

*Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement*

protective measure it wants, against Canada, it can even make new countervailing duty laws that it does not have now and apply them.

**Some Hon. Members:** So can we.

**Mr. Boudria:** That is an interesting point. Members opposite say: "So can we".

One country is 10 times the size of the other. Members across the way are saying that they want to penetrate the large U.S. market in order to gain access to it; we want that guarantee because it will be good for our country.

[Translation]

**Mr. Fontaine:** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** The Hon. Member for Lévis on a point of order.

**Mr. Fontaine:** Mr. Chairman, I heard the Hon. Member compare the two populations—Americans and Canadians—but he forgot to point out that now we have a tribunal to settle disputes and at least two Canadians and two Americans sit on that tribunal, so it does restore some balance between the two states. Before there were two Americans who could challenge the allegations made by Canadians. My colleague ought to mention that.

**Mr. Boudria:** A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** The Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell on a point of order.

[English]

**Mr. Boudria:** I did not hear a word that he said, but that does not matter anyway.

I want to read an article from the *Toronto Star* of August 2. It is entitled: "More trade surprises". With regard to President Reagan it states in part: "Nor did he forget those Canadian farmers who may take solace in the trade exemption for marketing boards. Reagan warned that as soon as the deal is in place the U.S. plans to go after Canadian import restrictions on poultry and eggs".

For farmers under supply-management, it is quite clear that the Government of the United States intends to damage those structures that we have now even further than they are already damaged under the Prime Minister's trade deal. Under this trade deal they are damaged a number of ways.

First, Article 710 states that supply-management is protected. On the surface that may be convincing to some. However, Article 703, which precedes of course Article 710, states:

In order to facilitate trade in agricultural goods, the Parties shall work together to improve access to each other's markets through the elimination or reduction of import barriers.

It could be interpreted by courts of law in the future that this article is in direct contradiction to Article 710. How will it be interpreted in the future? I know that some of the legal whiz-kids across the way are saying: "We have nothing to fear". But I am not convinced at all.

[Translation]

Mr. Chairman, first of all, we know that most of the farming in my riding is subject to quotas—dairy farming. Now I know that farm issues like milk production might not interest the Hon. Member for Duvernay (Mr. Della Noce), but for those here who are interested in it, I am convinced that the dairy industry is threatened by this Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Chairman, I am convinced that this Agreement threatens the agricultural sector.

**Mr. Fontaine:** Mr. Chairman, point of order.

**The Chairman:** The Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine) on a point of order.

**Mr. Fontaine:** Mr. Chairman, I was on the Legislative Committee that heard representations from the farming community on free trade, when the Hon. Member did not come last summer. They came to testify in favour of free trade; the *Coopérative laitière du Québec* is in favour of free trade; the red-meat producers of Canada are in favour of free trade; the grain growers are in favour of free trade. Did no French-speaking Quebecers come to this Committee last year, Mr. Chairman?

**The Chairman:** Debate. The Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria).

**Mr. Boudria:** Mr. Chairman, you are very patient with those Conservatives. They do not deserve all that patience, and I congratulate you.

First, the Hon. Member opposite, who came to debate free trade in my riding, knows very well that the farmers of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell at a public debate in which he participated in our riding were opposed to the Free Trade Agreement.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!