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GALA OF EXCELLENCE IN AMOS

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, on June 13 at the Amos Social and Cultural Centre, *La Forêt Pavilion of La Mosaïque Comprehensive High School* presented its first great annual gala for excellence.

The ultimate purpose of the organizers of this event is to instill in students at *La Forêt Pavilion* the desire for excellence, which is the art of performing one's duties and tasks to the best of one's talents and abilities.

Isabelle Breton was the "Wayne Gretzky" of the students. She was proclaimed outstanding student at *La Forêt Pavilion*, in addition to winning the Governor General's Medal and the Pierre Tardif and J.P. Norrie Scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, the list of students honoured at this gala for excellence is impressive: the 146 winners deserve our hearty congratulations. Hats off to the administrators and teachers at *La Mosaïque Comprehensive High School* in Amos!

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DISASTERS

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF AIR-INDIA CRASH

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, a simple memorial in a Canadian newspaper asks all of us to remember a tragic event now fading into memory. The destruction of Air-India flight 182 on June 23, 1985, resulted in the deaths of 329 persons.

Mention of the mere numbers lost does not disclose the fact that the victims included entire families. Fathers, mothers and their children perished in this senseless criminal conspiracy. These families included the wives and children of Dr. Kurian Thomas and Gnanendran Murugan, of Halifax West, but virtually every community of Canada was touched by the tragedy.

Canadians will not forget the horror of the Air-India disaster, nor the special loss suffered by the Indo-Canadian community. We must do more than recall this event. We must protect Canadians by acting to ensure that those capable of evil acts of terrorism and violence are apprehended and punished.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

STUDY'S REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, the annual analysis of the Government's record by the School of Public Administration at Carleton University was recently released. The Tory Government's four year old fiscal restraint slogan has been labelled an illusion.

At the beginning of its mandate, the Government was insensitive to questions of regional disparity and other social issues. These issues were ignored for too long. The Government is now hastily trying to catch up. Money was poured into Quebec before a by-election and funds are being committed hastily without much evidence of an organized plan.

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On June 3 the Minister of State for Finance (Mr. Hockin) said the tax system could not be both fair and simple; we can only have one or the other. It also seems that the Government cannot control the purse-strings as well as maintain social and regional programs; we can only expect one or the other.

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TRADE

PROTECTIONISM ENJOYED BY BRITISH FARMERS

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, yesterday Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher advised Canada to get involved in free trade.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Althouse: She left the clear impression that such a move had been good for the United Kingdom. However, the fact is that British farmers gave up free trade to join the European Common Market. They now hide behind the high wall of protectionism under the Common Market's agricultural policies, and receive two to three times the price they were getting under free trade.

Let there be no mistake. Protectionism has been good for British farmers, and for the British economy. With the extra income generated by artificially high farm prices there has been an economic revival in Great Britain. When combined with the discovery of North Sea oil, the economic effect was more than enough to offset the negative economic and social aspects of Thatcherism.

Yes, the Common agricultural policy has been good for Britain. But Canadians should keep one point very clearly in mind—it is not free trade.