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has in both these areas. Therefore mining and forestry would be a compatible role for a federal Ministry. We might want to give consideration to all that, but the status quo is not acceptable, certainly not to me and my colleagues in my Party, and as it appears now to our friends from the NDP.

Sir, if I may call it one o'clock, would you permit me to finish my remarks after Question Period?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): I should perhaps at this time inform the Hon. Member that he has one minute of allotted time left.

It being one o'clock p.m., I do now leave the chair until two o'clock.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LOCAL BAN ON TELEVISIONING CONFERENCE FINALS

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, while everyone is talking about the program "The Day After", the day after, a program which many Canadians did see, I am more concerned, two days after, about the program that hundreds of thousands of Canadian football fans were not allowed to see. The volume of complaints from fans in the Hamilton-Toronto viewing area about the Eastern Conference final game blackout testifies to the insensitivity of the Canadian Football League and the CRTC in permitting these blackouts.

Consider these facts: Fact one: The Eastern Conference final was sold out at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium 72 hours in advance. Fact two: The CBC French network carried the game for those lucky enough to be on cable companies receiving Radio Canada. Fact three: The National Football League has established a policy which allows a blackout to be lifted if tickets are sold out 48 hours before game time.

I find it ironic that Canadian football fans are forced to grasp a signal out of the air, by driving to Buffalo, cramming into a beer parlour with an American satellite feed, or climbing onto their roofs to rotate their antennae, all because the CFL refuses to come out of the dark ages and enter the world of progress in 1983.

Those Eastern and Western Conference finals are as much national institutions as the Grey Cup game itself. The CRTC

should instruct the Canadian Football League to lift those final game blackout provisions, beginning next year.

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WESTERN GRAIN TRANSPORTATION ACT

IMPACT ON MINISTER'S POLITICAL FUTURE

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, press reports tell us that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) and his colleagues celebrated the demise of the Crow by imbibing Old Crow bourbon whiskey. It would appear, on the surface, that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) may have offered up the Minister of Transport as a sacrifice by abruptly shuffling him into the responsibility for the Crow. It may well be that his colleagues were really drinking Old Crow to his demise since he must, by now, have guessed his fate at the hands of western voters come next election.

A young Transport Minister came out of the west;
The Prime Minister really gave him the test.
"Rob the Old Crow", Himself said with glee,
So the Minister started climbing the tree.
Even with an axe your chances are slim,
You can't cut down a tree, when you're out on a limb!

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THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Ray Chénier (Timmins-Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out to the House the unacceptable conduct of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mulroney). I refer, Mr. Speaker, to a statement made yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition in which he called the Hon. Member for Laurier (Mr. Berger) a monkey.

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Chénier: What kind of language is this, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The rules governing Standing Order 21 do not permit personal attacks on individual Members of the House.

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CANADA WORKS PROGRAM

FORESTRY PROJECT LAY-OFFS

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms prohibits cruel and unusual treatment or punishment, but the Liberal Government is inflicting cruel and unusual treatment upon Canadians whose only crime is to be unemployed. Two weeks ago I met with young workers on a Canada Works forestry project. They had received training in basic forestry, operation of power saws, and safety procedures. When I saw them they were busy spacing trees for faster growth, which is very important and necessary work for our forests. However, some of these young