

better, I was not able to do so. We know from the projections of the Government itself that, indeed, that is not going to take place. Things are not going to get better in Canada over the next while. Unemployment is going to continue to grow and the youth of this nation will be among the hardest hit.

● (1550)

Most jobs in the workplace, Mr. Speaker, are interrelated. It goes without saying that if the industries of this nation do not have work there will be a spreading effect. If the shipyards, for example, do not have work, do not have ships to build, then the youth of the nation, who might like to take up an apprenticeship in the shipbuilding industry, will not have an opportunity to learn that trade. That is exactly what is taking place. The shipyards are experiencing lay-offs the like of which they have not experienced in years, and that is adversely affecting many of our young people who could otherwise and might otherwise look forward to obtaining long-term employment, even lifetime employment, by virtue of becoming apprentices in the shipbuilding industry.

That is a shame, Mr. Speaker, because our country has many young people who are capable of pursuing many meaningful careers in industries such as the shipbuilding industry. The Government has been repeatedly asked to accelerate its shipbuilding program, to no avail. We find now, within the last couple of days or so, that a program is expected to come into place in some meaningful fashion in the fall. But we have heard these promises before. We have heard them for months and months in days gone by and what has materialized? Nothing. There is little hope.

At least, at the beginning of this Government's reckless venture into the economic morass which it has created, there was some hope, but our citizens, our youth, are fast losing that hope. The only hope is for the Government to address itself to the problems our young people have now and the problems which they will face down the road, and give them an opportunity to establish themselves in our society in a meaningful way so that they may contribute to the future of this country, an opportunity of which they would have been assured if the economic affairs of our country had been managed in a way which was proper and responsible.

There is a group of young Canadians who are following in the footsteps of people who have contributed substantially to the solid foundation which Canada has had up to this point. I speak with pride of the young people who belong to the 4H Clubs across this nation, some of whom are visiting us in Ottawa and some of whom are visiting the House this afternoon. It is unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister of Finance in his budget speech did not address himself to the needs of the farming community in this country in a meaningful way. No hope has been given to the farming community that things will improve or that this Government recognizes the difficulties which the farming community is experiencing or recognizes the terrible problems and burdens of the high interest rate policy of this Government which has been in effect for the last number of months. The budget gave no hope

Supply

to those farmers and their families who are facing a disastrous future, if they have not already succumbed to the disaster brought upon them.

It is unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, that these young people will be returning home with only the memory of the sights and sounds of Ottawa as it is enveloped in its own pink crystal unreality which seems to blend into harmony on Parliament Hill, and which is so untypical of the situation which exists out there in the real world. That is the impression they will go home with, Mr. Speaker. They will experience a sense of despair because when they arrive back in their various areas they will see that things are very much different than they appear here in the nation's capital.

I would like to deal now with the incentives to which the budget did address itself in some ways as far as youth unemployment is concerned. Some programs have been introduced, including the Summer Student Employment Program which, according to the budget, is supposed to provide an extra \$70 million for this year and will create 17,000 jobs over the 1982 job level. On examining the documentation, Mr. Speaker, we see that really all we are talking about is an additional \$50 million increase over the 1981 funding program.

It is difficult to analyse how this Government can rationalize in its own thinking the fact that it is going to raise taxes in this country next year by something in the vicinity of \$250 billion, which the consumers are going to have to pay directly into the coffers of the Government, in order to finance a program to help employ youths, when it is going to put a pittance of only \$50 million additional funds into that Summer Student Employment Program. We cannot buy that, Mr. Speaker. We cannot accept it. What is that going to mean to the young people in Fundy-Royal, my constituency? What it is going to mean to them is that a program is going to be developed and that that constituency, which has counties with an unemployment rate which is considerably higher than the national average, will receive the smallest allotment in the Province of New Brunswick to assist youth to find summer employment. That is unrealistic, Mr. Speaker, and unacceptable. The people of this nation will not allow this Government to get away with it. They will not forget.

There are other programs, Mr. Speaker, such as youth internship and job-corps programs. The Department of National Defence is offering to enrol 5,000 more in its reserves. We see the program of Katimavik increased somewhat by \$40 million over the next two years, which is going to provide 2,000 more jobs. But what kind of jobs are they? They are jobs which are paid at the rate of \$1 a day. The reserves are not full-time jobs. They may possibly provide some training for some of those young people who will be fortunate enough to get into the program, but after that they will find themselves in a work place where there are no jobs for them. Now, what earthly use is that either to the nation or to the young people of the nation who want to go out into the country with some confidence? Mr. Speaker, it is of absolutely no use in the context in which it has been put forward through this