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More than 20 per cent of United States trade is done with Canada, and Americans trade more with Ontario than with Japan, their second trade partner. They do more trade with British Columbia than with China. They do more trade with Canada than they do with the whole European Economic Community, which is made up of ten countries.

From 1964 to 1984, American exports to Canada rose more rapidly than total American exports. Mr. Speaker, our two countries have common and complementary resources. Respective access to our two markets can only enhance the quality of life of Americans and Canadians.

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[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

FUTURE OF MONCTON SHOPS

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, during a recent visit to New Brunswick I had an opportunity to view first hand the CN shops in Moncton. I met with hundreds of workers, with the SOS committee, and with municipal officials. I can report back to the House that they are all very concerned with what is taking place.

The faces of the workers told me the story. When I spoke to them, it struck me just how deeply important it is to them and their families that these shops remain open. I assured the workers that I would do all I could within my power to ensure that the shops remain open and that jobs are protected.

Now that the CN's internal study into its maintenance requirements is finally completed, it is time for the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) to act. The Minister made a clear commitment that the shops would not close as long as he was a Minister. I urge him to keep his word and act accordingly.

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[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

IMPORTANCE OF MARKET DIVERSIFICATIONS

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, the economies of both Canada and Quebec depend largely on competitive and dynamic marketing of goods and services on international markets. Our Government is giving trade the vital emphasis it

deserves because it has understood the need for recovering world markets lost during the last fifteen years.

Exports represent 23 per cent of Quebec's DNP; 66 per cent of these exports go to the United States, and the people of Beauce play a vital role in this respect.

Manufacturers in the Beauce area realized the need for diversifying production and taking advantage of external markets, and as a result, the region is one of the most dynamic in the country in terms of industrial development, job creation and its steadily dropping unemployment rate.

In Quebec, exports represent nearly one quarter of DNP. We must pursue this avocation, and our Government is providing its support. We are on the right track. Beauce has got the message and is reaping the rewards.

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

PLANET'S OZONE LAYER—CALL FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, some attention has been given recently to the greenhouse effect, the way in which, through burning fossil fuels, using certain fluorocarbons, clearcutting and wasting our forest, and the inevitable production of methane that comes from increased population, we are fast eating away the protective ozone layer and threatening to warm up the atmosphere in ways that could make deserts of the Prairies and Atlantises of many coastal cities.

There are certain things that we already know would be helpful. A ban on the culpable aerosol sprays would not be the end of the world, yet it has not happened. Serious, massive reforestation would be an unselfish investment in the future and physically possible. Yet this does not happen, like so many other measures to protect the ecosphere.

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Instead, we spend our time here yelling and shouting about who is lying to whom, about conflicts of interest, about videos and aircraft, and yes, about even more obviously important issues like free trade, all of which is just so much rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic* if we do not wake up to our responsibilities for acting fast to halt the fading sustainability of healthy human life on this planet. If we fail, we will be justly reviled by the unlucky survivors of our myopia—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.