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These games are truly extraordinary. This summer two new exciting aspects of the games are included. Disabled Olympians will be participating for the first time and traditional aboriginal games will form an integral part of the competition. At the same time, Kamloops will host one of the largest Indian powwows in North America as well as a full-scale western rodeo.

The hosting of the games will include many dynamic communities throughout the Kamloops region, which is considered to be one of the most beautiful and pristine areas of all of Canada.

I urge all Canadians to join us this summer to support Canada's most outstanding young athletes who will be competing in Kamloops during the 1993 Canada Summer Games. Come and enjoy the games, our beautiful city and its region.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, let me tell the member for Notre–Dame–de–Grâce that we in the maritimes regard the Montreal Canadiens as a national institution and not just the sole claim of the city of Montreal.

Madam Speaker, you may remember all the soul searching that took place in the House of Commons about the merits of the UI changes. The NDP was really upset about terminating UI benefits to voluntary quitters, by most standards a common sense measure.

Now we know why. It seems the NDP has a cost-saving scheme in place courtesy of the UI program. The party pays the unelected leader for enough months to qualify and then the leader quits and receives UI benefits.

The NDP leader in Prince Edward Island thinks he can quit his post and receive UI, thus saving the party \$4,000. However the money comes from the pockets of hardworking Canadians. The NDP says: "So what? We pay our premiums". This is a fine example for other Canadians.

Hopefully common sense will prevail with the NDP, otherwise our UI deficit will soar to new heights.

AGRICULTURE

Mrs. Louise Feltham (Wild Rose): Madam Speaker, every day we hear members in this House complain about what the government is or is not doing.

Today I want to pass out a bouquet to my colleague, the Minister of Agriculture, for the difficult decisions he has made in the last week. He deserves congratulations following two very important announcements that satisfied the long-standing concerns of many of my constituents.

The minister first announced a continental barley market which will open up significant opportunities for western barley growers. The minister also announced the establishment of a producer payment panel to oversee the shift of the Crow rate benefit from railways to producers.

Both of these changes will be beneficial to western farmers. I thank the minister for his attention to these important matters.

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MINERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Madam Speaker, tomorrow, June 11, 1993, is miners memorial day in Cape Breton. This day holds a special place in the hearts of Cape Bretoners as it commemorates the work of our coal miners.

The life of a coal miner has changed through the years but the danger of working underground continues to be a haunting element of that industry.

Tomorrow is a day when we recognize the hard work of our miners and remember those who have sacrificed their lives for that industry. It is an emotional day for many. For some it brings back a sense of pride. For others it brings back a sense of fear and sadness.

We will also remember the families of our coal miners, the wives, mothers and children who waited on the surface only to have their worst fears come true.

On behalf of my constituents in Cape Breton—East Richmond I salute our Cape Breton coal miners for their contribution not only to our local economy but also to our culture, our history and our sense of pride on the island.