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Ukrainian Internment

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Mark meets with Prime Minister for justice for internees

Ottawa – On Thursday afternoon Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette M.P., Inky Mark met with Jean Chrétien privately to discuss restitution for those Ukrainian Canadians and others that the Canadian Government unjustly interned in camps during the First World War.

In 1993 while Leader of the Opposition, the Prime Minister wrote a letter to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress stating that the Liberal Party supported redress for those interned during the First National Internment Operations.

"Since coming to Parliament in 1997, I have been calling on the Liberal government to acknowledge and provide restitution for the injustices done to Ukrainian Canadians and others during WW I. I was pleased to be able to meet with Mr. Chretien to again ask him to honour his 1993 promise," Mark said.

"My meeting went well, with the Prime Minister promising to look over the information I provided. However, no promise or commitment was made to correct past wrongs."

"Canadians deserve a government and leader who say what they mean and mean what they say. It is time the Liberals and the PM took responsibility for their actions and words and followed through. An unkept promise is a broken promise. Will this become part of Prime Minister Chrétien's legacy," concluded Mark.

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