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to the ranks of those undergoing manpower training. Not enough of this has been done, although I am glad that it has been done.

**Mr. Lang:** Don't knock the program.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** I am not knocking it; I am merely laying the groundwork for my next remarks. I merely pointed out why this was happening. Since we are spending so much money on the ordinary manpower training program, I thought it might be sensible to consider spending this \$20 million for on the job training on people who, during the last five years, have been cut off from the benefits of manpower training, namely, women and young people. It would be a good idea to give them top priority. We should allow those people who previously were cut off from the benefits of the program because they did not meet the necessary qualifications or criteria to take advantage of the new on the job training scheme. I am not knocking the program. I merely want to show how it can be of greater value.

We should include young people and women in the program for other reasons as well. I suspect that for the Prime Minister, the figures relating to unemployment are mere book entries rather than the tragic human figures for whom there is no room. He suggests that the unemployment figures are swollen because large numbers of young people and women have entered the labour force. If the Prime Minister thinks that—and I will not say just now if I support his view—then I suggest that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Lang) should have an additional reason to consider giving top priority to women and young people in the on the job training program. That would be an excellent idea. Actually, I suspect the Prime Minister is not paying too much attention to what is happening in the unemployment field, otherwise he would realize that young people and women not only have been entering the employment field in greater numbers, but that they will continue trying to enter it. They will not just go away, and no amount of urging that they go back to their homes or to the streets will remove them from the labour force. I suspect that the Prime Minister merely refers to book entries and does not realize that behind these figures lie the tragedies of women and young people who are desperately trying to get a start in life.

The trouble is that when people are unemployed too long and in receipt of social assistance they lose not only the will but the ability to work. If hon. members do not believe that, they should consider what Mr. Paul Hoffman of the United Nations who has been for so long concerned with work in the developing countries said to a number of us at the United Nations last fall. He told us that it is utterly impossible for people who have never been given the chance to earn their own way and attain a decent standard of living to work steadily and be responsible to the community. He said we should not even expect them to do that, and he is dead right. If we do not want more and more people sitting around and drawing social assistance, and then being unwilling and unable to do any kind of work, we will have to find jobs for them now, jobs that they want, before they get into habits of idleness.

I suspect that the Prime Minister has not been looking at the facts as they really are. He has been paying too much attention to some of the early church fathers and to

some of the other early historical figures from way back, as is evident from his remarks. I should like to see him coming back to the twentieth century for a while. I did not like hearing the Prime Minister say that people's morals are divided into those of serfs and princes, and that is the end of it.

**An hon. Member:** He did not say that.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** I do not like Canadians being divided into serfs and princes, as they might have been in the time of Machiavelli, Shakespeare—

**An hon. Member:** Or Trudeau.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Yes, or Trudeau. I do not like to think that our Prime Minister belongs back in those times, yet if he keeps on talking that way, I will have no alternative but to think that. I think that the Canadian people, if given half a chance, will work as hard as anybody. Be they men, women or young people, they are entitled to a chance. I believe they are entitled to participate in the training for work program and to employment that will provide them with the income they need to live. I think that the people who are unemployed as well as the crippled and those who are otherwise incapacitated have a right to a guaranteed income which will enable them to keep their sense of decency and self respect.

I think, Mr. Speaker, you will agree that I have stuck pretty well to this bill all the way through my remarks. I have been trying to show the minister some possibilities regarding this bill. If he harbours reservations about what this bill will do, he still has the chance to deal with them before this bill becomes law. I submit that if it is necessary to change this legislation in order to make it of value to those in this country who really need it, that should be done.

I hope that the minister can take some time off over Christmas to get rested up and boned up. Perhaps I should not say "boned up"; I was thinking of turkeys. In any event, I hope he is able to rest, so that he may be able to undertake his labours, which will be considerable, in 1972.

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, will the hon. member permit a question? In her remarks the hon. member referred to a certain lack of information. I was surprised, because she referred to certain questions regarding people in training, the results of training programs, and so on. She said there are questions on the order paper about this. I have looked through the questions and have not been able to find such questions as she has referred to, and I wonder if the hon. member could direct my attention to them or, in the alternative, if she finds that there are not such questions on the order paper, whether she could make it clear that my department is very prompt in this regard.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure it is not necessary for me to repeat the very realistic comments of my colleagues. I merely want to make some comments on second reading and perhaps refer to some of the literature that the minister and others have distributed in the last little while.

[Mrs. MacInnis.]