

*Borrowing Authority Act*

working. I say to you, Mr. Speaker, on those two fronts, if on no others, this Government's stated intention is being thwarted by the actions it is taking.

Can we produce jobs? That must be the question. Is there some way to produce jobs? I suppose, in all fairness, I have to say that it will be very difficult. In fact, most of the jobs that we will create in our society will be either in the Public Service, or they will be jobs of an entirely different character to the jobs we have created in the past. Many will be short-term. Most of them will be quite different from what I had anticipated as a young man and from what most of the Members of this House had anticipated as young people, men or women, when they were growing up.

What, then, will we produce by way of this Budget and other similar Budgets? We will produce more wealth. There is no doubt about that. The greater productivity, with fewer dollars required for manpower spent on the job, with faster write-offs for the acquisition of equipment, and with capital gains that people will no longer have to pay tax on will no doubt produce more wealth.

Then comes the crunch. If we produce more wealth, will we produce fewer jobs? What do we do? That is the question the Budget fails to address. In the Budget it is stated that 15,000 positions in the Public Service will be eliminated. Why? Because they are marginally necessary and, therefore, we can get by without them. However, as a part of our very being, we maintain that to be considered acceptable in our society it is necessary to have a job.

If you accept my theory that you do not need as many people in the manufacturing sector because of the changes, if you accept that the tax arrangements worked out by the Government will not in themselves create employment, and if you accept that the actions of the Government will eliminate 15,000 jobs in the Public Service, then where in heaven's name are we going to get the jobs to satisfy the requirement we impose on everyone in our society that they work for a living? Where do we get them?

There will be more wealth. However, it will not be taxed because this Government has said that you do not tax wealth. It has said that what you do is allow people to accumulate wealth in the fond hope that somehow or the other it will get from them to somebody else. You cannot hope like that, Mr. Speaker. That is not how it works.

I am suggesting what this Government has to do, if it honestly believes that there is a need for a new day in Canada—and I agree that there is a need—is that we will have to start looking at the question of income redistribution. If you cannot find a job, you cannot starve. If, through the action of Government, or through the inability of the economy to create a sufficient number of jobs in order to meet demand, there will be 1 million or 1.5 million people unemployed over the next 10-year period, then the question which must be addressed is: How will we be able to provide those people with some way of maintaining themselves? How will we be able to provide for their economic well-being? Where is that question addressed in the Budget? Where is there any reference to the problem of

the 1.5 million people who are destined to be unemployed for the next 10 years? It is nowhere.

Is it not about time that we started to look at the reality that is this country, that is every country? You cannot live in the fond hope that somehow or other we will be able to find jobs for everybody, unless you are prepared to accept that some of the jobs may not be as meaningful as one would have hoped, in whatever way one makes that type of calculation. You cannot turn around and eliminate 15,000 jobs in the Public Service because of a need to generate more wealth and then expect those people, who will be displaced or unable to get into the same type of work, to find alternatives in an ever-shrinking job market.

I am suggesting to the Government that this is not a new direction for Canada. The present Budget is no more than a housekeeping operation. It is an extension of previous Governments' views on how to deal with economic problems. It is not, however, an extension of a reasoned view on how to deal with human problems. There is no recognition in the Budget of the needs of society in terms of how to deal with the human problem of keeping a family together at a time when there can be no work found and no one is willing to hire you. This is why I cannot find myself supportive of the request for additional funding for the Government by way of borrowing.

I expected more of this Government. I do not know why, since I have dealt with Tory Governments all my life. However, I still expected more. I expected some new thought. I expected the question of what is to be done with 1.5 million people who are unemployed and who must stay unemployed to be addressed. I expected someone to say to me that, unfortunately, we will have 10 per cent or more of the population unemployed for the next decades. However, how are we to deal with the needs of that 10 per cent?

I could go on indefinitely, Mr. Speaker, but I will not. I want to say that the document before us is disappointing. It inflicts hardship where it is unnecessary to do so. It conveys benefit where benefit is not required. It hopes rather than plans. It provides no concrete evidence of clear thinking.

It is time this Government went back to the drawing board and tried to come up with an economic document which honestly addresses Canada today and Canada 10 years from now.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Questions and comments?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Harvey:** Mr. Speaker, some parts of the budget have obviously been read. As regards senior citizens in particular, the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party are now strongly deploring their plight. And yet, the budget states clearly that the basic pension will be periodically adjusted and that the Guaranteed Income Supplement will be fully indexed. In addition, the Official Opposition also fails to mention, as well as my colleague, that for the first time \$550 million in