

DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, in 13 years as an MP I have never been exposed to the hypocrisy and cynicism as that practised by the leadership of the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

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I refer to the TV clips and full-page newspaper ads purporting to show an existing and lovely dairy farm deteriorating into an old, abandoned dairy farm. They blame the government and its GATT proposals.

In fact, the so-called abandoned farm in the ads is an existing but abandoned farmstead that got that way under the current supply managed system. Indeed, they hauled in the weeds to make it look worse.

The so-called existing and lovely dairy farm in the ads was the result of spending many thousands of dollars clearing out the weeds, repairing and painting the abandoned house, barn, fences, et cetera.

The deceit of the dairy leadership is an insult to Canadians in general but especially to the honest and well respected men and women who daily work long and hard hours to provide safe and healthy milk for us all. Shame on the so-called dairy leaders.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Mr. Speaker, an Ottawa business was recently denied an opportunity to air a commercial showing its concern for and support of a united Canada.

The CBC refused to air the ad, citing a policy that prohibits the advocacy of a point of view or course of action on a public issue. This is the message that Mr. Brian McGarry wanted to deliver:

Now is the time to examine, not those things which divide, but rather those things which unite us. Our common Canadian heritage makes us one of the greatest nations in the world. For nearly 125 years, Canadians have stood together through good times and bad. The task has never been easy, nor will it be in the days ahead. We must unite to ensure this family of ours stays together.

Have we really reached the point where we cannot say "I love Canada" on our national network? Is this what the government had in mind when it removed national unity from the mandate of the CBC?

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I am appalled. One wonders what will become of the CBC itself if Mr. McGarry's heart-felt message is not heeded.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, the issue of the environment is one that is of increasing importance to all Canadians.

However, as our cities continue to grow and this increased urbanization creates a challenge of environmental protection, careful planning becomes essential.

From March 15 through to March 20 a conference will be held in Vancouver to discuss these vital issues. The Global Parliamentarians Conference on Human Settlements and Sustainable Development will attempt to analyse the inter-relationships among human settlements, environment and development with particular interest to my province of B.C.

One of the three areas of the world that the conference will be concentrating its work on will be the Vancouver to Seattle corridor. As my Delta constituents know, this is one of the fastest growing regions of the developed world. Environmental concerns are important as this region expands. Delegates from 60 to 65 nations around the globe will attend and the Canadian delegation will assume leadership.

I would like to encourage all my colleagues to attend this important conference as well as the Globe 92 conference.

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REFORM PARTY

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, Reform Party members in Manitoba are like a bunch of retreaded tires. History shows what happens to retreads: They blow their side-walls, they slip their belts, and they lose their grip.

First Mr. Manning ditched four national executive retreads from Manitoba. The news in Manitoba today has blow-outs by a large number of retreads from the ridings of Winnipeg South, Winnipeg St. James and Selkirk—Red River; they have separated from the rim.