

whether the Minister is serious about controlling development in our national parks given his approach this morning.

The Minister is avoiding the hard decisions that need to be taken about expanding our national parks system. The system is only half complete, and the Minister said little today that would indicate the Government plans to commit the resources necessary to complete the system in the foreseeable future. This apparently is to be left to donations from individual Canadians. With human activity encroaching on many of Canada's unique natural regions, we need a commitment from the Minister that the completion of our national parks system will be a priority of the Government.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. GUYLAINE SAUCIER

**Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I want today to pay tribute to Mrs. Guylaine Saucier, an exceptional business-woman who has just been elected President of the Quebec Chamber of Commerce. I wish to emphasize that it is the first time in the whole history of that organization that a woman is appointed to that position. For the past eleven years, Mrs. Saucier has been Chief Executive Officer of *Les produits forestiers Saucier Ltée*, a major sawmill firm in Abitibi. She is a very active and dynamic woman who can serve as a model for people in Abitibi-Témiscamingue and the rest of Canada. Her corporation is at the forefront of modern technology, with a constantly increasing turnover which amounts to \$75 million today.

Mr. Speaker, the Lebel-sur-Quévillon Chamber of Commerce, through Lucien Vallée, its President, the mayor, Denis Lévesque, the *Lebel-sur-Quévillon* and Comtois residents and I have organized a party last Saturday to fête Mrs. Saucier and express to her our admiration and that of all Abitibi men and women.

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#### TREASURY BOARD

##### LAPRADE FUND

**Mr. Gilles Grondin (Saint-Maurice):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. de Cotret) that, according to the information I have, the announcement last Monday of the criteria for the Laprade Fund has failed to quell the dissatisfaction prevailing in the Conservative Party's regional caucus on that issue. Indeed, many questions remain unanswered, and this was recognized even by some Conservative Members. I share that view,

inasmuch as we are entitled to ask why such a long delay in coming up with those general requirements, that could have been announced a long time ago.

Could it be that the dice are loaded in favour of some of the projects, so that monies already would be earmarked for the opening of an aluminum wheel plant in the Louiseville area? As it happens, Mr. Speaker, Louiseville is in the constituency of the President of the Treasury Board.

I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, and I know the Conservative Members also are concerned with the distribution of the Laprade Fund. How will the President of the Treasury Board proceed in order to honour his previous commitment to ensure a fair and just distribution in the areas concerned? The criteria for eligibility to the Fund are one thing, but criteria for a just and fair distribution of funds are quite another.

I have nothing against the Laprade Fund being used to build a plant in Louiseville, but it is my view that all projects should be processed, examined and announced simultaneously.

I serve notice to the Speaker and the President of the Treasury Board that I will be acting as a watch-dog on that issue.

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#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

##### FORGET REPORT—RECOMMENDATION NO. 36

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Blackburn (Jonquière):** Mr. Speaker, the Forget Report was tabled only a few days ago and I would like to bring to the attention of the House one of the recommendations in the report, that is Recommendation No. 36.

Mr. Speaker, the Forget Commission recommends that the Government establish the new Unemployment Insurance Commission as a parent Crown corporation, set up under Part II of Schedule C of the Financial Administration Act.

Do you know what that means, Mr. Speaker? The Forget Commission is recommending that we turn the Unemployment Insurance Commission into yet another Crown Corporation. Mr. Speaker, the Canada Post Corporation situation is reason enough not to make the same mistake twice.

A Crown Corporation is a parallel power, a sort of second power within the state—over which the Government loses control and to which it no longer can give instructions for its good performance.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to strongly oppose that recommendation. We have no need for another inefficient monster like the Canada Post Corporation—let us not create another one with the Unemployment Insurance Commission.