

Second, this would make it possible to keep both administrative and operational activities flexible. Every two years, companies could lend and delegate staff to enable the operation to function normally. We would be able to make use of the skills of people working as education officers in the Armed Forces. We could also use DND planes. Planes of Canadian private companies could also be used, because it seems they often fly with only about 50 or 60 per cent of their passenger capacity. We have all the resources we need to make a system of this kind take shape and become operational. The will must be there, however, and a detailed analysis will be necessary, on the basis of a pilot project, after which we could increase staff as needed. In fact, we are doing something similar under the Katimavik program. Everybody knows about this particular program, and Katimavik is a little like the program I have just described. The only difference would be that salaries would be adapted to the young people joining the civilian volunteer service, and to that salary could be added an increase of 5 per cent or 8 per cent, between unemployment insurance and volunteer work. Thus, we are not taking away jobs from people in the private sector, we are not adding to the personnel of municipal, provincial or federal governments and we are giving young people a chance to develop in their country for a year or two, to discover the various parts of Canada and live with their fellow Canadians.

I have filed a document with the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) to have it analysed by his officials. It is a document I prepared four years ago, under the title: *Vers une intégration à la vie canadienne*. If hon. members agree, it could perhaps be tabled here in the House later on. The first part of my plan is civilian volunteer service, the second part would consist in getting the unions interested in our program, and I am thinking of an apprenticeship system which would enable companies to hire young people just out of school to fill jobs with governments, Crown corporations or private companies. All that inexperienced young people would need would be the trade unions' permission to go and work for a company, although there might be already a few workers too many to do the job. But this scheme would make it possible for young people to join the labour force very quickly while gaining some worth-while experience. But that is often the tragedy in our society. Our young people can never join the labour force on a permanent basis or acquire the experience they need, so that a lot of young men and women reach the age of 25, 26, 27, 28 or 30 without ever having had a real job. Those are two schemes I should like the House to consider instead of hearing the same old complaints over and over again, that to be unemployed is a tragedy and to be unable to find work is a cause for serious concern for our young people.

I think that if we took the time to consider these two schemes very carefully, we could come up with interesting new ideas about ways to improve our present manpower training and help our society develop. Well, Mr. Speaker, I thank you very kindly for listening to me. I should like very much the leaders of both opposition parties as well as those of the

government who are responsible for the manpower matters to look into my proposals. Moreover, with the House's permission, I should like to table the document I mentioned a while ago, so that hon. members may have the opportunity to better understand this plan.

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** I take it the parliamentary secretary seeks the leave of the House to table the document to which he referred. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to use the closing moments of this debate to bring to your attention, that of this House and the nation some of the concerns that we in Atlantic Canada have about the desperate plight the youth is experiencing in that part of the country in obtaining employment, and its employment future which is indeed bleak. Atlantic Canada is one of those areas that, unfortunately, is the first to experience slumps and is generally the last to come out of them.

What has transpired over the last few months and years under this government is an experience in Atlantic Canada that is woefully inadequate when it comes to trying to cope and deal with the problems the youth of Atlantic Canada is experiencing in finding jobs.

Just briefly, I want to refer to some of the comments which the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. McCauley) made earlier in the debate. He said words to the effect that if they were to ignore this sector of the labour force, referring to the youth, they would indeed be at fault. For the information of the nation, it is only fair and right that the public be apprised of what has happened to the labour force and how much attention this government has been paying to the youths who are employable and are looking for work.

In 1968, when this government under the present Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) came to power, the youth unemployment rate of this nation was 7.4 per cent. The most recent figures indicate that the unemployment rate in the nation now for youth is an astounding 15.8 per cent. This is the sort of tactic, program and operation that this government has implemented to take care of the youth of this nation.

I could expound with many examples from Atlantic Canada, including my own constituency, that have been brought to my attention by young people who are frustrated and by tearful mothers who are frustrated over the prospect of losing their children to other parts of the country, indeed, other parts of the continent outside this country. Unfortunately, time does not permit me to do that.

I suppose if I were to do a service to the youth of this nation, I would use the remaining minute of my time to propose a minute of silence to the youth of this country. They are going to be the losers. Believe me, the youths of this nation are losing