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[English]

WINE INDUSTRY

TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN WINES

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, some people still do not believe that Canadian wines are first-class. They suffer from a wine inferiority complex. If you do not believe me, Mr. Speaker, read the September issue of *En Route*, a first-class corporate magazine put out by a first-class airline, which contains an article written by a first-class author. He states in that article that Canada does produce world-class wines, and when they are served in downtown Paris that wine inferiority complex might just relax a bit.

If you are still not convinced, Mr. Speaker, I invite you to the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival in St. Catharines, September 23 to October 2, where and when you will have the opportunity to learn first-hand that there is no taste better than the Niagara taste.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

CLOSURE OF SANDY LAKE SCHOOL

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, the people of Sandy Lake are today despondent over the closure of their school because of a suspected leak of oil possibly contaminated with PCBs. It is not the first time that that school has had to be closed. Problems with the sewage system and the roof have led to it being closed before. In many communities it would have been closed in any case because of its condition.

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The students of Sandy Lake face overcrowding, with 500 plus students in a school designed for 300, 32 classrooms in a space designed for 24, no resource rooms, no shop room, no home economics, a library that is crammed into half a classroom, and a gym that is drastically undersized for the size of the student population.

These substandard facilities are a disgrace, particularly when the Minister has recently published national standards for school space and facilities.

Meanwhile, 25 and 35 miles away, two communities of the Kee-way-win Band suffer even worse problems. They have no school, they have no program, and some of their students are now in their third school year without education.

The Government is failing in its responsibilities and, ironically, if it addressed the problem of no school in Kee-way-win, it could solve some of the pressure on Sandy Lake.

There are generations growing up under-educated, and they deserve the best.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

REDUCED TELEVISION COVERAGE

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, it has been more than 10 years since Canadians first saw parliamentary proceedings on television. Unfortunately, since some cable companies across the country have added new specialty services, the House of Commons proceedings have been bumped from basic channels to converter channels.

It has become more difficult for Canadians to watch the House of Commons proceedings without obtaining costly new converter equipment. This directly affects senior citizens who make up a large part of the television audience.

This week the CRTC hears applicants for the Commons broadcast licence. It should require cable companies to put the service on channels that all Canadians can watch without extra cost.

Parliament belongs to Canadians. Let them have access to it.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SITUATION IN HAITI

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, the reign of terror of the *macoutes* has come back to Haiti with the help of the military. On Sunday, Saint-Jean Bosco in Port-au-Prince was burnt down. Yesterday, another church in the capital met the same fate. The CNTU is actively looking at the situation. Mr. Jean-Claude Icart, of the *Bureau de la Communauté chrétienne des Haïtiens de Montréal* is looking at the situation. Mr. Pierre Bain of *l'Écho politique des régions d'Haïti au Canada* and Mr. Serge Bouchereau of the *Comité de coordination de la solidarité avec le peuple haïtien* are also analysing the situation.

Mr. Speaker, I think the time has come for Canada to call a meeting of the *Club des amis d'Haïti*, which includes France and West Germany, and to raise the matter most vigorously at the next session of the United Nations. This evening, together with my colleague from Papineau—Saint-Michel, we will be in my native parish of Saint-Édouard, where the Haitian community of Montreal will be gathered to discuss, pray and meditate on these terrible events.