

Free trade part of PC economic strategy: McDougall

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A free trade deal for Canada is part of the Progressive Conser-

Testimony from nurse on use of mid-forceps

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In the nine D and C cases discussed at the hearing Dr. Ewaschuck said he could find no reason for the operations.

In one case, in which Dr. Ford discharged a woman with premature ruptured membranes and a foaling breech baby four times, Dr. Ewaschuck said the woman should have been transferred to a high-risk facility "as soon as possible" when she came to the hospital at 36½ weeks pregnant with ruptured membranes.

In another case, Dr. Ford performed a D and C on a 19-year-old girl who thought she was pregnant. Such an operation can end the pregnancy, said Dr. Ewaschuck.

He also talked about a new case of premature ruptured membranes in 1967 in which a woman, 38½ weeks pregnant, was diagnosed with the condition, yet she was discharged. She returned five hours later and delivered the baby, said Mr. Liswood.

Dr. Ford previously testified there were "social conditions" which required the woman's presence at home.

Dr. Ewaschuck said Oakville Trafalgar Hospital would never have discharged a woman with ruptured membranes at 38½ weeks without having delivered the baby first.

"There now are two cases of premature ruptured membranes which are contrary to hospital guidelines (in how they were managed). What would you do," asked Mr. Liswood.

"My concern would be whether he should have privileges within my department. Or whether he would ever listen to guidelines," replied Dr. Ewaschuck.

Mr. Liswood then turned his attention to Dr. Ford's high use of mid-forceps deliveries.

"Forceps of any kind have a bad name today," said Dr. Ewaschuck.

Mr. Liswood said Dr. Ford increased his use of mid-forceps significantly in the last three to five years - at a time when OHIP had allowed an additional \$20 fee for a mid-forceps delivery.

Asked his opinion on another case in which a woman had five surgical procedures for pelvic and abdominal pain in 18 months Dr. Ewaschuck said: "It's very uncommon and really it's not acceptable."

Under cross-examination by Dr. Ford's lawyer Gavin Mackenzie, Dr. Ewaschuck conceded that some of the cases Dr. Ford handled may have warranted the D and C operations.

The Board also heard testimony from Laura Yerxa, a nurse at Toronto General Hospital who worked at Georgetown hospital from September, 1986 to July 1987.

Ms. Yerxa said she wanted out of the Georgetown hospital "because everything was so controversial all the time."

She also said the equipment at the hospital was old and some of the obstetrical policies were outdated. She cited the fact that there was no VBAC (vaginal birth after Caesarian) policy at the hospital as one example.

Ms. Yerxa said in one case Dr. Ford used a mid-forceps delivery when she thought there was no need. He told the woman the baby was suffering fetal distress but its heartbeat was still in a normal range, she said. "I've seen it happen with other obstetricians who want to get the delivery over with," she said.

In another case, in which a baby suffered a broken neck and subsequently died in October, 1986, the nurse questioned Dr. Ford's use of forceps. "The patient was pushing. Doing reasonably well. She was coping well and there was no fetal distress," she said.

But Dr. Ford applied the forceps after about 20 minutes of pushing and pulled for the next ten minutes, she said.

"To me, it was a very difficult pull. In my experience I had not seen a pull as difficult as I was seeing then," she said.

She said no arrangements to call in an anesthetist had been made for the delivery although Dr. Ford earlier testified that an anesthetist was always on call within one hour.

Although nurse Yerxa was officially the nurse for the mother and her supervisor was in charge of the baby, she said she was "anticipating problems" with the baby because of the difficult pull.

It was born "blue and flacid", she said. While she wanted to put the baby on a bag-type respirator, "Dr. Ford was more concerned about drying the baby off," she said.

He tried to stimulate the baby to breathe on its own, she said.

She called out the heartbeat of the baby as it dropped from a normal rate of 120 to 60, she said. Once Dr. Ford applied the bag respirator the baby began to breathe, she said.

vative economic agenda, said federal cabinet minister Barbara McDougall.

The Minister of State for Privatization and Minister responsible for Status of Women spoke at the John Elliott Theatre Monday to a crowd of about 200 people.

The Conservatives promised a "broad economic strategy for economic renewal," she said, based on four major principles.

