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has not directed that adjective towards anybody in this chamber but toward a statement and toward an advertisement. That has been decided time and again to be quite within the rules.

Mr. McCleave: On the point of order may I say this—

Mr. Byrne: I hope my time will not be affected.

The Chairman: Order. I am afraid I could not hear the parliamentary secretary.

Mr. McCleave: The hon. member for Laurier has said that these words were not directed at a particular person. However, as I understood the words of the hon. member, he was directing them at the Minister of Labour.

Mr. Byrne: I shall show in a moment at whom I am directing them. I am just going to run over them briefly for hon. members in case they do not understand the implications of what I have said or of this statement. It reads:

The dominion bureau of statistics this morning announces the greatest increase in jobs in any month in Canadian history.

This statement, my friends, is a lie.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a question of privilege and a point of order both, as a matter of fact.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): You cannot have both at the same time.

The Chairman: The Minister of Labour wishes to speak to a point of order. I cannot hear two hon. members at the same time. I am certainly quite prepared to allow the hon. member who has the floor a little bit of additional time as a result of these interruptions, as long as they are not provocative of points of order and points of privilege on a basis which is—

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Specious.

The Chairman: I thank the hon. member.

Mr. Chevrier: Nor can Your Honour hear two points of order at the same time.

Mr. Byrne: I will show from the facts that they are untrue.

Mr. Nowlan: I rise on a point of order. I remember very well what the hon. member for Laurier said the other day so forcibly and effectively, namely that ministers should protect civil servants when they are accused of any offence, as they could not be here to protect themselves. The dominion bureau of statistics is composed of civil servants. The hon. member brings in the words which the Prime Minister used. Then he twists. Then he

says, "I will tell you in a moment at whom I am going to direct them". Now he says he is referring to the bureau of statistics. What I say is this: if the words of the hon. member for Laurier had the effect—

Mr. Byrne: Mr. Chairman—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Byrne: I will sit down.

Mr. Nowlan: If the words of the hon. member for Laurier had the effect I thought they had, and I thought they were well taken, I would ask you to recall those words, Mr. Chairman; and I suggest that one should not refer in this way to civil servants.

Mr. Chevrier: I rise to speak to the point of order, if I may do so. I am delighted that the minister did not jump out of his seat at someone who interrupted him as he appeared to be quite angry. May I say that I stand by what I said with reference to civil servants. The hon. member who is now speaking is not directing his attack or his words against any civil servant. He is directing them, so far as I have heard them, against an advertisement and surely that procedure is not out of order.

Mr. Nowlan: The last words were "the bureau of statistics".

Mr. Byrne: The same day in the Vancouver *Province* there appeared the headline to the effect that the drop in unemployment had amounted to 149,000 people, that is to say that there were 149,000 fewer unemployed than there were in April. I want to be fair to members of the opposition and say this. That reference to 247,000 jobs per year in essence is true, that there were about 100,000 more people went to work who were not actually listed as unemployed; so that in effect there were 247,000 jobs created during the month of May. This article states:

The dominion bureau of statistics announces the greatest increase in jobs in any month in Canadian history.

When I was so rudely interrupted I was about to tell you that this statement also was untrue.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): That is not unparliamentary.

Mr. Byrne: In 1961 in May there were 6 million jobs and in April of 1961 there were 5 million jobs, but the actual increase in creation of jobs for that month of 1961 was 267,000. That figure is more than the 247,000 of 1962. In 1960, there were about 100,000 or rather—

An hon. Member: You are lost in your own papers.