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The Government is caving into United States' interests as it sits idly by and watches West Kootenay Power and Light Company fall into foreign hands. The people of central and southern British Columbia will not forget.

BANKS AND BANKING

DESIGNATION OF VANCOUVER AND MONTREAL AS INTERNATIONAL BANKING CENTRES

Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Government designated Vancouver and Montreal as international banking centres. But this is actually a tale of three cities: Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal, and it is an excellent example of how this Government is a Government of all Canadians.

Toronto will continue to be the financial heart of our nation.

[Translation]

Stability, ready access and good economic environment make Montreal an ideal international banking centre.

[English]

And for Vancouver, it means better access to the Pacific Rim market-place.

But this happy tale of three cities has a dark side, Mr. Speaker. The Liberal Premier of Ontario insists that it leads to regional tensions. He has said one might as well move the financial centre in the United States from New York to Des Moines. Vancouver is not Des Moines, Mr. Speaker. It is not a region, it is Canada. Toronto is Canada, and Montreal is Canada.

Mr. Peterson's attitude is typical of the Liberal Party: paternalistic, centrist, and derogatory to western Canada. Western Canadians will never forget the Liberal legacy. We will never forget.

FISHERIES

CANADA-FRANCE AGREEMENT—GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION CONDEMNED

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, how quickly the Government forgot the word consultation. This week we hear about this agreement that was signed, or is it an agreement? It is an agreement on a program to lead to negotiations to settle a dispute, negotiations not actually to arrive at a settlement of the dispute but negotiations to find out if we can go to arbitration.

The consultation which the Government took on itself has been nothing but a farce. The Government went behind the doors and behind the backs of Newfoundlanders, behind the back of the Premier of Newfoundland and behind the back of the Premier of Nova Scotia. The Government went behind the backs of all of those people in the great Atlantic provinces that have fishing as their lifeblood. I am surprised that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) and all of the other Atlantic Ministers have not really given it to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) in this case. That is why we in the Liberal Party will be going to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and other parts of Atlantic Canada to consult so that we can come up with some sort of suitable arrangement.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

TRIBUTE TO WORK OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, Chinese Canadians are today celebrating the Chinese New Year of 4685. Canada has benefited immensely from the splendid contribution Chinese Canadians have made to help this country grow and prosper.

My good friend Norman Ho was instrumental in setting up the Scarborough-North York Chinese Business Association which now has several hundred members under its current president, Stephen Chung. On Saturday I will be bringing greetings from the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to members of the North York Chinese Heritage Language (Mandarin) School whose president is Mr. Ivan Peng.

My Government is very aware of the many successful businesses started by Chinese Canadians under our entrepreneurial business immigration class. We continue to support enthusiastically and welcome the number of persons of Chinese heritage emigrating to Canada under our Family Reunification Program.

In this Year of the Rabbit I ask all Members of this House to join me in wishing all Chinese Canadians good health, happiness, and prosperity.

ENERGY

SUGGESTIONS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETING OF FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, when Canada's Energy Ministers meet here in Ottawa tomorrow they need to work out a planned energy strategy for Canada and not leave it up to the vagaries of the market. They have not asked me, but I see the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Masse) so I will give him my suggestions. First, let us have energy security. The National Energy Board