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the same feelings for human babies who cannot see either and cannot protect themselves because they are innocent, defenseless beings?

[English]

If we kill unborn children, then why not older people and call it mercy killing. In this way we can easily set aside our duties to care for older people—our generation does not want to be burdened with those who are sick or unable to work. We are doing them and ourselves a favour.

[Translation]

If children cannot defend themselves nor make a living, why feel differently about aged persons who at their time of life cannot make a living either.

The Cr ditistes deeply respect aged people; we have a tremendous admiration for all those who have developed Canada. However, we have as much admiration for those who after us will have to develop Canada, build it, lead it up on high. Other people will envy it. We do not like to live in a country in which we are told that if the legislation on abortion is approved, in ten years, 22 million fetuses at least—this is an assumption for at present there are 22 million Canadians—will have been destroyed through abortion.

But the arguments brought up in this house, Mr. Speaker, were weak and unfounded.

I have here such arguments called upon in England, for example, to obtain an abortion. This evidence was given on the C.B.C. on Monday November 25, on the program "Dossier", under the title "Morality and Sex".

A Young English woman explained for us the procedure to be followed in Great Britain in order to obtain therapeutic abortion:

"You go and see a medical practitioner who declares that you are pregnant. Of course, there is nothing he can do except acknowledge the fact, and then ask:

"Do you want to see a psychiatrist?

You must answer "Yes". The doctor sends you then to a psychiatrist who asks:

"Is having a baby liable to make you a prostitute?

Answer: "Yes!"

In that case, abortion prescribed!

It may be somewhat hypocrite and very much in the British tradition to modestly disguise abortion as a crypto-psychiatric problem.

However, Mr. Speaker, in his book on abortion, Dr. Serge Mongeau gives us indications in order to prevent abortion by education, training, especially of the young generation, and he writes the following:

Abortion is mainly the result of economic conditions.

[Mr. Rondeau.]

And here is what he writes on page 120, and I quote:

—the factors which bring about the rejection of pregnancy originate more from the social structure than from a decision not to have children based upon personal reasons. We have seen it earlier, our society is far from being hospitable to children.

Mr. Speaker, this proves that not only they do not want to improve the standard of living of the family, but that they want to reduce the number of children in order to bring it in line with the income of the father who is on welfare, on unemployment insurance, and who is taxed, robbed and exploited by this government and by other governments.

Further on it is said:

"Between the age of 20 and 40, the average income of a married man generally doubles, but his charges increase fourfold".

Children should be more welcome in our society. We could have a policy oriented more towards the family.

Every child born in a family requires a share of the family income for food, clothing and education. The needs grow with each child that is born, but the incomes do not grow proportionally, as is pointed out by two authors (Charbonneau and Mongeau).

Here is what he says when he speaks of the—

—downgrading of the family standard of living with the increase in the number of children, if the income is fixed; a childless labour household, with the husband only working, has been taken as basis; it was estimated that the standard of living would decrease as follows:

22 per cent	with 1 child
36 per cent	with 2 children
46 per cent	with 3 children
53 per cent	with 4 children
59 per cent	with 5 children
63 per cent	with 6 children

● (9:40 p.m.)

This is what Dr. Mongeau suggests in connection with abortion, on page 123. He says precisely what we, members from the Ralliement cr ditiste, have always stated, although he is not a member of our party. And I quote:

We should see to it that each citizen gets a minimum income, that a family allowance scheme is really of assistance to the parents—

To provide, first of all, an average income for each citizen, secondly, a family allowance scheme commensurate with the cost of living, thirdly—

—that at the very least, the medical care necessitated by pregnancy, delivery, and the first months of the child's life, is free charge, and, that education at all levels, become accessible to everyone.