

Mr. MARTIN: Will the hon. member permit me to ask again does he find that because he happens to be a member of a political party that his work in the city of Toronto among those of his own generation and a generation below is to any extent handicapped by virtue of his political affiliations?

Mr. MASSEY: That work is not political by any possible stretch of the imagination, not political in any way, shape or form, and the hon. member knows it. But if I, on the other hand, as a member of parliament, were given the chairmanship of a government committee and were asked to carry forward in an impartial way I would certainly do my fullest and best to carry it forward in an impartial way. But the work itself would be jeopardized by the fact that I was a member of parliament, and you could not convince those with whom you had contact that you were following a course of complete impartiality in the matter. The hon. member for Essex East (Mr. Martin) knows that.

Mr. MARTIN: I am sorry my hon. friend has not answered my question.

Mr. BENNETT: He cannot provide understanding.

Mr. MASSEY: I cannot make it any clearer. I have done the best I can; I had hoped the hon. member would understand it. I am sure the seed planted will gradually sprout and blossom.

Mr. MARTIN: I am afraid not.

Mr. MASSEY: Then it has fallen on stony ground. Now, may I return to the problem in hand in its widest sense. We are now at this time facing a situation in regard to our youth which demands the fullest possible action. On previous occasions I have pleaded with the minister that there be at least some indication of action on behalf of youth. Here in this item is an indication. But how far reaching can the results be? After all, a million dollars is a large sum of money. After all, the problem of the training of youth, the problem of apprenticeships, the problem of gainfully employing youth, and the problem of adjustment, all the matters I have already mentioned, are very broad and difficult problems with which to deal. This whole question of the readjustment and realignment of youth alone is of itself a very broad and difficult one. Whereas the minister's vote should be regarded as a start, I am sure that is all it is.

The vote is to be administered. There is a million dollars to be spent. I have not asked the minister nor do I expect to ask

him how much he will allot to the work in forestry or the work in primary industry, how much to agriculture or to the building trades. I presume the answer to that would be that that information is not yet available. The youth committee of the national employment commission will no doubt administer these moneys.

Mr. ROGERS: No, that suggestion is really not justified, because there has never been the slightest indication that the youth employment committee would have any administrative functions. The national employment commission has no such functions.

Mr. MASSEY: May I say to the minister it would seem to me that although perhaps not actually administered by the commission, certainly the home improvement plan has been advertised by it. The men who are responsible for the advertising, the local committees, have been appointed by the commission and are under the direction of the commission.

Mr. ROGERS: That is promotion work.

Mr. MASSEY: Yes, it is "promotion work" in connection with this youth matter. There must be promotion work in connection with it. Perhaps we cannot call it advertising, but at least it is promotion work. The minister must justify his vote, and if he is going to justify it it must be put to the fullest use. If youth is to receive the benefit of this vote, it must know how much of this money is to be expended and when and how and where, in order to take advantage of it. There is "promotion work" to be done. Therefore I believe I am correct in my assumption that the youth committee will have a great deal to do with the actual spending of the money.

Mr. Chairman, I have the highest personal regard for the two other members of the committee, whom I know personally and whom I admire. As I endeavoured to do before, I want to make it clear I have not been nor am I speaking politically. I am speaking of the whole committee in its position as a committee of five young men endeavouring to deal with the youth problem of Canada. Information has been gathered. Opinions have been formed, and reports have been made. We have now reached the stage where there is to be a practical operation under the recommendation of the committee. If the minister has in mind that the affairs of the youth of Canada can be left in the hands of this committee of only five, then I am afraid we have not progressed very far along the way.

After all, the minister must know very well that throughout the length and breadth of Canada there are many highly diversified youth