

In closing, I want to speak about Canadians being world-class competitors, although the Opposition implies this is not the case. Canadians are not afraid of the future. The welders who are helping to build the oil pumping systems for Venezuela's oilfields at Canadian Foremost in Calgary know that they are as good as any in the world. The systems designers at Ottawa's Cognos Incorporated whose new computer language is used by 115 of the top 500 companies in the world know they are the best in the world. The technicians at CANAC International in Montreal know that they beat out the best in Germany, France, the United States and Britain in winning a contract for the new control system for India's railroads. They know, as we do, that we cannot deal with protectionism and prepare Canada for the next century if we walk away from this challenge.