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northern Territories. Nowhere on the pamphlet do we see the flags of the Northwest Territories or the Yukon.

How can the Government put out a pamphlet saying that it strengthens the Canadian federation when two of the Territories are not even represented?

This exclusion is a complete insult to northerners. We always suspected that the Government felt that we were second-class citizens. Now we have the proof.

On this historic day when the House will vote on the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord we find that this neglect in not even mentioning the Northwest Territories and Yukon is insulting and unfair.

I received the pamphlet from a constituent who asked me to return it to the sender. I will do so with this message: We in the North are fed up with our treatment by the Government. Let me assure you, Mr. Speaker, that we will not take this lying down.

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**TRADE**

## VOLUME OF ONTARIO INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, in an excellent article yesterday, columnist Doug Fisher said in part:

Ontario is producing over half our total merchandise export to both the world and the United States and almost half of the latter is in automotive products.

He went on:

Can you see the unbelievable irony implicit in those latter totals? Tie them to the blistering attack on the free trade deal by Bob White and the automotive unions.

Such high production and export is a direct consequence of the main accord we already have with the U.S., the automotive agreement negotiated two decades ago by Simon Reisman, today's villain and traitor to White and Broadbent.

Want more irony? Back when this marvellous deal was made, who was dead set against it? Yes, the Canadian head of White's union, and the federal NDP.

When one analyses the historic trade trends and interdependence with the U.S., where would we replace a large loss of exports if the strong protectionist mood succeeds in the U.S.? "The Common Market? Japan? China? The U.S.S.R.?" asks Fisher. "John Diefenbaker and Pierre Trudeau failed in finding significant alternatives".

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In closing, Fisher states:

What do you think we will get from the Bob and Ed show and from David Peterson if, as they clamour, we reject the treaty and the Americans, as is likely, dismantle the Auto Pact?

They should stop the dishonest hype and hypocrisy. It is time the opposition Leaders were honest with Canadians about

the tremendous benefits which will accrue to our citizens from this historic free trade initiative.

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**CANADA POST CORPORATION**

## RURAL POSTAL SERVICE—GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF FUTURE

**Mr. Gilles Grondin (Saint-Maurice):** Mr. Speaker, following many representations from individuals, organizations and municipal councils in my constituency, I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Canada Post to tell us officially what his true intentions are as concerns the rural postal service.

Rumours are going around in certain municipalities and certain businessmen having been asked, before any consultations take place, whether they would be interested in taking over services now provided by local post office.

Mr. Speaker, this climate of uncertainty is a cause of major concern among the public. It is abnormal for the municipalities involved not to be aware of the true intentions of the Minister.

Has the Minister asked the Canada Post Corporation to make changes in existing delivery services or in the location of the post office in certain municipalities? If so, what will happen to the level of service in rural regions? Will there be a service reduction in certain municipalities? Will Canada Post install collective mail boxes or superboxes?

Some municipal councils object to any change or reduction in service and to the closing of post offices in rural regions. Customers in these municipalities are worried. It is important for Canada Post and the Minister to consult the representatives of the municipalities involved and to take their views into account when developing new policies. Canadians must be better informed about the objectives and projects of Canada Post and the Minister responsible, and it is the duty of the Minister to see to it that they are.

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**FINANCE**

## CREDIT CARD COMPANIES—CALL FOR CUT IN INTEREST RATES

**Mr. Reginald Stackhouse (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, the credit card companies have done it again; that is, they have failed to do it.

When the Bank of Canada discount rate rose in mid-summer, credit card issuers could not wait to increase their charges on unpaid balances, but last week the bank rate was cut by a record amount and all chartered banks reduced their