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Ottawa confirming that they feel they are being unfairly treated by the present federal Government.

They have been unfairly treated with respect to the base closure in Summerside and unfairly treated with respect to regional development cut-backs. They will not sit back and let the federal Government shut down this part of Canada. P.E.I. is part of this country and Islanders demand to be treated fairly as Canadian citizens under the terms of the Constitution.

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[Translation]

HISTORIC SITES

THE QUEBEC VILLAGE OF YESTERYEAR

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite all my colleagues and all Canadians to come and visit the Québec Village of Yesteryear, a historic site in Drummondville, which will be open from June 1 until Labour Day.

[English]

The objectives of this educational and cultural centre are to reproduce a village with the added attractions of animation, ways, customs, and dress of the people living in Quebec during the Eastern Townships era dating from 1840 to 1910 and to reflect the living traditions of our ancestors.

[Translation]

Last year, over 175,000 people visited this heritage village. Most Canadian and American television networks have made film sequences, television series and feature films there, including *Entre Chien et Loup*, *Les Tisserands du Pouvoir*, *Sir Wilfrid Laurier*, *Henry Ford* and even *Barnum and Bailey* with Burt Lancaster. France and Belgium have also used this setting to shoot picturesque scenes, like "a village to remember." Its hospitality and charm are undeniable. You will be thrilled and delighted

by this unique place in Québec which will take you back to the ways of life of the last century.

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[English]

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are very concerned about the Young Offenders Act. They cannot understand how justice is served when a 16 year old receives a three-year sentence for killing three people.

They wonder what example is set for young people who know that they can commit serious offences without ever having an extensive criminal record. Canadians worry that the Young Offenders Act provides an incentive for adults to use young people for criminal activity.

I urge the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lewis) to continue to pursue changes to the Act with his provincial counterparts. Public safety and justice demand nothing less.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

CLOSURE OF RURAL POST OFFICES

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, the more than 5,000 rural post offices in Canada do more than provide mail service to our less populated and isolated areas. Those post offices, with their capable postmasters and staff, offer much to their communities. Rural post offices such as Nipigon, Red Rock, Armstrong, Dorion, Hurkett, and Murillo are meeting places for the residents. They assist people to complete government forms, monitor people who live alone, and provide other vital services to small communities.

More important, the rural post office along with VIA Rail may be the only federal presence in those areas.

I ask the Government to re-evaluate its position on this matter. Rather than opting for the closure of rural post offices, Canada Post should ensure that those post