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on the Island dates back to 1720. Many technological advances have evolved since then. While mining methods have changed over the years, the unique qualities of the miner, which can be best described in one word, courageous, have not.

The struggle of the miner has not been without adversity. We remember the fight to bring in the United Mine Workers of America and the infamous strike of 1909-1910; the six years of protest culminating in the strike of 1925, and the tragic death of William Davis, killed 58 years ago.

We also remember the No. 12 Mine explosion of 1917, more recently the explosion in 1979, and even more recently the fire at No. 26 Colliery some months ago. Over the years there have been triumphs and disasters. At this time we remember the contributions made by all miners and their families, and honour those who lost their lives.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**CANADA-UNITED STATES RELATIONS—CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, like most Canadians I am growing weary of the Liberal Government's favourite indoor sport of plucking feathers off the American eagle. We have had the gratuitous "I'm all right, Jack" statement by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), and the Prime Minister's (Mr. Trudeau) flippant remarks at Uplands Airport on the weekend.

The U.S. is our closest neighbour, greatest friend, and most significant trade and defence partner. Were it not for the disastrous policies of the present Canadian Government, we as a people would be able to take advantage of the downstream benefits of the economic recovery in the U.S.—the boom in manufacturing and productivity, the recapture of lost jobs, and the addition of hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Instead of constantly bad mouthing the U.S., the Government should begin to practise better diplomatic relations and economic ties.

Our Leader has been giving this message and advice to this Government for the last 12 months, but apparently neither the Prime Minister nor any of his Cabinet have been listening. It is a downright shame. Canadians deserve better. We need jobs.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY**TREATMENT BY GOVERNMENT**

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, during the life of this Liberal Government the CPR has been the recipient of special favours. Here are two of many examples. During public hearings on the abandonment of the Rosedale-East Coulee branchline before the prairie section of CTC, I asked the railway to give me the depreciation figures on this branch line since its construction. The railway refused, but the CTC chairman ordered the CPR to provide me with the figures. I

wanted this information as I am convinced that the CPR has depreciated this branch line several times. I waited in vain, and finally the CTC wiggled out of the order. The Liberal Government condoned the CPR's hiding this information from the public.

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Again, prior to the Crow debate Dr. Gilson recommended that the shortfall be paid to the farmers so they could pay the increased freight rates. The Bill provided for the freight increases for the farmers, all right, but the Government gave the total shortfall to the railways, with the CPR getting the lion's share. Then the other day the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) had the gall to misinform the public by saying that this year the Government had given more than a billion dollars to the farmers. He should have said "to the railways".

But the CPR is still not satisfied. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has put Ian Sinclair, past President of the CPR, into the Senate, and now there are forces within the Liberal Party at work to make John Turner, a CPR director, Prime Minister of Canada. The Liberal Government and John Turner put the CPR first, but with the PCs and Brian Mulroney, the people are first.

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EMPLOYMENT**SUMMER CANADA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I rise to impress upon the House and the Government the urgent necessity for more funds to be allocated for job-creation purposes in high unemployment areas. I am talking about student employment.

The funds allocated to government Departments for the employment of students usually only affect urban areas because that is where the government Departments are. Private enterprise producers summer jobs mainly again in urban areas, because that is mostly where a private enterprise exists.

The only possibility for student employment in high unemployment rural areas is the direct job-creation program, Summer Canada Employment Program. If the Government is going to take action, it must be done now. Next month will be too late.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**NON-ADVERTISING OF LOCAL SERVICES**

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, last week in the communities of The Pas and Thompson, the CTC held hearings on an application by CN to remove station agents and destroy stations in various communities in northern Manitoba. From the presentations that were made to the CTC it became apparent that one of the ways that CN and VIA discourage