S. O. 31

[Translation]

SITTING SUSPENDED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The sitting of the House will therefore be suspended until two o'clock this afternoon.

The sitting of the House was suspended at 12.40 p.m.

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I wonder if I could have the attention of the House for just a moment. I would ask all hon. members during statements by members to be very sure they keep their statements within 60 seconds. Thank you.

EDUCATION

Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I rise to remind this government that its economic policies are affecting people in very negative ways. The latest example are the cuts to the provinces for education.

Dalhousie University in Halifax, which has prospered over the previous 200 years, has barely managed to survive seven years of this government. It is the educational centre of the Atlantic region, employing over 1,000 full-time faculty and educating almost 20,000 students yearly in many disciplines.

If there is a key to the regional prosperity of Atlantic Canada, Dalhousie must be a part. But now Dalhousie has to raise its tuition rates by 10 per cent, making them among the highest in the country. This increase will fall directly upon the backs of those who can least afford it, students.

This government must realize it cannot mortgage its future this way and it must realize that it is wiping out the key to this country's future prosperity. A strange state of affairs for the self-styled education Prime Minister.

[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, in the spring of 1990, the House of Commons purchased a

two-colour, 40-inch offset press for \$800,000, without a thorough analysis of future demand or possible alternatives. It asked the Board of Internal Economy to approve the purchase on the grounds that the press would improve productivity, reduce overtime and increase capacity.

Apparently, any gain in productivity would apply solely to specialized, multicolour lithography, which could be contracted out to commercial printers. At this time, our employees are claiming very little overtime, and as I said before, the existing presses are more than adequate to the task. Today, 19 months later, the new press is not yet installed or even unpacked.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of our taxpayers, I would ask you to return this luxury item as soon as possible.

[English]

THE GREY CUP

Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, from far and wide they came to Winnipeg. They came to spend a great time in a great city watching the ultimate in Canadian sports, the Grey Cup.

Winnipegers can be proud of the wonderful week provided to all visitors. There were parties, receptions, benefits and just good old fashioned Winnipeg hospitality. From the minute visitors arrived they were made to feel at home.

Yesterday's game was a classic match of east versus west. Whether we watched it at home or from the stadium, there was a good time to be had by all.

This Grey Cup was also a reminder that the spirit of Canada is very much alive in Winnipeg. We were happy to show everyone that we can still have a great time together as Canadians.

Congratulations to the city, the volunteers and the CFL for a great show.

DELTA MARITIME HERITAGE SOCIETY

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, last Saturday the Delta Maritime Heritage Society held the keel laying ceremony for construction of a replica of the launch that was used by Captain Vancouver in charting the waters of the Pacific northwest 200 years ago. It is the same launch used by Captain Bligh when he sailed to Java after the mutiny on *The Bounty*.