The government of Brian Mulroney realizes that national progress requires national unity, she said. Threats to national unity are Quebec isolation and provincial disparity on an economic level, she said.

A growing global interdependence demands that government find new markets for Canadian goods. The government also recognizes the future decline in natural resources compared to the potential of high technology and service industries. Lastly, full employment and sustained growth needs sound interest rates and investor confidence, she said.

The Conservatives initiated the Meech Lake Accord and decentralized government programs to regions, the cabinet minister said.

Tax reform also has made international trading more competitive in Canada, Ms. McDougall said.

There is a Catch 22 faced by a country such as Canada that has a small population, she said. Companies need to invest on an efficient scale and they need a customer base much larger than our own, she said.

"The only problem is that there isn't enough of us."

A recent Toronto Star poll shows that support is mounting for free trade even though the deal has aligned some strange bedfellows such as Nova Scotia Premier Frank McKenna and Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa, the cabinet minister said.

The province of Ontario, admittedly, is most reluctant to accept the free trade pack, she said. "The opposition, while weakening, is still strongest in Ontario. I believe the opponents of the trade deal have taken their best shots."

Premier David Peterson's criteria for accepting a free trade agreement were very close to the federal government's own conditions, she said.

"Ontario was saying don't mess with what we already have. We not only think we got a better deal, we know we did."

The government must offer a vision and direction for Canada, she added.

The deal offers energy security for



TRADE TALK—Barbara McDougall spoke to about 200 people Monday night at the John Elliott Theatre about free trade. Her talk was sponsored by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and tickets were sold for \$5 each. After her talk, the federal cabinet minister answered questions from the audience. A social time followed in the gallery. (Herald photo)

Canada because access to the U.S. market allows us to develop huge natural resource projects such as hydro and the tar sands, she said.

The services agreement between the two countries sets a global precedent, she said. Service industries are one of the fastest growing and Canada should benefit well in the future from a freer flow of market access, she added.

A disputes mechanism and protection of cultural industries provide safeguards for Canadians, the cabinet minister said.

"All and all I think you'll agree the free trade agreement will make sense. It will stand the test of time."

An analysis done of the agreement Jan. 14 indicates that there will be a 2.5 per cent growth in real income for Canadians, she said. As well, 120,000 new jobs will be created by the end of 1993.

"The agreement is not a devolution of Canadian sovereignty," said the cabinet minister. Canadians will feel the same sense of pride by watching the maple leaf flag rise at the Calgary Olympics, she said.

There are a large number of entrepreneurs in Quebec who support the free trade deal and the Party

say the pact will lead to Quebec sovereignty, Ms. McDougall said.

In answer to a question from the audience, the cabinet minister replied that the federal government will help displaced workers find new jobs in other sectors of the economy.

Asked if an election would be called before a free trade deal could be finalized, Ms. McDougall said she wasn't the one to decide, but added: "I would be very happy if we had an election today on free trade."

Without a free trade deal, she predicted "the same kind of growing chaos," of trade barriers, using the example of softwood lumber tariffs imposed by the States. "We'd all be worse off. We're the only industrialized nation that doesn't have access to a country over 100 million. This gives us an access to a market of over 250 million (people)," she said.

From the time of the fur trade in Canada, this nation has depended on trade, she said.

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Curwood management tells conciliator firm ready to talk

The two sides in the strike at Curwood Packaging in Georgetown are still not talking.

About 115 members of the Graphics Communications International Union at Curwood walked off the job Dec. 29 demanding more money, no continental work week, and better benefits.

The union is negotiating its first contract at Curwood.

Curwood President Barry Kedwell said he left word with the conciliator two weeks ago that management is willing to return to the bargaining table. Once the union gives the same indication the conciliator can set a date for talks, said Mr. Kedwell.

The two sides haven't negotiated since talks broke down Dec. 21.

Asked if he thinks the two sides are ready to move from their last positions Mr. Kedwell said the fact that the company is ready to go back to the bargaining table means it is ready to listen.

"I guess they're not ready to (return to the bargaining table)," Mr. Kedwell said of the union.

Union President Mike Zajac said the union has never been contacted by the conciliator or told that the company is ready to go back to the bargaining table.

He said the union "has always had room for movement on our side."

The only way the union is ready to resume negotiations is if the company improves their offer, said Mr. Zajac.

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