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realized, I urge that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) and the Minister of State for Social Development accede to a request to meet with representatives of the District of Chilliwack to hear their representations and render all possible assistance in resolving this problem.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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PUBLIC WEAL

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTABLE CANADIANS—CALL FOR CONTINUOUS RECOGNITION

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, in a very threatening situation at the Quebec National Assembly, the Sergeant-at-Arms, René Jalbert, approached the still armed assailant and in a four-hour dialogue persuaded the gunman to surrender. This feat of heroism on the part of the Quebec Sergeant-at-Arms merits not only the publicity that it now receives but should be carefully documented so that, in years to come, the story of his actions will be remembered.

Major Jalbert's heroism is an accomplishment which has been immediately recognized and applauded by all Canadians. However, Canadians should also recognize and remember the men and women who have gained national stature through their accomplishments in science, the humanities, and medical and industrial research. These individuals, when they receive any public notice, are usually given one-shot general media recognition, after which their accomplishments are buried in anonymity. This is due partly to modesty and restraint on the part of the individuals involved, and to the failure of the media to appreciate the true status and significance of the contributions these individuals make to our nation.

There is a need for Government and appropriate national and provincial professional and non-professional organizations to promote the accomplishments of deserving Canadians in their fields of expertise and to keep these celebrated names in the forefront of public attention in order to inspire and encourage young Canadians to excel in fields other than sports and rock music. In this manner, many outstanding scientists, courageous and brave military and rescue workers, and accomplished authors will, in due course, become better known nationally—

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Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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CANADA LABOUR CODE

WAGES OF THE HANDICAPPED—PROVISION IN AMENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin-Swan River): Mr. Speaker, there are many important and useful changes in the Govern-

ment's amendments to the Canada Labour Code which were tabled this week. Many of these improvements had been proposed by the New Democratic Party for months, and even for years.

One such change which we have been calling for is contained in Clause 2 of the Bill, and provides for the elimination of the rules which say that handicapped people may be paid less than the minimum wage. This was an attack both on the dignity of handicapped people and on their economic ability to survive and function as independent members of our society.

The New Democratic Party urges the Government to bring this legislation forward quickly so it may be passed. It will be a cruel joke on Canada's disabled if the Government has presented this Bill to the House for no other reason than electioneering, with no intention at all of passing the Bill. The Government is in a rush to pass legislation which will help banks. Over the next few weeks we will see if it is willing to do as much to help Canada's disabled.

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DRUGS

MAGNITUDE OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, reports from the RCMP estimate that Canadians consumed \$9.4 billion worth of illicit drugs, mainly cannabis, heroin, and cocaine, in 1982. The RCMP states that these figures are probably low. If the indicated figures are nearly factual, illegal drugs would account for about 5 per cent of all consumer spending in Canada, or nearly 3 per cent of the Gross National Product for that year. The RCMP have indications that this percentage is rising.

What must be the horrendous cost in human suffering and damage to our society? How is the economy to sustain strains such as these? The continued growth in drug production, and the massive profits which illegal drug traffic generates, give a relative growth and assistance to organized crime to flourish in our country.

In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, we must continue to make every possible effort to curb and curtail this traffic, not only by enforcement of strict law, but by education of our youth. We must make it clear to all our citizens, and especially our youth, the damage which can befall their bodies, their systems, and the damage which the residue of these substances in their systems can cause to their progeny.

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INDUSTRY

MANUFACTURE OF MINING EQUIPMENT

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, Canada is without a doubt one of the leading mining nations of the world. Why, therefore, are we doing so poorly in the