

Report from PARLIAMENT HILL

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Our government's top priority remains creating jobs and economic growth. To meet this objective, the government is keeping taxes low, controlling government spending, and returning to balanced budgets. We are also working hard to expand exports for Canadian goods and services overseas, by pursuing new free trade agreements. The *Auto Pact*, and the *North American Free Trade Agreement* that succeeded it, showed that expanded trade means more jobs here at home. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress we are making in negotiating a very important trade agreement.

Canada's trade negotiations with the European Union (EU) towards a *Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)* is our single most important trade initiative since

signing the historic *North American Free Trade Agreement*. Although the Canadian and American economies remain closely integrated, the uncertainty south of the border makes it important to diversify trade beyond the United States with other large markets around the world.

The EU is an ideal trade partner for Canada because it provides Canadian exporters with access to a high-income market of 500 million consumers, creating a vast potential for new jobs and economic growth. The EU is the world's largest importing market for goods, 2.7 times larger than the United States. Furthermore, five out of the world's eight largest goods-importing countries can be found within the EU.

Negotiations for a *Canada-EU CETA* touch upon a wide range of sectors and industries, from aerospace to processed foods. These

sectors and industries stand to gain a number of important advantages from tariff elimination and a reduction in non-tariff barriers. A trade agreement with the EU is projected to boost Canada's economy by \$12 billion and increase two-way trade by 20 per cent. Furthermore, it is estimated that a *Canada-EU CETA* will create almost 80,000 new jobs and increase the average annual income of Canadian households by almost \$1,000.

Last month, Canada and the EU completed the ninth round of *CETA* negotiations in Ottawa, and both parties are committed to concluding an agreement by 2012. Like all trade negotiations, the government is extensively engaging in consultations with stakeholders across Canada, including workers, municipalities, provinces and territories. I appreciate the feedback that many of you have provided regarding a *Canada-EU CETA*, and I will continue to relay your comments to my caucus colleagues in Ottawa.

Trade affects all Canadians. Trade creates jobs. Trade increases economic output. One



MIGHTY MACHINE: Two-year-old Acton cousins Reilly Hotham and Cali Coull enjoyed the ice-making machine as much as skating at the Acton arena leisure pad last Thursday. - Submitted photo

in five Canadian jobs depend on trade and trade accounts for over 60 per cent of Canada's economy. When Canada trades, prices for goods and services go down, while wages, salaries and the standard of living go up.

In less than six years, our government has completed free trade agreements with nine countries, more than other government in the history of Canada. The current negotiations toward a *Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement* is another example of how our government is fulfilling our commitment to create jobs and economic growth.

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Easy crime prevention tips

County of Wellington OPP officers continue to respond to calls for service throughout the County of Wellington that are easily preventable, including the theft of various vehicles, pickups, cars, ATV's, Quad's, motorcycles, mini bikes or snow machines, to name a few.

Thieves have repeatedly told police that they continue to leave the cities, and head to the rural areas, because usually home owners leave the keys in their vehicles, don't lock their driving sheds, and leave snow machines on front lawns with the keys in them.

Tips to not be a Target
• Make your home and buildings a harder target for thieves. Lock all doors. Don't leave the

keys nearby.

• Don't leave any keys for autos or vehicles, like ATV's or snow machines, with them.

• Install motion lights and/or buzzers to alert you when someone comes up the driveway after dark. Thieves don't like lights, and prefer to work under cover of darkness.

• Lock all vehicles and remove property that they want to take...like wallets, briefcases, GPS, laptops, and sunglasses.

• Trim the lower portions of trees up to height of six feet (two metres) to keep your home and autos visible from the roadway. It also makes it harder for thieves to sneak up on your home.

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Remembrance Day Parade

Saturday, November 5, 2011



The parade will muster at the Old Hide House parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and then march to the Cenotaph for the service.

The Veterans Dinner will be served at the Legion starting at 1 p.m.

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