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estimated value of the cargo was approximately \$10 billion. The savings to users was particularly advantageous for the iron ore mining industry in Quebec and Labrador and for massive shipping of Canadian grain to international markets. During the last season alone, nearly 18 million tonnes of western grain were shipped through the Seaway. Altogether, more than one billion tonnes of commodities have been shipped on the St. Lawrence Seaway since 1959.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to mention that the Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway Authority is a Crown Corporation that is self-financing, acquiring its revenue from toll paid by users. The long term forecast indicates—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Unfortunately, the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary's time has expired.

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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

INVITATION TO CHILEAN NAVAL ATTACHÉ

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Mr. Speaker, last week Chile's military Government started the week by imposing a curfew and press censorship, and ended it by brutally putting down opposition demonstrations, leaving in its wake 38 people wounded and five dead, one of them a 13 year old boy gunned down on his doorstep by Chilean security forces.

Since it overthrew Chile's last elected Government, the military Government has attacked domestic opposition with torture, detention, assassination, and disappearance. Last week's events only show the world the most recent example of the contempt for democracy held by Chile's military Government, and the lack of professionalism of its military forces.

Next weekend the College Militaire Royal, in St. Jean, Quebec, is holding its assault at arms exercises. I was very disappointed to learn that, despite Chile's dreadful record, the College plans to honour Chile's military attaché to Canada, Col. Jorge Lucar, by inviting him to attend the exercises as a special guest.

The Canadian Armed Forces pride themselves on their commitment to democracy and on their professionalism. Since the world has been shown yet again that Chile's military has nothing but contempt for democracy, and none of the military professionalism to which our officer cadets aspire, the Government should direct those in charge of the College to cancel their invitation to the Chilean military attaché.

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FISHING AND HUNTING

OPPOSITION TO CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED BY
PSEUDO-CONSERVATIONIST GROUPS

Mr. Peter Ittinuar (Nunatsiak): Mr. Speaker, I wish to comment on the disastrous effects that the pseudo-conservationist groups are having on all Canadians. These preservationists, as I call them for a lack of suitable words available in this House, tamper and toy with our international markets, and are reducing the quality of life for millions of Canadians. It is we taxpayers and consumers who are footing the bill for these preservationists to galavant around the world on their ridiculous and asinine crusades to save all that is cute.

Anyone who suggests that we succumb to this blackmail is being shortsighted in thinking that they will go away. Trapping, hunting, sport fishing, commercial fishing, forestry and tourism will all be targets of their propaganda. How many billions of dollars and lives does that represent? We must understand that these people are only interested in maintaining a cash flow, and they will not go away until they have sapped every last sentimental dollar from the public and converted mankind into a herbivore, or possibly worse, a herb.

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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

SUPPORT FOR YOUTH TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, many young people in my riding are receiving job skills training and work experience at Canadian Forces Base, Shilo, through the Youth Training and Employment Program. YTEP has been well received in Shilo, and I am sure the Program is also well regarded at other Canadian Forces bases where it is offered.

Unlike many of the ineffective, costly programs which came out of last April's federal Budget, YTEP has met a very real need. It is a cost-effective way to provide employment training and experience to many of Canada's young people. It uses existing facilities and, by teaching job skills, the Program prepares young people to compete in an exceedingly tough job market. It would be a shame, therefore, if the Program did not continue for at least another year.

About 5,000 young people are now benefiting from YTEP. If an extension were to be approved by Cabinet, thousands more young people would benefit. The Program could be even more effective if the young people finishing the Program were given the option of entering the Reserves.

The Government's record on unemployment is certainly nothing to brag about, so I would think that Cabinet would want to seize every opportunity to improve its record. I therefore urge the Government to approve the funds necessary for the extension of the Youth Training and Employment Program.