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able to digest the meals I eat. There is joy to be had in work. I have the scars of labour on my hands and I am proud of them. I spoke to a young man the other day who said, "I am not going to work. I have a Ph.D." Well, Mr. Speaker, I have a Ph.D. too. If he cannot be hired by a university as a political scientist, what is wrong with going out, climbing on an oil derrick and earning \$50 a day? If you are young and strong, go to where the work is.

**Mr. Hogarth:** Where?

**Mr. Bigg:** That's right—where?

**Mr. Nielsen:** Get that on the record.

**Mr. Bigg:** What has your administration done in the last seven years? What has the Liberal administration done to create job opportunities for young people? Nothing. That is the first good question we have had from that side of the House. Worse than that, Mr. Speaker, the Liberals don't care. The young people don't mind so much being neglected as that the Liberals don't care—and that has been officially told to them; a Liberal minister has said, "We will accept 10 per cent unemployment." That is intolerable. No percentage of unemployment is tolerable.

Countries that do not have our opportunities, our resources, our people and the Liberal government that we have, do not have unemployment. They do not have unemployment in the Netherlands, in West Germany or Japan: those countries are short of labour. West Germany is importing hundreds of thousands of Italians to take jobs and earn good wages there, and they are in competition with us. It is not the German government which is doing this; it is the German people using their own brains, their own initiative, their own guts and their own money—and they are going to beat us into the ground unless we smarten up, and smarten up fast.

Someone says, "If you don't like it, get out." Well, I don't have to get out. This is my country. I am going to stay here and see it through.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Just while the Liberals are in power.

**Mr. Hogarth:** That is going to be a long time.

**Mr. Bigg:** You have the media on your side. Everything you do is right with them, but even the media are getting fed up, Mr. Speaker. As far as I know, Charles Lynch is no particular friend of mine. He is a broad-minded, positive writer, and he says this government is smug; he says it is arrogant. That is the understatement of the year. Mr. Lynch states that the Conservatives pledged themselves to save Mr. Henderson. Why should anybody have to pledge himself to save Mr. Henderson, who is one of the most valuable civil servants in this country and one who has at least tried to stop the leak in the dike so that there would be a bit of money in the reservoir with which to do something if the government should wish to save this country.

• (9:00 p.m.)

If the hon. member for Calgary South (Mr. Mahoney) is glued to his seat, I can understand why. However, he is

[Mr. Bigg.]

free to rise and ask a question; this is a free country. It is not the man from St. Boniface (Mr. Guay) I am talking to; it is the red-shirted member from Calgary South, one of the wealthiest communists I know.

Mr. Lynch warns the Liberals that they are arrogant. I do not expect you to listen to me, because you never have, but you might at least listen to your own writers. When your own friends say you are becoming arrogant, you should listen to the warning. One hundred and fifty-eight members is not that many.

**An hon. Member:** How many?

**Mr. Bigg:** One hundred and fifty-eight.

**An hon. Member:** Not in this party.

**Mr. Bigg:** How many?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Bigg:** All right, Mr. Speaker, I am not a hair-splitter. I am trying to make the government take a good look at itself whether or not it has gone far enough with nationalization of Canada's resources. Is it not about time these people returned to liberalism? There was a time when they had Liberals. Laurier was a Liberal.

**An hon. Member:** That is one.

**An hon. Member:** That is about all.

**Mr. Bigg:** St. Laurent was a Liberal. If Laurier were alive and suggested reciprocity, I would vote for it. I do not vote blindly for anything, but I would vote for it. I am giving a warning. I do not hit people without warning. Their own writers have warned them that they are cold-blooded, arrogant and do not care about the young people. The Liberal party is completely mesmerized and believes that 155 members represent a sufficient majority, that it can ignore the needs and rights of the young people of Canada and can play big daddy with everybody.

The Indians have never liked paternalism. They have hated having the government play big daddy with them. All they have ever wanted is to be allowed to be good Indians. This government has even succeeded in making them into poor white men. The young people do not like to think that 10 per cent of them must remain unemployed. Every young person in this country wants a job. In spite of being a working man myself, I do not believe I know enough about it to say which 10 per cent should sit back and not have an opportunity. I will not make that decision. I want to see a policy that will be big enough and wise enough to provide an opportunity for every young Canadian to be employed. I do not expect this government to accomplish that. No government has done it yet. There is nothing more discouraging than being unemployed. I have been unemployed myself for very short periods of time during the dirty thirties.

**An hon. Member:** No wonder.

**Mr. Mahoney:** It wasn't me; I didn't say a word.