

to learn skills so that we would have the benefit of those skills in a few years.

When I say "short-term" I think of up to five years that this federal program would be in place, with a certain budget, perhaps \$350 million or \$500 million per year, whatever the amount may be. That, of course, has to be discussed with the various government levels. This would give the lead time for proper planning.

As it now stands, a municipality could apply under this coming summer's work program, for example, to create a park. It ends up creating a park, but it does not budget for the operational funds to maintain that park so it becomes overgrown. Three years down the road it must apply for another grant to create the same park which is already overgrown from the time of the first grant. That is the type of mindless thinking which goes into some of these programs.

Back in 1978-79 I encouraged setting up an environmental and community service youth program. I had envisaged that perhaps 25,000 or 30,000 young people might be set up in a program such as this, where 50 per cent of them would be under programs specifically designated by municipalities, local governments and, perhaps, provincial governments. The other 50 per cent would be under programs specifically designated by the federal Government. One area in particular I was thinking of at that stage was encouraging more reforestation. Unfortunately, there has been no planning in that regard. A reforestation program has been announced but there are no seedlings to plant. That does create a problem, but I suppose the young people will be out digging the trenches this spring, which will be covered over by winter and will have to be dug out the following year. That is the kind of mindless job-creation work which seems to be happenings.

We must plan ahead. We must do a lot more reforestation in this country. We have come to the end of our economically accessible forests. Ten per cent of our work force works in pulp and paper or related industries. We have been very shortsighted in not providing for the future. It is the young people, by the way, who will not have jobs in those industries because of the lack of foresight of governments not only of today but in the last 10, 20 and 30 years.

I feel we should have a program involving the environment. We should clean up riverbeds and river courses. We could have some community programs in that respect and there should be an emphasis on building for our future.

Young people today do not have much of a chance to get going. They spend a lot of money getting educated. They have to borrow money and they do not have an opportunity to pay it off. Perhaps we should give young people a \$5,000 personal income tax deduction, or holiday, in any one year within two years of finishing their education, or before their thirty-first birthday, whichever comes first. They might use that money to buy the tools they need for their trade, to pay off bills incurred in going to university, or to establish themselves in some way, rather than stringing it out over a longer period of time. It may get our young people into the mainstream more quickly so that

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they can become generally productive consumers, and it is consumers who buy most of the products we make.

I have also thought there should be something like a youth opportunity fund where the Government might set up something like the Federal Business Development Bank with \$50 million or \$100 million and let local people who have been executives in business, union officials and professionals who are presently retired, assist in guiding young people who cannot find venture capital, but have great ideas in borrowing from that fund, to set up new ventures. The Province of Ontario did this in the late 1970s and it was fantastically successful. It gave a student \$1,000 or \$1,500 at the beginning of the summer to spend in setting up and creating his own job. Some of these young people were able to pay the money back. Some of them failed. Others quit school because they had set up such a successful venture that they wanted to keep it on as their full-time job.

There is a lot of ability in our young people, and I believe we should give them some encouragement. I know it is impossible for them to go down to their friendly chartered bank or any other traditional lending institution to borrow money. Unless they have rich relatives they just cannot get started. Therefore, I would encourage government to think of giving a little encouragement to our young people in this way.

I believe we should make a concentrated effort to try to persuade the industries, trade unions, provinces and the educational system, along with the federal Government, to once and for all create an appropriate Canadian apprenticeship program, more along the lines of the European system where all aspects of a trade are co-ordinated. Rather than if you are a bread baker you can run the bread slicer, you should be able to take accounting in case you want to open up your own bakery store.

I have a number of other ideas. I do not believe we have appropriately dealt with true and meaningful job creation. I do not believe this Government has been as attentive as it could have been to long-term goals. It has been attentive only to short-term, political goals.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a subamendment to the amendment of the Hon. Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) and add after the word "Ministers" these words:—and their insistence upon fighting inflation by deliberately throwing hundreds of thousands of Canadians out of work.

My subamendment is seconded by the Hon. Member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall).

● (1640)

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Before proceeding with debate may I be allowed to remind Hon. Members of Standing Order 15(3), the rule of decorum:

When a Member is speaking, no Member shall pass between that Member and the Chair—

It occasionally happens that Hon. Members forget that very important rule. To bend, stoop or otherwise cross between the Member who has the floor and the Chair remains unacceptable.