

*Unemployment Insurance*

**Mr. Chambers:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, under the rules I believe the hon. member has an obligation to name the author of this excellent indictment of the previous government.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If the hon. gentleman would like the name of the author of these words regarding doom and gloom, I will identify that author in this way; he is also the author of these words which were delivered on a television program on April 12, 1961—

**Mr. Hamilton (Noire Dame de Grace):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

**Mr. Pickersgill:** They do not like this, Mr. Speaker, and I told you they would not.

**Mr. Hamilton (Noire Dame de Grace):** Mr. Speaker, on the point of order raised by the hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George (Mr. Chambers), any hon. member quoting from a document in this house is obliged to identify directly the document and the author from which he quotes and, if the hon. member is quoting from *Hansard*, as I believe he is, I would ask that he give us the page, the date and the author.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I am going to save the time of the house by reading just one or two extracts from this—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Hamilton (Noire Dame de Grace):** Mr. Speaker, with all respect, I would ask you to enforce the rules of the house in this regard.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, I would also suggest it is a rule of the house that a member may read anything in the house if he makes the words his own, and I make these words my own, sir.

**Mr. Ricard:** You accept the words "doom and gloom" as your own?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** In this regard I would like to point out what that hon. gentleman said, and I will read his words.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. I think the hon. member will realize he cannot have it both ways. He cannot assume the words as his own while at the same time referring to what someone else said. We are all apparently curious to have the individual identified.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** The gentleman who said that, sir, was then a private member sitting on this side of the house from the constituency of Prince Albert, and is today the Prime Minister of this country. Those words of doom and gloom were uttered during the one period of temporary seasonal unemployment of a serious character during that period.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I know that the hon. gentlemen do not like their leader's record exposed to the public, but would rather only have his visions exposed. They do not want to see their leader in the rags and tatters of another day. Their leader needs a new suit now, and needs one a great deal more than the country does. What this country needs is a new government. I would draw your attention to the words which were then expressed in that kind of statement to which, when we were on the other side, we took no exception. We did not say they were unparliamentary or unpatriotic.

**Mr. Martineau:** What did Mr. St. Laurent say?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. St. Laurent believed in free speech. He believed in respect for freedom.

**Mr. Thrasher:** Tell us about his relations with the C.B.C.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** He believed in respect for all members of the house and he showed respect for all members of the house—

**Mr. Thrasher:** Tell us about his relations with the C.B.C.

**Mr. Pickersgill:**—something that those of us who remember him here will never forget.

**An hon. Member:** Tell us about black Friday.

**Mr. Pallett:** Who was the prime minister during the pipe-line debate?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If I had been responsible for blank Saturday I do not think I would be too keen to talk about black Friday. But I come to something that is rather more serious. Here is what the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) said on the air:

I refer, of course, to those who for political purposes—

He was referring to his opponents in this house in his usual courteous fashion.

—downgrade the credit and prestige of Canada abroad—

Just listen to these words.

—spreading the vicious propaganda of doom and gloom.

That referred to statements precisely like the speeches the right hon. gentleman made when he was not yet right honourable.

**Mr. Pallett:** If you live to be 100 you could not measure up to his speeches.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Well, I can look at his speeches and read them, and I notice that hon. gentlemen opposite always object when any of the Prime Minister's old speeches