

government to be a big brother to everybody. People must be encouraged to stand on their own feet. I made notes of five specific points which would aid this trend without encouraging socialism.

We are not doing enough to seek world markets. The government sits at home hoping that something will happen so that we can sell our wheat or cut down our acreage. Wheat can still be sold and other products as well. I notice that Russia became friendly with Cuba by offering five cents a pound for sugar. We want \$2 a bushel for our wheat and some prairie farmers would like to receive \$3. If that is the case, surely the Cubans are entitled to five cents a pound for their sugar. If we insist on buying sugar from the Cubans at fire sale prices, the world has the right to demand wheat from Canada at fire sale prices. The people in charge of our export trade should suggest to the Cubans that our country will pay them a living price for their sugar if they will pay us a living price for our wheat. In this way world trade could be built up which would be helpful to Cuba, Red China and other countries suffering from food shortages.

There is not enough being done to develop our own resources. This is an area where tax incentives would be helpful. Why should capital gains be taxed? I feel the line should be drawn when it comes to the family farm that had little value at the time the land was cleared. At that time it was purchased for approximately \$10 and now is worth 20,000 or \$30,000. The value has increased by approximately \$1,000 a year. Should part of that be taxed as a capital gain? This should be looked into. Should a man have to pay a large amount of tax on capital gains when he has gambled on the gold market by making available small amounts of money for prospectors to go north, tramp through the frozen wilderness and find gold? Surely this is a tremendous risk. There is a 10,000 to 1 chance of ever making any money. If he strikes it rich, should he be subject to a large capital gains tax to support a system which I think is basically wrong? There is no necessity for any man to live off the labours of another man if the former is capable of working but is unwilling to work.

• (4:40 p.m.)

• A great deal more could be done to improve the unemployment situation by further training programs. The training program

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set up by the Diefenbaker régime does not go far enough. Many improvements could be made. For example, we are not doing enough for the young people who come from the overcrowded small farms and the fishing villages of Canada. Are they given adequate living allowances to attend technical training schools in the cities? Have they the same opportunities as those who are city based? I do not think so. Are we doing enough in research to keep our brilliant young people in Canada, those who could keep Canada out in front? Are we still working in Canada with second-rate tools? Remember, the United States lets us have its sophisticated equipment only when it is out of date in that country. What are we doing to make sure that Canadian technicians are equal to or even ahead of the Americans? This is something we ran into when discussing the question of drugs.

People are always looking for quick answers. We in parliament should do research into these things when preparing legislation in order to underpin and secure the right of Canadians to earn a good living in Canada, in their own factories, on their own farms and in their own schools and universities.

Reference has been made to tax incentives. How in the world can we do anything about mortgages as long as we have the iniquitous 11 per cent sales tax on every housing unit we build in Canada? When I built my house the interest rate on mortgages was 6 per cent. Now it is 9½ per cent. Our young people are going to have to pay this.

An hon. Member: That is the just society.

Mr. Bigg: You know who invented the just society. And above all, now we are to be governed in Canada by committees. The House of Commons is old and out of date. I am a member of the Public Accounts Committee. The members of that committee are supposed to try to stop waste and extravagance. That is not partisan. Some of the waste and extravagance goes back for many years. What is being done about it? Very little is being done. Waste and extravagance have to be paid for by increasing interest rates. Money has to be borrowed to pay for the waste and extravagance.

Waste and extravagance should be stopped at all levels of government. We should start right here with the government of Canada