Well, one of the things that they would seem to be doing is undercutting what is likely to come out fairly soon I understand, or I would hope, the report of the MacDonald Commission on Canada's