

*Alleged Failure to Reduce Unemployment***GOVERNMENT ORDERS****BUSINESS OF SUPPLY****SECOND ALLOTTED DAY—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION—ALLEGED FAILURE TO PRESENT ECONOMIC PROGRAMS TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT**

The house resumed, from Wednesday, January 29, consideration of the motion of Mr. Stanfield (p. 4901) and the amendment thereto of Mr. Lewis (p. 4911).

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, when the house adjourned last evening we were debating the non-confidence motion put before the house by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield), and in order to have some continuity in the debate it might be wise at this time to read the motion. It reads as follows:

That this house regrets that the government is not presenting programs to achieve a rate of economic growth which will reduce unemployment and also ensure that the economy will be able to absorb the large number of new entrants into the labour force this year.

An amendment was moved thereto by the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis). I had been speaking particularly about the young people who are facing very bleak employment prospects this summer. I refer to the graduates of universities and community colleges, to the undergraduates and to high school students as well as those young people who have left school and are called drop-outs. This group of people constitutes the largest percentage of unemployed in Canada, namely, 15.2 per cent.

I closed my remarks last night by bringing to the attention of the house some of the wonderful programs that were started by the party I represent to overcome and to alleviate the unemployment situation. I referred to the winter works program, the municipal loan program, which we give credit to the Liberal government for introducing, the subsidies to the winter housebuilding program, which the Conservative party introduced, and the great shelf of public works programs which we left for the incoming administration. All these programs have disappeared. They are gone and there is nothing to replace them.

There are many disparities in unemployment in various regions, but the one disparity on which I propose to speak this afternoon in the short time available to me concerns the young people, as I said earlier. Possibly this

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came to my mind because I represent an area where many universities are located. In my riding there is the University of Guelph. Fifteen miles distant is Waterloo University and Waterloo Lutheran University, and 30 miles south is McMaster University. So it is a very well serviced area so far as universities are concerned. Naturally my concern, therefore, is for graduates, undergraduates and other young people, as well as for all unemployed people, of course.

Eight days ago the Leader of the Opposition asked the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) whether he would submit to the house on motions what plans the government has to take care of this vast number of people who will soon be on the labour market. The Minister of Finance replied as follows:

I believe that Canada will be able to absorb all the good young people whom our universities can produce in the future.

If he means that, we want him to come forward with some programs and ideas on how he proposes to do this. It is incredible to me that a government which has boasted of its appeal to youth and its desire to involve youth in national affairs could be so callous as to turn its back upon youth and in fact say to these young people: "Look after yourselves". I am afraid the only involvement of youth under this government is likely to be involvement in unemployment. Certainly students have no bright outlook for job prospects this summer.

The employment picture for Canadian students is "very bleak", according to W. H. Rutledge, president of the University Careers Planning Association, when speaking last November. He and his association have urged the government to set up a national student summer employment program, with which I heartily concur.

Let us think of the number of ways in which this government can project some ideas and some ways in which to employ students this summer. I am thinking of the municipalities across this country which have summer recreational programs under way. They cannot get the people to lead and direct these programs because they do not have the money with which to pay them. Some government assistance in this direction would help. There are government research programs that could be extended which could employ many of these students. We must also think of the large national parks system of the federal government and of the great amount of work there is to do in developing and extending