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money is new and old programs will not be affected. What a sham!

Cape Bretoners are not buying the wheeling and dealing of this Prime Minister. He is not fooling anyone, just himself, as he will find out in the next federal election.

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[Translation]

#### OBITUARY TRIBUTE TO QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF LABOUR PERMANENT DELEGATES

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that we have learned of the accidental death of four Quebec Federation of Labour Officials: Guy Perreault, Director general, *QFL Construction*; Claude Proteau, Assistant director, *Fédération provinciale des ouvriers en électricité*; Jean-Claude Sureau, of the *Association nationale des travailleurs en tuyauterie*; Gaétan Boucher, of the *Association des mécaniciens industriels*.

As these union officers died while performing their duties, we wish to offer our sympathy in this House to QFL President Louis Laberge, as well as to the families and friends of the victims. We also wish to offer our condolences to relatives and friends of the pilot and copilot, Jean Verrière and Gary Gadouas.

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#### YOUTH

##### POPULARITY OF OPEN HOUSE CANADA PROGRAM

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est):** Mr. Speaker, since our Government came into office, in 1984, we have given great thought to the welfare of our youth, and this concern is expressed in the importance we attach to the programs conceived for them.

Moreover, Open House Canada, a very popular program, offers our young Canadian men and women exchange, travel and exploration opportunities within Canada, all year long.

From September 1984 to December 1987, the Progressive Conservative Government granted more than \$115,000 under Open House Canada Programme in my Québec-Est riding.

Indeed, through that program, the Government shows the importance it ascribes to the cultural and social development of our youth. We do invest vast amounts of money to guarantee our young people a most promising and enriching future.

Young Canadians can rest assured, Mr. Speaker, that the Progressive Conservative Government works hard for them. We must not forget that besides our support measures, there is

the free trade agreement that will secure all we have already and create hundreds of thousands of jobs for young people.

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[English]

#### PESTICIDES

##### ALTERNATIVES SOUGHT TO USE OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, this week the Standing Committee on Environment and Forestry will be hearing the first witnesses in an examination of alternatives to chemical pesticides. The committee is responding to the concerns expressed by Canadians over the heavy dependence on chemical pesticides in forestry, agriculture, urban settings, and around the garden. Chemical pesticides pose a threat to the users, those downwind, those who rely on surface and groundwater, birds, animals, fish, and wildlife in general.

Central to this issue is the system that we have to regulate new and existing pesticides in all their applications, which dates back to 1972. Clearly, the system is in need of being overhauled and modernized.

Therefore, we urge the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) to launch a full and public review of the legislation and regulations affecting pesticides to determine the changes that should be made to protect health, the environment, and our water.

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#### HISTORIC EVENTS

##### SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF ESTONIA, LATVIA, AND LITHUANIA

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South):** Mr. Speaker, this month marks the seventieth anniversary of the independence of the Baltic Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. For barely a precious two decades these three small nations took their proud place among Woodrow Wilson's democracies—until their very existence was brutally crushed in the cynicism of the Hitler-Stalin pact.

Since 1940 the three Baltic peoples have withstood two invasions, post-war deprivation, deportation and retribution. Now, despite some improvement in creature comforts, they are subjected to constant loss of political liberty and daily attempts at Russification and, on this anniversary, with Soviet troop movements.

The spirit of freedom lives in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, finding expression ranging from peaceful demonstrations through pamphleteering to self-immolation.