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[Translation]

EMPLOYMENT

SMALL BUSINESSES—YOUTH—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Michel Champagne (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a concrete example and prove to the House that money invested by our Government in the riding of Champlain is benefitting the entire population. Two hundred and twenty million dollars were given to the CLE company in Champlain to be used as loans for small businesses. This amount has generated investments that are vital to the economy of our region. In fact, over \$1 million has been generated by our businesses and financial institutions to provide permanent and durable jobs for our people.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the people of Champlain that our Government is on the right track, and that with dynamic people who get involved we will be in a position to create permanent jobs and a strong Canada for the next generation.

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[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY VICTIMS OF CRIME

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, often within our criminal justice system it is the victim of crime who is neglected. It is the criminal who is accorded the rights and privileges of the law and the victim who is forgotten.

Both the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) and the Solicitor General (Mr. Beatty) are aware of this and are to be congratulated on their recent initiatives.

Similar congratulations are due to those police forces which have established units to aid victims of crime.

Let us hope that in the future victims will have much easier access to the assistance and advice which ought to be their due, and that their interests will be no longer cast aside.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

MONCTON SHOPS—EFFECTS OF POSSIBLE CLOSURE

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage at the way the Government has been treating the workers at the CN shops in Moncton. For almost a year now it has been apparent that the federal Government is going to abandon 1,200 workers employed there. The Government has steadfastly refused to guarantee that the shops would be kept open and that the jobs would be maintained.

According to the findings of a socio-economic study, commissioned by the Government of New Brunswick, the impact of the CN shops' closure on the economy of New Brunswick would be substantial: lost disposable income over two years, \$13.5 million; increase in federal social benefits costs, \$9.4 million; increase in UIC costs not funded federally, \$8.8 million; loss of 680 additional jobs in the greater Moncton area; further lost incomes of \$10 million to \$12 million; lost retail sales over two years, \$16 million; and a drop in real estate values of 5 per cent.

It is time for the Government to take some positive action for the people of Moncton, and for the workers at the CN shops in particular.

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ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK

TRIBUTE TO MEDICAL PROFESSION

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, this morning a well-attended breakfast on Parliament Hill was hosted by Transplant International (Canada) and the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp). This is Organ Donor Awareness Week.

It is our prayer that all Canadians will be made more aware of the magnificent progress achieved by the medical profession in the success rate of organ recipients. People receiving a vital organ such as a heart, a kidney, or a liver, now have an 80 per cent to 85 per cent chance of living a full and complete life thanks to cyclosporin, which has won the battle over the problem of rejection.

Our praise and thanks go to Bill Brady, President and co-founder of Transplant International, his outstanding board of directors from across Canada, and the hundreds of volunteers whose mandate it is to increase public awareness and commitment. The battle will be won and our prayers will be answered when the waiting list for organ transplants is reduced to zero.

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SPORTS

VICTORY OF ANDRÉ VIGER AT BOSTON

Mr. François Gérin (Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead): Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay public tribute to André Viger from Sherbrooke, who won the wheelchair marathon in Boston yesterday and broke the previous record.

This international achievement honours Canada, and we may be justly proud of the success of this athlete, a Quebecer and a Canadian.