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around campfires. For every person being paid \$7 an hour on the job, being charged astronomical rates for very poor housing conditions on those jobs, ten are in those hobo jungles waiting for their jobs.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. It being one o'clock p.m., I do now leave the chair until two o'clock p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

CANADIAN HERITAGE**FUNDING OF ANGLOPHONE AND FRANCOPHONE
COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS**

Mr. Ron Stewart (Simcoe South): Madam Speaker, it is very laudatory of the pro unilingual Secretary of State (Mr. Joyal) to announce the federal Government's participation in the 1984 celebration of the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the French explorer, Jacques Cartier's voyage to America. I commend him for having the foresight to present a half million dollar cheque to Quebec organizers this year for celebrations next year. I understand the total federal contribution will be \$1.6 million. I also applaud Canada Post' decision to issue, jointly with France, a commemorative stamp in 1984.

This year, not next year, marks the four hundredth anniversary of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's discovery of Newfoundland, a possession of the British Crown and the first British colony. What did Newfoundland receive from our unbiased Government? A total grant of \$394,000, with the cheque not yet forthcoming for this year's event.

Two years ago my colleague from Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington requested a postage stamp commemorating in 1984 the heroic settlers known as the Empire Loyalists, but to no avail. The official terminology, as stated by the Minister's office, to be used in 200 years of development, because of opposition from Francophone groups. No joint U.S. Stamp and no announced funding—once again it is cut off all vestige of British heritage. If "Jack Carter" can get \$1.6 million and a joint stamp with France, then we English-speaking, by population, deserve three times this amount for celebrations and our commemorative postal stamp.

Mr. Minister, fair is fair. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Let us have equal treatment for all Canadians.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

SHIPBUILDING**BENEFITS FOR QUEBEC FROM FRIGATE CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT**

Mr. Jacques Olivier (Longueuil): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very important contract that is to be awarded within the next few months for the construction of frigates. The contract means a great deal to all Canadians and especially to the riding of Longueuil. If we assume that the offers that were submitted by the companies in Saint John and Longueuil are the same as far as the quality of the ships is concerned, it is my firm conviction that it is perfectly normal for Members of this House to make representations to the present Government to have this ship built in Quebec and in Longueuil. I feel it is perfectly fair and normal and reasonable that the very substantial number of Canadians living in the Province of Quebec should have a say in our navy and reflect its Canadian content, especially since some companies which made offers had to get their know-how from the United States.

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[English]

CANADA POST CORPORATION**COMPETING WITH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOR ADVERTISING**

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, postmasters in northern Alberta and Saskatchewan are soliciting advertising from local businesses to be placed in flyers printed by Canada Post, and distributed by Canada Post as it delivers the mail. Obviously, when you begin with a Government subsidized corporation and add to it a free delivery system, you can undercut the advertising rates of small weekly newspapers which depend for their very survival on the same advertising dollar.

Canada Post is not only subsidized by the taxpayer, it is also paid hundreds of thousands of dollars each year by these very same newspapers in delivery costs. This is a gross intrusion on the lifeblood of the weekly newspapers, given the fact that with their very own money Canada Post is undercutting them.

The Postmasters who sell this advertising are guaranteed a very handsome salary from the Government. On the other hand, salesmen who work for these papers are often paid on a commission basis. Postmasters are literally stealing from these salesmen.

Editors of weekly newspapers are a dedicated bunch. They are not in it for the money; they are in it to provide a much needed service to their communities.

This is a totally unfair and inexcusable use of taxpayers' money. This callous move by the Canada Post Corporation may push many small weeklies that are struggling to survive the recession out of business. The Minister responsible for Canada Post and the Minister responsible for the media—