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advertising and if the minister is not going to charge those who received unemployment insurance during the month of June, I again ask him to accept this charge of fraudulent advertising and bring the matter before the committee on privileges and elections. That is all I have to say with regard to unemployment, except this: Do more; let us get things moving.

**The Chairman:** Order. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

**Mr. Leboe:** Mr. Chairman, first of all, since this is the first opportunity I have had I should like to congratulate you and your deputy and also Mr. Speaker on your appointments. Personally speaking, I think you have been doing an admirable job in looking after the affairs of the house and your conduct certainly is worthy of commendation.

I should like to pay tribute to a member of this house from 1958 to 1962 who served his community well. I refer to the former member for Cariboo, Walter Henderson. It was my personal experience to work with Mr. Henderson when he was chairman of the school board in Dawson Creek. He was also president of the farmers institute. I remember well the efforts he put forth in connection with the fair board and the fall fairs that took place every year in that community.

Mr. Henderson did not lose the constituency for personal reasons. His popularity rose considerably during the four years he was a member. However, his personal popularity was not able to keep up with the decline of his party and therefore it so happens that I am here in his place. I do want it known that we appreciate Mr. Henderson and the efforts he has made in the community as well as here in the House of Commons.

I should also like to pay tribute to the pioneers of the Cariboo constituency. This is one of those things that we often would like but seldom have the chance to do—to pay tribute to these pioneers. Many of these people came into the Cariboo district 40 to 50 years ago and I think it is a recommendation for the country that they are still in the Cariboo. I should like to mention one or two of them but by doing so I intend no offence to the others. We lost a great man in the Cariboo just recently. His name was Frederick Tregelis. Had he lived another four or five months he would have been 100 years of age. Since he was a boy of about 17 he had spent all his life in the town of Barkerville which, as hon. members know, at one time was the largest city west of Chicago and north of San Francisco.

I think of Mrs. Seymour who is now 114 years old, I believe, and who can thread a

needle without glasses. These are some of the pioneers of the Cariboo riding and the northern part of British Columbia generally. I should like to pay tribute to them because they have certainly brought a lot to British Columbia and to Canada.

Another pioneer I should like to mention is Tom Jamieson. I mention him because he homesteaded at Hudson Hope some 50 years ago. Hudson Hope, as you may know, is the site of the new Peace river dam development. This, of course, is one of the great projects being launched in Canada today to meet the ever growing demand for electricity. It was my pleasure to visit no later than yesterday the site of the South Saskatchewan dam and I should like to commend the government on going ahead with this great project. It was a delight to see the progress that is being made and the plans for the future in this regard.

With respect to the Peace river power development, I think it can be said that this will likely be one of the largest earth filled dams in the world when it is completed. I believe it is going to be over 7,000 feet long and over 600 feet high. It will back up the waters to form a lake some 265 miles in length. We believe it will certainly be a great asset not only to British Columbia but to Canada. This development will undoubtedly bring with it many opportunities for business and for working men to ply their skills.

We are very pleased that in British Columbia we have been able over the years to contribute to the Canadian welfare by an expanding economy which has attracted many people to our province. This new development is another way in which this is being done. I suggest that it will take somewhere in the neighbourhood of 10,000 people eight or nine years to complete the removal of the timber and the debris that will have to be removed before flooding takes place as a result of the dam.

I think we should be reminded here, however, that no province, no matter how ambitious its plans are or how many projects it institutes, can avoid being faced with unemployment. The reason for this, of course, is that unemployment is a national problem. In my estimation, unemployment can never be considered as a provincial problem so long as our borders are open to the free travel of individuals seeking jobs. If we were to consider unemployment on a provincial basis, then we would have to make certain that extreme precautions were taken by way of priorities for jobs. But this is not Canada if we are parochial in our thinking. We must, therefore, be fair to all Canadians and let them move freely and use their ability to the advantage of the whole of the Dominion of Canada.