

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 13, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

MARINE TRANSPORT

WITHDRAWAL OF DART CONTAINERLINE SERVICE FROM
HALIFAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of some urgency with respect to the port of Halifax-Dartmouth. Citing rationalization and economics, Dart Containerline, together with its new partner, Canadian Pacific, have now moved from the port of Halifax approximately 30 per cent of the container business moving through Halifax. Because of the serious and obvious economic impact on the port caused by this move, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House requests the Minister of Transport to cause the Canadian Transport Commission to review the present and historic freight rate structure between Halifax and Montreal and, second, to initiate a review of the impact of government policies on the maintenance of what might be described as equal opportunity principles between the historic river ports and those of Saint John and Halifax.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

DELAY IN MAIL DELIVERIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Wright (Calgary North): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) rose in his place on January 30, 1981, and misled this House when he stated that for each letter which may be delivered late there are 90 or 92 which reach the addressees on time, and whereas the Postmaster General should know that if the public believes such a statement, they also believe that the Pope is an atheist, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That the Postmaster General immediately assume the responsibility of his office, remedy the deplorable state of postal delivery in this country, and quit living in a dream world.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

MEASURES TO SETTLE STRIKE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, for more than four months now a contract dispute between CBC Radio Canada and its journalists has deprived citizens in Quebec of news in public affairs programs in both our languages. Recent settlements of 10 per cent to 12 per cent or more, plus fringes, have been fairly common in Crown corporations and private broadcasting. For example, Air Canada flight attendants have received 11 per cent; letter carriers have received 12 per cent, and employees of CKVR-TV in Barrie have received 11.2 per cent. Therefore, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That this House urge Radio-Canada to stop stalling, move from its ridiculous last offer of 8 per cent, and offer its journalists a decent settlement before more people begin to suspect that the CBC footdragging in negotiations is designed deliberately to black out information and comment on the constitutional question and the forthcoming Quebec election.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INCOME TAX

APPLICATION OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX TO FARMS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bud Bradley (Haldimand-Norfolk): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgency. The past Progressive Conservative government was providing for a once-in-a-lifetime capital gains tax exemption for farmers in order to help continue the attractiveness of agriculture and to provide for a type of pension for retiring farmers, those who spend their whole lives and all of their money on their farms' development. The Grits during the last election promised both exemptions and advanced valuation