

movie is Canadian. It was shot on locations from Vancouver to Newfoundland, but it is primarily about a brave young Canadian. Terry Fox stirred the emotions in all of us in an unbelievable way with his run to raise millions to fight cancer. But the film does not portray him as a perfect hero. He comes across in a very human way. At times he is moody, unreasonable, and self-centred. However, in the end the total picture which emerges is one of a tenacious, proud, and determined young man who knew that he was dying but would not go down without a fight.

I make this statement to urge Canadians to see this film. Why has attendance been low? Is it because it is a Canadian film? Just because it is Canadian does not mean that it is second rate. This is a first class movie which helps to keep alive the message of Terry's Marathon of Hope. I urge all of my colleagues to go and see this film. They will not be disappointed.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### SUPPORT URGED OF BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North):** Madam Speaker, blood donations are sometimes referred to as the gift of life. Everyone who donates blood contributes in a very real way toward saving or sustaining the life of a fellow human being.

As the House will know, Father Sean O'Sullivan, a former Member of Parliament, is suffering from leukemia. Blood transfusions are used as part of the treatment of that disease. I take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, to urge Members, staff, visitors and members of the media to make a special effort to attend the House of Commons' blood donor clinics which will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week. I especially appeal to those people who have never given blood before to take this occasion to donate blood for the first time.

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[Translation]

## FISHERIES

### CONFLICT BETWEEN FEDERAL AND QUEBEC GOVERNMENTS— REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION

**Mr. André Maltais (Manicouagan):** Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a conflict between the Canadian Government and the Province of Quebec concerning the fishing industry. At the request of the Mouvement Desjardins and the Pêcheurs-Unis du Québec, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) has done a great deal to help Quebec fishermen to continue, and in some cases to start fishing. However, because of an administrative problem, the Quebec Government is opposed to a settlement that would benefit the fishermen, and today, senior officials of

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the Canadian and Quebec Governments are meeting to find a way to settle the Madelipèche issue and, especially, to provide employment for the fishermen.

However, if it turned out to be impossible to reach a settlement agreeable to both parties, I would agree, Madam Speaker, if the Canadian Minister of Fisheries and Oceans were to implement one of the major recommendations of the Kirby report, namely, that the federal Government should repatriate the entire fisheries administration to the central government, for the benefit of all fishermen in Eastern Quebec and Eastern Canada. I think we should support the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, who is trying to find a settlement that is satisfactory to all parties, and not just to one of the parties, namely the Government of Quebec, which would be doing a disservice to the fishermen of Madelipèche and all fishermen in Eastern Quebec.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

#### INVESTMENT IN CAST SHIPPING GROUP

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for what appears to be one of the more beleaguered Ministers in Cabinet, the Minister of Transport. I know he has problems with Maislin, the Challenger, Canadair, Air Canada, and so on, but the urgency of the Government's position with respect to any further investment by Canadian National Railways in the Cast group compels me to put the question. Will the Minister tell the House and the people of Canada why the Government does not believe that debt of upwards of \$200 million is inexcusable in terms of Canadian National's involvement, or that the Government will take some action to prevent CN from incurring five cents more debt in the Cast group?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, the decision as to the future of the CN-Cast alliance has not been taken yet by Cabinet so I am not in a position to comment either way. That decision will be taken soon, but it has not been taken yet. I understand that my hon. friend is afraid this might have an unfavourable influence on the Port of Halifax. I wrote to him publicly recently to explain that this was not going to be the case, because of geography, of freight rates, and a number of factors, Halifax and Montreal serving different markets.

I rejoice in the fact that in recent days three companies serving the East Coast have shown interest in moving to Halifax. I understand that one has already done so and another is about to do so. This demonstrates that the two ports serve different markets.