

I want to congratulate Boudrias, Boudreau St-Jean and Associates for their outstanding work, and I commend them for receiving the excellence award mention from the Ordre des architectes du Quebec.

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#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

**Mr. Phillip Edmonston (Chambly):** This weekend, Mr. Speaker, I will be joining more than 5,000 people in Rimouski where, together, we will express our total disagreement over the cut-backs imposed by this government to the CBC, more particularly the savage reductions affecting eastern Quebec television stations.

Mayor Roger Thériault of Baie-Comeau, a community well known to the Prime Minister, I should think, said that these cut-backs are "a low blow which torpedoes the nascent regional conscience".

It is not too late for the Prime Minister to listen to his own electors, Mr. Speaker. These people, and the electors of Rimouski this weekend, as well as those of eastern Quebec and all the other regions of Canada hard hit by these unacceptable and harmful cut-backs are asking that they be rescinded.

The government must rescind these cut-backs immediately, re-instate these essential regional voices, and stop strangling everything that does not originate from major centres.

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#### CANADA POST CORPORATION

**Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Manicouagan):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the House today the problems eight villages of the Lower North Shore suffered because of Canada Post's poor delivery service.

For over two months, Mr. Speaker, the residents of the villages of Baie Johan-Beetz, Kégaska, La Romaine, Harrington Harbour, Mutton Bay, La Tabatière, Aylmer Sound and Tête-à-la-Baleine get their mail with delays of up to 10 days in some instances.

That unacceptable situation results from changes made by Canada Post regarding the air transportation of postal matter to the Lower North Shore.

The Lower North Shore had managed to set up a good postal service for itself over the past few years. Then, a decision by the Canada Post Corporation in the spring of

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1990 brought radical changes to the transportation and delivery of postal matter, which caused the service deterioration now facing the region.

Mr. Speaker, this situation can no longer be tolerated. Steps must be taken to restore decent postal service for the people of the Lower North Shore.

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#### CITIZENS' FORUM ON CANADA'S FUTURE

**Mr. Jack Iyerak Anawak (Nunatsiaq):**

[Editor's Note: Member spoke in Inuktitut.]

Mr. Speaker, once again the Prime Minister has excluded the north from the national forum on Canada's future. Once again the north has been shut out.

The forum's chairman is quoted today as saying he would have preferred to have a northern aboriginal representative appointed. Obviously, the Prime Minister did not agree. Obviously, the Prime Minister has forgotten his pre-election commitment to stop treating the territories like poor cousins.

For this Prime Minister and this government, Canada seems to stop at the 60th parallel. People who live south of 60 are given a voice in the national constitutional soul-searching, but the residents of the far north, those who occupy 40 per cent of Canada's land mass, who make their contribution to this country's sovereignty and prosperity without the services other Canadians take for granted, are continually denied the opportunity to participate in the strengthening of this nation. Northerners are Canadians too. We have something to contribute. The people of the north will not forget that this Prime Minister thinks we have nothing to offer.

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#### CANADA'S GREEN PLAN

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, the media and opposition parties have been attacking the green plan for being vague and not going far enough.

As one who has been involved with environmental issues for over ten years, I believe the critics are wrong, wrong, wrong. The green plan is a comprehensive agenda for decisive action on the environment with