

longevity of this amendment. As nearly as we can find out, it will scarcely reach the nurse, much less the cradle. The amendment is certainly a great tribute to this Government in more ways than one. It is likewise a great tribute to the inventive genius of the hon. gentleman who to-day leads the Opposition in this Province. I doubt if anyone outside of the hon. gentleman himself could possibly have devised this amendment. I say that the amendment is a tribute to this Government. A tribute because after upwards of nine years in administering the affairs of this Province, and after bringing down the Speech from the Throne the other day containing so much (as it did) in the way of work done, work being done and work contemplated for consideration this Session, the hon. gentleman cannot commence an amendment with even a word of regret as to anything that has been done, but has to go out into new fields that no one ever ventured in before, and that no one will ever follow him into and that he will never venture into again.

DO WE NEED A "MINISTER OF UNEMPLOYMENT"?

Mr. Speaker, we have had again and again suggestions as to the advisability of adding additional Ministers with portfolio to the Cabinet. For instance, we have had suggestions, and with fair reasons in their support, it may be, that we should have in this Province a Minister of Health. A Minister of Health would find in this Province good work to do; he would find work that might well employ all the time of the best man who could be put in charge of such important work. We have had as well a suggestion that we should have a Minister of Municipal Institutions. The proposition of a Minister of Municipal Institutions would have a great deal of reason to support it. A Minister of Municipal Institutions would probably find in this Province work that would employ him from one end of the year to the other. But never until now has anyone had the courage or the genius to suggest a "Minister of Unemployment" for this Province. I say then that it is a tribute to the Government that he had to go so far afield to find material for an amendment, and a tribute to the inventive genius of the Leader of the Opposition that when others would have approved of the Address in reply he evolved an amendment.