

ployed, these same pensioners were sure that thanks to these programs their purchasing power would be protected. This is no longer the case, and I shall mention the high interest rates they have to pay on their loans.

The Canadian farmers whom hon. members of this Progressive Conservative government and the Social Credit Party of Canada claim they want to defend will have to pay more for the gas they need to operate their farm machinery and to carry their products to markets and to consumers. The budget will cause all these things farmers need to cost more. They may cost the average farmer between \$500 and \$800 more a year. This budget was put together by a Progressive Conservative government which claims to be the farmer's friend. This Progressive Conservative government has been supported for the past six months by Quebec Social Creditistes who also claim they are the farmer's friends. Well, Canadian farmers will certainly remember this Progressive Conservative government. In the next election Quebec farmers will remember Social Creditistes who let this government come up with this budget. We hope it will be called soon, Mr. Speaker, even if it implies an election campaign in the middle of winter. Farmers will remember Social Creditistes and Progressive Conservatives.

We could elaborate on the small and medium-size business and on the instability this government has been creating around them for the last six months, but in their case as in the case of other persons, of senior citizens, of pensioners, of businessmen, they will be penalized by the same increases in the cost of transportation, they will be penalized at all levels. Those people are going to remember in the next election.

As my colleague, the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae), emphasized, I hope that Social Creditistes will stop propping up this Progressive Conservative government, as they have done in the last six months, and that they will co-operate with us to defeat it in the weeks to come, not only in this House but in their constituencies.

I also urge the Social Credit leader to remember his past as a great champion of provincial jurisdiction. That same leader, who claimed that the federal government interfered too much in provincial policies, will remember today that several provincial premiers, that of Alberta and even the Quebec finance minister have told this Progressive Conservative government that the excise tax is an unwarranted intervention in provincial jurisdiction. I trust the Social Credit leader will remember that when the time comes to vote on the budget and the non-confidence motions.

I trust that, tormented by his support of the Progressive Conservative party, of the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Clark), and tortured by the support he gives the Parti Québécois, he will for a change fight for the interests of Quebecers and quit supporting this Progressive Conservative party as he has done in the last six months.

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With regard to unemployment, let us look at the performance of the present government. For six months now they have been in power and they keep putting off implementation of their promises which have been changed only to shrink. They keep telling us they are looking into the problem and consulting the provinces. That is all very well, Mr. Speaker, but they should now start to act. Waiting till December to announce the employment programs for the fall, winter and spring is irresponsibility on the part of this government. In fact, we are still waiting because in his budget last night the minister spent only 30 seconds on the problem.

I trust the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Atkey) will take the opportunity of his intervention to announce concrete measures for job-creation. The only thing they have managed to do is reduce the Canada Works program, freeze funds for job-training programs, create economic uncertainty which penalizes especially the young, those who in the past were encouraged by the former Liberal government to propose programs for their communities which gave them both a chance to get some experience and earn a little money.

As early as June last, young people were told everywhere in Canada that unfortunately there would be no jobs for them in the civil service because the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Stevens) had decided to stop making jobs available especially to young people, women and Francophones. Those young people, Mr. Speaker, even if they have graduated from college or university during the past six months cannot plan a career in the civil service due to the drastic steps taken by the Progressive Conservative party which are based on Progressive Conservative dogma no longer consistent with the policies of 1979.

In addition, these same young people cannot hope to find a job on the labour market, as we can see from the figures published last month. These show that two-thirds of the newly unemployed in October were young people under 25 and that only one-third of all new workers were young people. There is therefore a gap and it is increasing steadily; it has increased by 25,000 for men between 15 and 24, by 18,000 for women 25 or more and by 4,000 for women between 15 and 24, which means that 22,000 people more have been forced into unemployment by this Conservative government, and that less than one-third of the new jobs went to young people.

This is the first increase in unemployment in over one year and it reflects the difference in the programs of the previous government and those of the new government. Mr. Speaker, it would be appropriate to underline the contempt that this new government has shown towards the House, as exemplified by the actions of the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Last month, the hon. member for Blainville-Deux-Montagnes (Mr. Fox), the hon. member for Manicouagan (Mr. Maltais) and myself asked the Prime Minister and the Minister of Employment and Immigration to give us details about job creation. They replied that no details would be made public