

Even within Canada, Newfoundlanders must struggle to get treated fairly and obtain economic independence. Newfoundlanders and Canadians need government action to ensure fairness for all regions and all Canadians. They do not need a Conservative Government which gives up this battle.

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AIRPORTS

PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) has led this House to believe that Hamilton never agreed to assist Pearson Airport with its waste disposal. For the record, I have a letter dated October 7, 1987, from Hamilton—Wentworth to Air Canada agreeing to assist Pearson. I quote an excerpt: "Regional Council at its meeting on October 6, 1987, approved the committee's recommendations". In July, 1988, only seven and one-half months later, when Pearson was in a bind, it reversed its approval stating: "Give us planes and we will take your garbage". I do not believe Canadians, even Hamiltonians, would consider that fair play.

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PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I would invite the Member for Etobicoke North (Mr. Pennock) to come into my riding and find out what the people of Hamilton—Wentworth think about his garbage. The fact is that when the initial approval was given, it was claimed there would only be 20 metric tonnes of garbage a week. We then discovered that the airport planned not only on dumping its international garbage on us, but all its garbage, 250 metric tonnes per week.

It was the Member's Government and the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Transport that misled the people of Hamilton into believing it would only be 20 metric tonnes.

Frankly, I think it is an insult to the people of Hamilton. We are not good enough to fly into. The Member for Etobicoke North says Hamilton is just a small town and someday we may be a big city and people may be able to fly there, but in the meantime he expects us to take his garbage. Well, you can have your garbage, you can the mess from the Toronto International Airport, and you know where you can put it.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—SUPPORT FROM SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, today's vote on third reading of the free trade legislation is greeted with great enthusiasm in Edmonton.

Small businesses and manufacturing firms in my riding of Edmonton East continue to express strong support for this historic trade agreement. For instance, officials at Emery Apparel Canada Inc. of Edmonton have informed me that its 200 employees will benefit greatly from increased commercial access to the U.S. market. They want free trade.

Another small business, Scorpion Small Engine Repair, which employs only five people, wants free trade to eliminate the existing 28 per cent duties on engines and engine parts.

Edmonton and Alberta will thrive because of this historic agreement. Future generations of Albertans will look back upon today as a landmark achievement in Canadian nation building.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, there is a Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) who said in this House just yesterday that Canada's rivers and lakes are not for sale. I said to myself: "Did I hear that before?" Well, let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, a short story. Once upon a time there was a Prime Minister of Canada who said social programs were a sacred trust. Then he decided that social programs were not a sacred trust and tried to make life harder for many average Canadians.

I will tell you another story, Mr. Speaker. Once upon a time there was a Prime Minister who said that the CBC and Air Canada were not for sale. Then he decided to sell Air Canada. We will see how many Canadians decide to buy shares in their own company which offer no return on their investment.

Who can believe a Prime Minister who wants us to believe in fairy tales? It is a fond hope that for once the right hon. gentleman means what he says. Let us also hope he calls an election immediately so the people of Canada can show how they deal with Prime Ministers who say one thing and mean another.

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THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Selkirk—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I got a telegram from my friend this morning. Here is what it says: