

people such as the president of the 1990 Carnival, Mr. Marcel Veilleux, who is also known for his *joie de vivre* and his tremendous vitality, as well as all volunteers who are supporting him wholeheartedly and all participants who share the same enthusiasm, whether in the wind and cold or under a spring-like sun.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a warm invitation to all my colleagues in the House and all the Canadian people to come and see for themselves how friendly and welcoming Quebecers are.

Welcome to the Quebec Winter Carnival "At the heart of the world", which runs from February 1 to February 11, 1990.

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[English]

CANADA POST

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, yesterday a three-person delegation from Prince Edward Island came to Ottawa to appear before the Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Government Operations Committee to express concern about Canada Post's uncaring and undemocratic activities on the Island.

As the meeting proceeded, a Conservative party member of the committee indicated that she would no longer be able to maintain her presence at the meeting. The chairman asked opposition members to promise not to move motions that might embarrass the government because the government would not have enough members present to defeat those motions.

I objected, but to the surprise of those present, the chairman chose not to ask for a replacement of the government member and instead adjourned the meeting, sending the P.E.I. representatives home without a proper hearing and removing my right as a member to further question the witnesses or request committee support for their position.

I am deeply saddened by the actions of the committee chairman who left the people of Prince Edward Island without a proper voice on one of their strongest concerns, the retention of post offices in Island communities.

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ENTREPRENEURS

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that Canadian entrepreneurialism is alive and well, despite the doom and gloom scenarios which continue to dominate the projections and statements from members opposite.

Notably absent are any acknowledgements of the Canadian entrepreneurs or companies which have taken advantage of access and proximity to the vast American market. For example, I have yet to see anyone, including the member opposite, applaud the recent accomplishment of Montreal-based Imasco Ltd. Yesterday the company announced that its fast food subsidiary was purchasing the Roy Rogers fast food restaurant chain for \$365 million U.S.

Through such an acquisition, Imasco now enters into the U.S. markets where it was absent. Just think of the implications here. Roy Rogers, a name synonymous with Americanism and tradition, is now going to be Canadianized. Oh my! What have members opposite got to think about this?

Bold Canadian entrepreneurial initiatives such as this deserve due recognition and salutation from all members of this House. I put it to you, Mr. Speaker, that proper assessment and developments in the North American trade and commerce requires a two-sided coin, not conveniently one with two heads.

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SPORTS

Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the athletes, trainers and organizers of the first world ringette championship.

[English]

These games are currently being played in arenas in the city of Gloucester. A total of eight teams are involved including representatives of Finland, the United States, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

I hasten to add that all games are drawing record crowds.