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Dependable and well maintained harbours and wharfs are absolutely essential. The Government's neglect is a threat to the safety of Canadian fishermen and boaters. While the Government bails out banks and squeezes low and middle-income taxpayers for every last cent, the real needs of Canadians are ignored.

In my own constituency, the fishermen in Langan, South Bar, Glace Bay, the Barrachois Cove, Louisbourg, Main-à-Dieu, Gabarouse, L'Archeveque, Port Morien and all other ports are waiting patiently for much needed moneys to make repairs to their wharfs. I urge the Government and all Members of Parliament to fulfil their responsibilities and to allocate some new, badly needed assistance to the harbours and wharfs across Canada.

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## THE ECONOMY

### GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, last week while in my riding I finally came across someone who had been phoned by one of those polling organizations. She told me she was asked the usual unbiased question which went something like this: "Despite the Conservative Government's problems and their mistakes, you really wouldn't want to vote Conservative in the next election, would you?" Her reply was interesting. She said of course she would.

She told the pollsters that the Vancouver Island unemployment rate was 17 per cent two years ago. Now it is down to 10 per cent under a Progressive Conservative Government. She said that British Columbia's share of federal Supply and Services contracts had doubled over the past two years from 16 per cent to over 30 per cent. She then told the pollster that housing starts are up 50 per cent since the 1984 election and that that was good news for the foresters of Nanaimo—Alberni.

Finally, she informed her caller that she had seen more federal cabinet Ministers on Vancouver Island in the last two years than she had seen in the past 20 because the Conservative Government obviously cares.

This lady is obviously very knowledgeable and very positive. She saw the glass as being more than half full, not half empty as the media would have us believe. I am proud to have her as a constituent and she is proud to have a dynamic Progressive Conservative Government in Ottawa.

[Translation]

## RESEARCH

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF MAURICE LAMONTAGNE INSTITUTE AT MONT-JOLI

**Mr. Jean-Luc Joncas (Matapédia—Matane):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House to the fact that last Friday, June 12, the riding of Matapédia—Matane which I represent was the site of an event which will be recorded in the history of my region, namely the official opening of Mont-Joli's Maurice Lamontagne Institute specializing in the sciences of the sea. My colleagues the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) and the Minister of Supply and Services (Mrs. Vézina) attended the ceremonies.

Mr. Speaker, I was able to see how proud and pleased the people were, and I believe they had every reason to be because this research centre is a success, or better still, I should say a masterpiece.

Mr. Speaker, it would be appropriate to point out that this project of more than \$50 million was entirely financed by the federal Government. The economic impact of the research centre will go a long way towards curing the aching sore of high unemployment in my region. I might add that this is proof positive of the significance our Government attaches to regional development.

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## NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

### LOW PERCENTAGE OF NATIVE PRISONERS GRANTED PAROLE IN ALBERTA

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, last week Ken Howland, a member of the National Parole Board, gave details of a study which showed that in Alberta between 1979 and 1985, full parole was granted to 43 per cent of non-native prisoners who applied but to only 20 per cent of natives because of a lack of parole supervisors in rural areas. This lack of services means that native prisoners have less than half the chance of being paroled of non-natives.

This kind of discrimination goes a long way toward explaining why there is a much higher percentage of natives than non-natives in the prison system. It helps to explain the feeling among many native peoples that they are not equal under the law. It should also explain to all of us why aboriginal peoples want Canada to recognize their right to self-government with adequate finances so that they can provide proper services to their own people.

This kind of built-in discrimination must end. It will end only when aboriginal people get the right and the resources to control their own lives.