

tax incentive systems in the world for research and development. It can cost only about 20 cents on the dollar for research and development in this country if one is to use the tax incentives which are available. Thus, I think we have a pretty good record.

REQUEST THAT ASSISTANCE BE LINKED TO PRODUCTIVITY

Hon. George Hees (Northumberland): If the Minister will look back on the figures that he has received, he will find that we have increased in our exports of raw materials and so-called manufactured goods which are qualified as goods which receive one stage of processing, like iron ore which is made into iron ore pellets. That is all. It is not refrigerators, cars or anything like that. In fully manufactured goods, which are the ones which produce the jobs, we have been losing our share of the world market at about the same rate as we have lost our share of the Canadian market. Will he also take into consideration the fact that there is nothing that appeals to a businessman like an incentive that he receives in direct proportion to what he does? Having used this method with some success when I was in Government—

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Madam Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hees: —I highly recommend it to the Minister.

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, I have indicated that we have indeed a very generous tax incentive program. There is a tax credit that is available to corporations which varies from 10 per cent to 20 per cent, and up to 25 per cent for small businesses. There is a 150 per cent tax deduction for firms that increase their R and D. There is always the possibility of adding, but I again remind the Hon. Member that if firms want to use the tax incentives that are available, it can cost them only 20 cents on the dollar for their research and development. That is a pretty good bargain. I hope that more and more Canadian firms will use the incentives that are available.

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BANKS AND BANKING

ROYAL BANK FORECLOSURE OF SACKVILLE, N.B. FOUNDRY

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will know that Enterprise Foundry of Sackville, New Brunswick, was on the upswing when the Royal Bank decided to foreclose. Sackville then lost its second largest employer. Out of this wreckage has emerged a new owner who is seeking to save those jobs, but the bank remains an obstacle. It is simply walking off with more company assets than is necessary. Will the Prime Minister call on the Royal Bank, ask them to

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reverse their foreclosure decision, or at least dispose of the company assets in a way that will preserve jobs? Will he say this time to the Royal Bank:

Those of you, bankers, who see farmers and small businessmen struggling to keep the land alive and the doors open for a better time, ask yourselves what will be served by a bailiff's padlock. Why don't you take a chance on a Canadian? You may be surprised.

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the Hon. Member that our officials did meet with the previous owner of that particular operation, as did my colleague, the Minister of Public Works. On several occasions we asked for a viable operating plan on which we could make a decision as to whether to provide financial assistance. That viable operating plan was not forthcoming. We now understand there are new people interested in the company. We are looking seriously into that operation to see if we can salvage it.

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PENITENTIARIES

PROPOSED EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Madam Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General. The Canadian Corrections Service comes under his jurisdiction. Some time ago its officials arranged with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education to make a survey of educational facilities in the correctional institutions. They received a series of recommendations, one of which proposed the establishment of an education advisory committee to the Commissioner. Will the Minister advise why those recommendations, particularly the one calling for an advisory committee, have not been implemented?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I can only say that I will look into the matter and report to the Hon. Member as soon as I have done that.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

CASE OF CANADIAN PROFESSOR—AVAILABILITY OF EVIDENCE

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Is the evidence that was available to the British courts which led to the conviction of the spy, Hambleton, available to Canadian authorities?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I have just agreed to provide the funds for acquiring a transcript of that trial. In addition to that, some of the proceedings were conducted in camera. We hope to be briefed on them by British authorities.