

One of the penalties is that our Canadian dollar increases in value. This is not something that we can deliberately wreck.

I would like also to point out to the hon. gentleman that today we are announcing that we are accelerating tariff elimination again at the insistence of the private sector. We are going to have a second acceleration of tariff reductions with the United States on over \$2 billion worth of goods to follow up on last year's accelerated tariff elimination, which once again proves the success of the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice.

Human Rights Commissioner Max Yalden has said that the number of complaints received by his office increased by 10 per cent last year. He expressed concern about racist incidents that have taken place in many parts of the country, such as flag trampling and the desecration of graves.

My question to the Minister of Justice is: When will she finally bring to this House the important amendments to the Human Rights Act that she has promised?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I hope to bring them forward some time this year. It is a source of regret to me that I am not able to bring them forward at this time. It has simply been the press of work and the other things that have gone forward from the Department of Justice.

It is a very, very comprehensive review, and I hope within the year to bring the amendments before the House.

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the minister acting for the Minister for Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Oral Questions

Yesterday, the Minister for Indian Affairs and Northern Development, according to *The Globe and Mail*, rejected Mr. Yalden's call for a royal commission on aboriginal affairs.

Will the acting minister tell this House why the minister rejects that proposal and how their government plans to address what Mr. Yalden calls, and I quote: "this country's number one human rights priority"?

Mrs. Dorothy Dobbie (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, nobody has rejected anything in terms of dealing with the question of Indian affairs.

What the government has done is launched on a program of real progress to address some of the issues that are outstanding.

For example, we have made great progress in the outstanding land claims issue in B.C., in spite of the court case that we heard a while ago. We intend to continue with that commitment regardless, in co-operation with the Indian bands out there and in co-operation with the B.C. government.

We also have a chiefs' committee which is in the final throes of discussions about how to fast track some of the specific claims that have been outstanding for years and years and years. We feel that we will be able to bring that forward very shortly.

We have just signed a framework agreement with the Westbank band of B.C. for self-government. We have many AFA agreements. Two of the latest: one in Saskatchewan gives the Lac La Ronge band the authority to manage \$54 million and there was another one in Nova Scotia. There are a couple of AFAs coming up in Manitoba next week.

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PROSTITUTION

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. I want to know what the Prime Minister thinks about the tragedy of young people forced into prostitution.

We know what the Minister of Justice thinks because in her reply to the Standing Committee on Justice report on prostitution she said: "The Badgley committee and the Fraser committee have demonstrated that very few prostitutes really wish to leave the street solicitation trade".