

tunity to be aware of this pattern and to prepare some programs to meet it, what does the government intend to do for single unemployed persons who are not eligible either for unemployment insurance or for manpower training allowances?

An hon. Member: Fuddle-duddle.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if we want to add anything to the measures we have already taken we will announce it in the House.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I asked the Prime Minister a civil question.

Mr. Benson: And the hon. member received a civil answer.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Am I to take it from his reply that the government does not intend to do anything about the 277,000 young people who are out of work, and that the government does not give a damn what happens to these young people?

An hon. Member: He did not say that.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): He does not give a damn.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands knows that he cannot ask a question in those terms. Perhaps he would consider rephrasing the supplementary question.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

An hon. Member: If it is in a parliamentary language.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I ask the minister if he has made any representations or offers to the provincial governments that in the case of single unemployed persons who have not established residence the federal government will meet the full cost of providing welfare for those persons who in the main are being rejected by the municipal authorities?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, as the Leader of the New Democratic Party knows, I think, under the Canada Assistance Plan we cost share 50 per cent of social allowances going to such single people as he has referred to. There is to be no disqualification on the ground of residency. If the hon. member knows of cases where this in fact is being done, since it is contrary to the Canada Assistance Plan I wish he would let me have the information.

Inquiries of the Ministry

UNEMPLOYMENT—ACTION TO KEEP PEOPLE ON FARMS INSTEAD OF MOVING TO INDUSTRIAL AREAS

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration who also has an interest in agriculture in the sense that he answers for the Wheat Board. Since the thrust of government policies is either designed to or has the effect of moving large numbers of people from the farming areas to areas of industrial unemployment, thus aggravating the unemployment situation, will the minister not review with his colleagues this very serious problem to see if there cannot be a change in government policies in order to keep people on the farms?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's supplementary question, of course, is in the form of a suggestion or representation to the minister.

PLANS FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. Since at the end of April several hundred thousand students will be turned loose on the labour market without much prospect of employment, is he now in a position to outline to the House what plans are being made to employ students during the summer months?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): There is nothing we can announce today, Mr. Speaker, but we hope to make an announcement.

GROWTH IN LABOUR FORCE—RELATION TO UNEMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): May I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the report from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that the Canadian labour force grew in 1970 at a much slower rate than the average during the last five years, despite the comment of the Prime Minister in Regina that the labour force had grown at an extremely rapid rate during the last three years, would the Prime Minister say whether the government's forecasts of reduced unemployment are based upon an assumption that the participation of the Canadian people in the work force will continue to be depressed?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I could point out that the rate has been slower in the last year than it had been in previous years and still be an extremely rapid rate.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I ask the Prime Minister to answer my question. I asked whether the projected reduction in unemployment made by the government is based upon a continued depression of the rate of participation of Canadians in the work force?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Finance has often said, the projections we put to the country we