

stances as their sons. They are forced to seek labouring work, and when the economy slows down the first jobs to be chopped are those in the labour field.

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Another implication is that young people are not able to afford their own homes. They are being forced to live in rented basements, rented apartments in slum areas, areas that would normally be condemned if we had a healthy housing policy. The consequence is that few of our young people will ever be able to own a home and raise a family with some decency.

Another aspect that is more critical than dollars or education is the attitude of our young Canadians. How can they have confidence in a government, in a church, in a school system, in our economic policies, our whole way of life, our social institutions, our political setup when they have no opportunities? They have come up through school year after year having been told about the benefits of education. They have been told that education pays; that it is everyone's business to learn to live with change, to acquire an education, with dollar signs after the word "education". Then they leave school and go into a society where there is not a tinker's chance of their securing a job; as someone said, they have as much chance as a snowball in hell. There is nowhere they can look for a job. Welfare payments for them are either inadequate or inaccessible to them. What a tremendous amount of disillusionment must be felt by those young Canadians who are now facing one of the bleakest winters in the history of this nation.

Imagine the impact of this situation on the attitude of our young people. One case was brought to my personal attention involving an individual who, according to his own parents' admission, was actually forced to rob, to commit a crime, for which he received a serious sentence, mainly because he had not had a job for many months. This 18-year old was expected to occupy some kind of position with his peers, with his 18-year old friends, in a society that expects him at least to have the opportunity to have a dollar in his pocket, perhaps attend a movie and to have some status in the group. Hon. members are aware of the importance to an individual to be a member of the group, be he at any age in the teens.

For example, with the attitude of our young people toward free enterprise and toward personal initiative, how can we expect them to face society after a number of years' disillusionment with society, a society that has given them no opportunity to take a positive, buoyant outlook toward a young Canadian nation that has almost boundless resources? How can we expect them to have the same kind of outlook our forefathers must have had when they came to Canada to develop this great country?

To a certain extent, I am frightened by this business of attitude. The sort of social unrest existing across Canada today is in no small measure attributable to the economic dilemma being faced by young Canadians. As the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) said, we are not talking about draft dodgers or computer smashers or bomb throwers or people who are members of radical

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wings and extremist groups. We are talking about the masses of young Canadians in all provinces who are facing a bleak outlook, 43 per cent more of whom were unemployed in November 1970 than in November 1969.

What did this arrogant minister who has been exported from a western province have to say about this? I understand from some remarks made by Premier Thatcher, quoted in the *Globe and Mail* of last week, that he will not be exported after the next election, which would be a great advantage to young Canadians because they do not want this type of representation in the House. I do not know what our young Canadians would say today if they were present in the House to hear this bold, arrogant minister who sat in his place taking a very smug, snittish attitude. Political blimperry, pious pomposity—I cannot think of sufficient phrases to describe the blown-up, snobbish, complacent attitude which he exemplifies. A lot of young red bloods who I know would possibly give him a good kick where it hurts the most. Excuse my bluntness, Mr. Speaker.

What concerns me most, Mr. Speaker, is not only the minister's attitude but the fact that his attitude reflects the total attitude of the government. They have everything in their mitts. They are controlling the economy. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) has referred to the government's mechanistic approach to the economy. They put the screws to it, tighten up all the bolts, and fight inflation by creating a severe unemployment situation. They will then move in with the big guns, unleash their economic power, solve the problem and become the political heroes of the nation. Perhaps that is the government's plan. Perhaps human misery, suffering and disillusionment have no relationship to the government's plan, no meaning in the scheme of things. Perhaps this is what is happening, I do not know. I am watching the Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson), the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Lang) and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), but I have never seen such smugness, a total attitude that displays such arrogance. They have no respect for the opposition. They do not think members of the opposition have any mentality; they feel they have a superior intellect, that they have all the answers. We cannot even get these people to face the fact that we have a critical unemployment problem, especially among our young people.

To be honest with you, Mr. Speaker, I do not think that at the moment we can solve the unemployment problem. I do not think we could bring in a program today that would solve the unemployment problem facing this nation, particularly as far as our young and elderly people are concerned. However, I would have thought that the government would realize over the past two years why we have been pointing out the danger of a policy that creates unemployment. The words the Prime Minister himself used were "creation of unemployment". We pointed to the pitfalls and thought that at least the government would hold in reserve some emergency programs that would enable a problem brought on by their own policies to be tackled. But we were wrong.

The other day I moved a motion in this House which basically was along the lines of the amendment moved by