

A task force from the Nova Scotia government proposed a plan to him a month ago. Now not even his Nova Scotia counterpart, Mr. Legere, can get him on the line.

Yesterday more than 200 fishermen and plant workers gathered once again at a public meeting in Canso to call for an end to this uncertainty. Their patience is wearing thin. Fishermen need to know whether there is any point in putting their boats in the water. Plant workers need to know what the future holds for them. They want the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to come to Canso and explain what his government has in store for them.

The minister knows what needs to go into this plan. Will he end the uncertainty gnawing away at this community and at so many other communities in Atlantic Canada so they can get on with their lives?

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NIAGARA GREENHOUSES

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, the beauty and fragrance of fresh flowers have returned to Niagara regional council chambers. More than 200 plants and cut flowers filled the chambers for the introduction of the Greater Niagara Greenhouse Growers' Directory and Buyer's Guide, a Niagara Region Development Corporation project.

The industry employs almost 2,200 people working under more than 11 million square feet of glass and generates multimillion dollar amounts of revenue. Niagara greenhouses grow 17 species of cut flowers. In addition, growers are recognized for their excellence in producing millions of poinsettias, vegetables, nursery stock and landscaping plants. Major markets include the Niagara region, southern Ontario, Quebec and the northeastern United States. Annual sales are \$160 million.

Seven Niagara greenhouse growers have been in business for more than 50 years and two-thirds have been growing in Niagara for more than 20 years. Congratulations to the growers in Niagara.

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WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, April 19 serves as a testimony to bravery in the face of barbarism and the triumph of the human spirit over mass

oppression, starvation, disease and the evil perpetrated by the Nazi movement.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising took place 50 years ago and today we recognize the heroic members of the Jewish resistance who rose up in defiance of cruel tyranny. Jewish resistance fighters, with support from the Polish underground, fought a desperate battle with no hope of winning. This tragic revolt is a reminder that we must never again tolerate regimes based on racism or ethnic cleansing.

In honour of those who died in the Warsaw ghetto I call upon the international community to oppose institutionalized oppression in all its forms, regardless of race, religion or ethnocultural background.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to this week, April 18 to 24, as it is National Volunteer Week.

This is an opportunity for all of us to express thanks and to join communities across Canada in giving recognition to the more than 13 million Canadians who volunteer their time, skills and energies. Volunteers have become an essential and vital part of Canadian society and a major economic resource.

Volunteers often fill gaps by performing indispensable tasks that would not otherwise be done. Organizations, such as hospitals, libraries, schools, food banks, community associations, and a whole variety of both domestic and internationally concerned organizations, would all suffer greatly without this volunteer support. The average volunteer devotes 191 hours a year to volunteer work. Altogether Canadians give more than one billion hours of their time to voluntary organizations. The collective value of volunteer time is more than \$13 billion a year.

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It is appropriate for us to say thank you to everyone who works for or supports a volunteer organization. Through their work volunteers build a more caring and compassionate Canada. Their generosity assures that many organizations, programs and activities continue because without volunteers' commitment they would falter or cease to exist.