

expropriated and signed an historic agreement that terminated that social disorder.

Yesterday, on March 27, 1988, in Sainte-Scholastique, that matter was closed and Mr. Jean-Paul Raymond released *La Mémoire de Mirabel*, a book he hopes will prevent the repetition of such disasters.

Mr. Speaker, we must pay tribute to the people of Mirabel and their patriarch, Mr. Jean-Paul Raymond, for having shown that tenacious convictions can make one victorious in just causes. I invite all Hon. Members to buy that emotive testimony of solidarity whose language, as the bishop of Trois-Rivières said, is as straight as a furrow, as savoury as maple syrup and as direct as the cut of an axe.

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FISHERIES

NORTHERN COD—LABRADOR SHRIMP COMPANY DENIED ACCESS

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador): Mr. Speaker, today the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) is in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. If he is watching this telecast I want to ask him to take this opportunity to reverse the decision that he made to deny the Labrador Shrimp Company access to northern cod. As a result of that decision the fish plant in Cartwright has been closed, laying off 50 people. In a community of 500 where the plant is the economic backbone of the community there is no alternative.

I ask the Minister now to adopt the policy that those who are closest to the resource have primary access to it, and to grant the Labrador Shrimp Company access to northern cod so that small fish plants can remain open.

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SHIPBUILDING

CONSORTIUM'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD MINESWEEPER PATROL VESSELS

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, Canadian Shipbuilding and Engineering Limited, a consortium of shipyards based in St. Catharines, has made a proposal to the Government which the Government cannot ignore. It was a design and build proposal for 12 minesweeper patrol vessels so badly needed to protect our two ice-free coasts.

CS&E has a full-time design team already at work on the project. It has technological experience in place. Five yards

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from coast to coast are involved. By sharing the work shipbuilders across the country will benefit. Construction could begin in six months.

To tender and delay the awarding of this contract could mean that other yards will suffer the same fate as Port Weller Dry Docks which, with the lay-offs of last week, leaves only 12 maintenance men in place.

I call upon the Government to grant this contract now to CS&E Limited. It has already done the groundwork, and it is its turn. To delay will simply cost the taxpayers more in the long run.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED DAM ON OLDMAN RIVER IN ALBERTA

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, a number of Alberta environmentalists met last Saturday with members of the New Democratic caucus in Edmonton to consider how to make sustainable development a reality, especially in agriculture.

A major concern raised at that conference was the Oldman River and the Alberta Government's plan to dam it at enormous cost for little benefit, all the while refusing public involvement and environmental assessment.

The federal Government has two reasons to be involved. For native people the Oldman dam would mean "the single most devastating project in the history of Alberta in terms of destroying prehistoric sites and historic buildings".

Environmentalists have asked the federal Government to consider the impact on sport fishing, which is excellent in that area. The federal Government has the jurisdiction to conduct an environmental assessment. So far it has refused to do so.

I call on the Minister of Indian Affairs (Mr. McKnight) and the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) to take the actions they can to stop this devastating assault on the environment.

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NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

POSSIBILITY OF EARLY PAROLE FOR CONVICTED MOBSTERS

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, law enforcement agencies are irate over the possible granting of early parole to mobsters presently serving time for committing various capital offences. These extremely dangerous individuals are gaining early parole for good behaviour even before serving two-thirds of their sentences. This is an absurd situation.