

integrity of the Government of Canada. Here we have standing before us a Minister who has not the good sense to know that as a Minister of the Crown he has been insulted once again.

The Minister can go back to the treaty of 1972, he can go back to the treaty of 1872, he can go back to the treaty of 1772, the fact of the matter is that 24 hours ago a Newfoundland vessel, which makes it a Canadian vessel, was illegally arrested by French authorities. The Government of France—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry, the Hon. Member's time has expired.

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MULTICULTURALISM

CANADA-LEBANON DAY

Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, today is Canada-Lebanon Day. Four years ago the Government of Canada so designated May 6 to honour the significant contributions to Canada of Canadians of Lebanese descent.

There are over 200,000 Lebanese Canadians, 20,000 in my city of Ottawa alone, many of whose families have been here for over 100 years.

Last night I was proud to join several hundred members of Ottawa's Lebanese-Canadian community in welcoming the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and other federal Ministers to the local Canada-Lebanon Day celebrations. This is the first time that a Prime Minister has attended such an event. I join him and all Members of the House in applauding Canadians of Lebanese descent for their immeasurable contributions to Canada. We all hope and pray for a return of peace to Lebanon and the early re-establishment of the Canadian Embassy in Beirut.

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NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, this has been a notable National Forest Week. A number of events have focused the importance of our forests to Canadians, their importance in employment, in production, in exports, and in aesthetic and ecological terms.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry deserves much credit for its emphasis on these matters. I take pride in recognizing the leadership of Dr. Jim Kayle, President of the Institute, and one of my constituents as former Director of the School of Forestry at Lakehead University. I also want to express appreciation to yourself, Mr. Speaker, for focusing attention on forestry by

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means of the reception and luncheon you hosted on Wednesday.

We need equally vigorous action by the Government of Canada. We need a full Department of Forestry for a most important resource and industry. We need increased spending on reforestation and research. We need to ensure that Canadians will have forests to enjoy in perpetuity, and the varied employment that our forests offer. New Democrats anticipate the opportunity to create such a federal Department of Forestry.

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YOUTH

VILLE DE VANIER'S CULTURAL AND SPORTS GALA

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity today to draw the attention of Hon. Members to an important event held annually at Ville de Vanier which acts as an important stimulus for our young people.

On April 30 this year, the sixth sports and cultural awards gala of Ville de Vanier was held, with André Morin, who is very involved in community projects and a man of great determination and open-mindedness, as honorary president.

The purpose of the gala is to set up a special fund to help young people in the community, while recognizing individual achievements in sports and culture.

All this would not be possible, Mr. Speaker, without the involvement, sustained efforts, creativity, experience and mutual support of many volunteers who shared a common goal and who were committed to making this an unforgettable event.

My sincere congratulations to Nicole B. Morency, president of the gala corporation, to Rachel Francoeur, president of the organizing committee and to all volunteers who worked together to make this an outstanding community event.

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OPERATION RALEIGH

YOUTHS' PARTICIPATION IN THREE-MONTH TREK THROUGH NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, this summer a very special event called Operation Raleigh is scheduled to take place in Canada's North. It is a three-month trek through the Northwest Territories, involving 24 youths