

TRADE

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Madam Speaker, recently while in Vancouver, the Minister for International Trade scolded Canadian manufacturers.

“Clearly too few firms are doing most of our trade”, he said. Funny he should mention that, because as he spoke a flatbed trailer heading toward the U.S. carried some of Canada’s top exports these days, Canadian jobs. Under the trailer’s canvass lay tooling equipment from B.C.’s now defunct copper manufacturing plant along with 180 Canadian jobs.

Alabama based Wolverine Industries has a monopoly of the Canadian market and it is now closing its B.C. plant to save money, all with the blessing of Canada’s competition watchdog.

According to the feds, Wolverine no longer has a monopoly because free trade has opened the door to American competition. Wolverine builds a Canadian monopoly, then closes up Canadian plants and poisons the well so Canadians cannot compete in their own market, all of this encouraged by a government which falls all over itself to please Uncle Sam.

Welcome to the wonderful world of free trade.

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SOMATIC CHEMICALLY INDUCED DYSFUNCTION SYNDROME

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Madam Speaker, I rise today on a matter of extreme urgency to the residents of the Fraser Valley.

Over 200 people in the Abbotsford—Chilliwack area have been given preliminary examinations and have shown symptoms of the enviro-disease.

Termed by Abbotsford Dr. Richard Sweeting as Somatic Chemically Induced Dysfunction Syndrome or SCIDS, this environment disease is alleged to be the cause of weight loss, headaches, extreme muscular weakness and severe flash pains in joints.

People are wondering what is causing this disease and allegations of chemicals leeching into the Abbotsford aquifer are causing great concern.

I am sure the Department of National Health and Welfare and Environment Canada will want to take

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immediate action to address the growing concerns of Fraser Valley residents. I encourage both ministers to make sure their departments are actively involved in identifying what is this problem.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, it is no surprise to the people of Ottawa—Carleton, including my constituents, that this Tory government brings only bad economic news.

Today we learn that the changes brought to unemployment insurance by this government have added \$2.6 million to Ottawa—Carleton’s welfare tab for 1991. We will have a total of 23,000 general welfare assistance cases this year in this area, a staggering increase from last year of 17,200.

There is no relief in sight from the Tory government for the unemployed. Even the finance minister admitted yesterday that unemployment will remain higher than forecast throughout the year and next year also. The pace of economic recovery is weak.

Shame on this government for shifting the cost of its failed policy on to other levels of government. Shame on this government for trying to fool Canadians by this clumsy attempt at deception.

Canadians will remember come the next election that this Tory government has cost them their jobs, their houses, their pride and their dignity.

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CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest): Madam Speaker, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, in conjunction with St. John’s Ambulance, the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada and the Canadian Ski Patrol System are promoting November as CPR Awareness Month.

The goal of this annual event is to raise awareness among Canadians of the benefits of heart healthy living and the life potential of the training for cardio pulmonary resuscitation.

CPR training provides skills and knowledge for immediate action after a heart attack or other emergencies such as choking, drowning, electrocution and drug over-