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Supplementary Paper Unemployment is usually at a minimum in September - ri to a peak in the late winter.

No. 55/10 \_ EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA familiar to the Canadian people, for seasonal unemployment is a perennial problem here, present in good times or bad. An address by the Minister of Public Works, Mr. 1 000.025 Ja Robert Winters, delivered at the Golden Anniversary Convention meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, Halifax, N.S., September 1, probably about 150 million dollars, with its **3200** itable impact on the demand for services and goods produced by other people. Even more important is the damage it causes in the places that really count - in the hearts and minds of the human beings who are out of work.

This problem is, in a way, one of the penalties Since the say that ever since the a last Great Depression we Canadians, in private life and in government, have been determined to do everything practical to prevent another. In government, at the national level, we have developed improved economic weapons, and we have not hesitated to use them. For example, we have strengthened the economy with such basic supports as Unemployment Insurance, Family Allowance and pensions for the aged. We have learned to make more effective use of fiscal, monetary and credit policy to reduce the inevitable ups and downs of a free economy. We have used the means available to modern government to create the sort of climate in which this free economy can prosper . Tetal elitif a

ai inemvolument Furthermore, the Federal Government has made important contributions to national development at times and in places which would most effectively stimulate the economy. These contributions have included a stronger housing policy than ever before; and an extensive Trans-Canada Highway programme, not to mention other government capital outlays on various types of public works mend . egasdo anoides in a training and summer. Various service Lous service

All this is, in a way, part of the endless story of man's conquest of this northern land, part a of man's endless experiment in learning to live in ged a country that has perhaps more than its share of difficulties for living. We have laid siege to our objective on a broad front and we have encountered in individual pockets of resistance and salients that yield harder than other parts of the front. I long should like today to talk about one of the most stubborn of these salients - about winter unemployment. Terrow urance benefits

This year has brought us a graphic illustration of this problem. On March 19th, there were 401,000 Canadians without jobs and looking for work - nearly 72 per cent of the labour force. On May 21, this figure had dropped to 213,000 or slightly less than four per cent of the labour force. On June 18, the figure was down to 157,000, slightly less than three per cent.

It is expected that by mid-September the number of persons without jobs seeking work will have dropped to a little more than 2 per cent of the labour force.

the willingness of industry to change established employ ment patterns and on the willingness of the general public to change its habits in buying and in demanding services.