

manufacturers, and the strengthening of border checks by laboratory analysis of the fibre contents of imported goods, as well as the review of the regulations dealing with the indication of the country of origin.

Those measures will ensure that a viable level of textile and clothing production is maintained in Canada and in my constituency, where the industry employs more than 5,000 workers.

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AGRICULTURE

FARM DEBT REVIEW BOARDS—DELAY IN HEARING APPLICATIONS

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, the farm debt crisis is getting worse every day with thousands of farmers across Canada facing the loss of their farms. In Ontario over 900 farmers are two to three years behind on their FCC loan payments.

Last June, in two sittings of the House, we passed the legislation creating Farm Debt Review Boards. Still, the Farm Debt Review Boards are not functioning in Ontario. Only three of the ten member board have been appointed so far. Over 100 farmers have applied for help from the board, yet not a single case has been heard.

Last Friday the Ontario Federation of Agriculture sent an urgent telegram to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) urging action by the Government, and cautioning the Government that farmers' patience is running out and they are becoming increasingly angry.

I call on the Government to take action and get these boards operating immediately. The Government must change its ways and give the farm debt crisis the urgent priority it deserves.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS

EARLY PAYMENT OF CHILD TAX CREDIT

Mr. Jim Jepson (London East): Mr. Speaker, about 725,000 Canadian families, or 1.3 million children, will benefit from an early payment of the child tax credit this November, 1986. This credit introduced by this Government will provide timely assistance to Canadian families, and will reduce the need for tax refund discounting.

The prepayment, which is \$300 per child, is an amount equal to approximately two-thirds of the full credit. The remaining amount, if any, will be paid after the 1986 tax return is filed in early 1987. The prepayment will automatically be made available to eligible claimants who had a family

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income of less than \$15,000 in 1985. Other recipients will receive their credit in the spring, as has been the case in the past. Furthermore, no applications for the prepayment will be required. This measure complements the \$70 increase in the tax credit this year, and the measures to control the money that may be taken by tax rebate discounters.

By providing, for the first time, an early payment of the child tax credit, the Government is clearly demonstrating its concern for the needs of middle and low-income families in Canada.

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NOBEL CHEMISTRY PRIZE

AWARD WON BY PROFESSOR JOHN POLANYI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate, on behalf of all Canadians, Dr. John C. Polanyi of the University of Toronto, who today has been awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry for his work on the dynamics of chemical elementary processes.

Dr. Polanyi is the second Nobel Prize winner in chemistry in Canada, and follows the prize awarded to Dr. Gerhard Herzberg of Ottawa. Both men have had associations with the federal National Research Council, Dr. Polanyi as a post-doctoral fellow and Dr. Herzberg in a life-long career there.

In congratulating these men on their achievements, we must also reflect on the Black Wednesday that struck the NRC today in the budget cuts which eliminated 200 jobs, wiped out programs, and cut back the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics.

Can we not better honour the persons who have brought recognition to Canada by strengthening our commitment to basic research instead of thoughtlessly disbanding the hard work of many talented scientists?

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AIRPORTS

IMPORTANCE OF INSTALLATIONS AT VAL-D'OR

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, of all airports in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue, James Bay and Northern Quebec areas, the regional airport in Val-d'Or is the most important in terms of services and traffic volume. Its importance is long-standing. It is located within the transcontinental flight corridor and the international air corridor through the North Pole.

Mr. Speaker, over these last ten years, the Val-d'Or Chamber of Commerce, the City of Val-d'Or, the *Corporation*