

### NATIONAL MINING WEEK

**Mr. Elijah Harper (Churchill, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the second week of May is National Mining Week, when we focus attention on the contribution this industry makes to Canada.

I would like to focus on mining in my constituency. This industry is the main employer in many of our communities. The mining industry makes a significant contribution to the northern Manitoba economy through salaries and royalties.

I would especially like to pay tribute to the men and women of northern Manitoba who work hard in our mines and smelters. They are an important part of our northern community and they deserve our appreciation.

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[Translation]

### POWER CORPORATION

**Mr. Jean-Guy Chrétien (Frontenac, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, at the Power Corporation stockholders' meeting, chairman of the board and CEO Paul Desmarais, who is also the father-in-law of the Prime Minister's daughter, said that, in the current circumstances, it was not in his corporation's best interest to invest in Quebec.

We learned at the same time that Power Corporation had increased its stake in Southam, which is about to build a \$55 million printing plant for the *Gazette*. Bloc members deplore this blackmail campaign aimed at Quebecers on the eve of the referendum campaign.

Everyone knows that, because of its influence, its family ties, and the professional past of its senior executives, Power Corporation has benefited from orders-in-council regarding satellite broadcasting that were custom-made for one of its subsidiaries, Power DirecTv.

Are we to understand from Mr. Desmarais's declarations that he is now returning the Liberal government's favour?

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[English]

### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**Mr. Paul E. Forseth (New Westminster—Burnaby, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, this week being National Police Week, I acknowledge the RCMP detachment in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada's second largest municipal contract detachment, with approximately 240 officers. In every aspect, this detachment exemplifies what is meant by serving the community.

On January 15 the local RCMP began a community policing pilot project, forging a new relationship with citizens. By dividing the city into four districts, the force will eliminate a

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central command, making officers more accessible to citizens, essentially assigning each officer to his or her own turf. By providing a greater presence in the local neighbourhoods, through full service community stations, storefront contact offices and a restructuring of the organization, this five-year strategic plan is sure to make a difference.

There is much concern for safety on our streets and in our homes. I congratulate the Burnaby force for its innovation and diligence, and making my part of British Columbia a safer place to live.

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[Translation]

### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**Mr. Patrick Gagnon (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the week of May 14 to May 20 marks the 25th anniversary of National Police Week in Canada, an event aimed at strengthening co-operation between the police and the public.

As you know, the Liberal government cares about the safety of Canadians. We must ensure that this co-operation between all members of the community remains strong, to ensure that Canadian law enforcement services continue to be efficient.

[English]

The police play a vital role in public safety and security and this year's police week theme "Partnerships with the Community" underscores this special relationship.

To mark the 25th year anniversary of police week, police services across the country are undertaking activities to underscore the importance of partnerships and co-operation between the police and the community in the fight against crime.

[Translation]

Police forces in Canada do an extraordinary job. Their achievements must not go unnoticed, and this is why we invite all Canadians to pay tribute to those who work tirelessly to protect them.

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### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

**Mr. Martin Cauchon (Outremont, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, today, May 15, is recognized by the United Nations as International Day of Families.

This day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the new realities facing the modern family. Social, technological and economic changes have significantly changed the make-up of the so-called traditional family unit.