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experienced an economic renewal in recent years. Like their predecessors in this profession, they will continue to serve the business, industrial and agricultural communities, as well as the public and near-public sectors.

Mr. Speaker, all these young people will help to protect the interests of Quebecers and serve the community.

Having passed the examination, C.A. candidates will have to undertake a two-year stage with a firm of chartered accountants duly accredited for such training.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the 678 Quebec candidates who passed the examination and, more particularly, the 15 young men and women who ranked among the first 20 in Canada.

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[English]

## TRANSPORT

## TRUCK HAULAGE RATES ON FEDERAL PROJECTS

**Mr. George Henderson (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I rise in my place today to bring to the attention of the Government a resolution which the Canadian Dump Truckers Federation passed recently at a meeting in Moncton, New Brunswick. The Truckers Federation is very concerned that haul rates on federal Government contracts do not conform to prevailing rates set by provincial Departments of Transport or Highways. The fact is that the federal Government does not have a minimum haul rate for dump trucks on federal projects. The absence of a minimum haul rate means that contractors on federal projects take advantage of the truckers they engage on the contract by offering them less than the prevailing provincial rate.

This is not a revolutionary request. The Government is requested simply to agree to the minimum provincial rates existing in each province when it tenders out contracts. I ask the Government to eliminate this predatory pricing situation which exists because of the lack of firm guidelines.

The establishment of a minimum haul rate on federal government contracts would stabilize the trucking industry and prevent the bickering and predatory pricing which are now sabotaging the trucking industry.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

## EFFECT ON STAFFING OF BUDGETARY CUT-BACKS

**Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, holding the line on government expenditures in the name of deficit reduction can be a dangerous business. The Inspector General of Banks has stated that Treasury Board prevented him from obtaining the staff he needed in the late 1970s to deal with a much enlarged banking system in Canada. Mr. Kennett sought 11 new people in the 1984-85 fiscal year but was given only

four. He sought to hire 14 more this year but was only allowed nine. "As recently as last June", he says, "we received a missile from the Treasury Board suggesting we reduce our staff over the next couple of years".

Only after the Canadian Commercial and Northland Banks had failed, at a cost to taxpayers of hundreds of millions of dollars, did Treasury Board authorize an increase in the Inspector General's staff.

In the same week the Great Lakes region is reported to be the most contaminated in North America but the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) finds himself "subject to government restraint" and unable to fund more research. He is unable to fund the Toxicology Research Centre at Guelph which the Government scrapped last year when it slashed \$46 million from the budget of Environment Canada. Meanwhile, his Department works on the terrifying problems of cleaning up the St. Clair River.

How large will the cost be in dollars and, perhaps, in lives, because of deficit reduction applied to the Department of the Environment?

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[Translation]

## RADIO-CANADA

## ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT NEWS SERVICE ON UPPER NORTH SHORE

**Mr. Charles Hamelin (Charlevoix):** Mr. Speaker, it is with a lot of pride and enthusiasm that, last Sunday evening in Forestville, the people of the Upper North Shore welcomed the official announcement by Mr. Pierre Juneau, President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, that there will be a permanent news service of Radio-Canada in the region.

This was certainly good news as all members of the social and economic community of the area had been requesting it for nearly fifteen years.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should applaud the management of the CBC, its President, Mr. Pierre Juneau, and the Minister of Communications, the Hon. Marcel Masse, for being so sensitive to the needs of a region which is certainly disadvantaged as far as communications, information and an accurate portrayal of its difficult way of life are concerned.

Mr. Speaker, the regional services of Radio-Canada provide much more than critical and factual information. They are first and foremost a great agent for social and economic development.

They are also a powerful agent for dialogue and the motivator for an improved sense of identity.

In Forestville Sunday evening, Mr. Speaker, we indeed felt a greater sense of our identity as Canadians when we heard the words: "Ici Radio-Canada, Haute Côte-Nord".