

Loans to Students

in view of the fact that we are going to be thousands and thousands of doctors short in the days ahead. It may be that the life of some member of the house or someone else's life may depend upon the availability of a doctor. Unfortunately we have seen too many instances in which a doctor—this is not the fault of the doctors—has been called to attend a heart case or an emergency case and no doctor has been available.

Let us take a serious view of this problem. I would say to the university authorities, for goodness sakes let us use these medical schools all year round. These expensive buildings have been paid for by the taxpayers and they are left unoccupied. We did this in 1940 to 1945 and we graduated doctors in about four years. I hope the minister can make some provision that will enable the universities to move in this direction. I appreciate the difficulty. However many of these university professors, sometimes living in these big cities, do not always understand that there are districts to which it is difficult to get doctors to go. We are all Canadians. I know in my own town of Orillia, and I apologize for mentioning this personally, the doctors are working very hard. They try to cover all cases of sickness. However, here we are short of doctors and the medical schools are operating on a seasonal basis. This has been going on for ten years.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this is simply not right. It is not good enough. I will say this, too, that all of our university buildings so far as possible should be used on a 12 month basis. We have capital invested in them, we are paying for them. The university people say to you, we have not got the personnel. Where in the world did we get the personnel from 1940 to 1945? We got them then and we could get them again. Canada has resources. Canadians have initiative. Let us do it. The cost of new buildings goes up and up. It is estimated that within the last ten years university costs have quadrupled.

This bill is a move in the right direction. I know that we can expect more from the minister. I am sure he realizes the position in which we are. It is a very serious position, particularly in the field of medicine and dentistry. I am wondering if we can afford to have any more places vacant during summer holidays. Let us provide more buildings, more equipment and more teachers. Let us start today. Let us review our whole economic structure. Let us review it, and let us see what the priorities are. Let us get going. By 1980, according to present estimates, we will

[Mr. Rynard.]

have over 100,000 young people attending universities in Canada. Let us be ready to cash in on these resources.

Mr. Moreau: I wonder if the hon. member would permit a question? I did not want to interrupt during his speech. In view of the fact that the radar base at Edgar is in his riding, can he tell us if he has made any representations to the provincial government to have a university establish there?

Mr. Rynard: This is a very easy question to answer. I made representation after representation to this government to establish a grant of \$1.2 million to Edgar university so we would have it going.

Mr. Moreau: What about the provincial government?

Mr. Rynard: That is all right; the federal government gives the grant to the provincial government. The hon. member may recall the vocational and technical schools that were built at a cost of over \$2 million in east Simcoe, by grants to the provinces.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Like other members of this group who have already spoken, I intend to vote for this measure, although I do so with a great deal of hesitation and reservation. I disagree with my seatmate who said yesterday that half a loaf was better than none. This is not even half a loaf. This is a few crumbs compared to what is needed, and a few crumbs compared to what was promised by the government when they were in opposition. This is so typical of the Liberals. When they were in opposition promises were easy, but when they are in office what they do is very small.

The hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard (Mr. Basford) sought yesterday to create the impression that the government, as a result of this program, would be paying out some \$40 million a year. Of course this is nonsense because the \$40 million a year will be paid by the students. The maximum this government will pay will be about \$2 million a year, and when you look at the needs you see how little this means.

What disturbs me is not that this is the only bill the government is bringing forth. What disturbs me is not just that the promises made before the election, for 10,000 scholarships of \$1,000 each, have been forgotten. As a matter of fact, those promises were not made just before the election. A year ago, or little more than a year ago, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources was making