

Our emphasis on partnerships is also apparent every fall during Canada Career Week. Special events organized across the country, with the co-operation of Canada Employment Centres, schools and business, give young people a chance to find out more about various occupations and think about their career choices. This fall, Canada Career Week will focus on younger students and urge them to start thinking about their careers.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Welland—St. Catharines—Thorold knows as well as we do that Canada can no longer count on human resources alone to make its economy prosper. In the last Speech from the Throne, the government clearly indicated that in a global economy, prosperity depends increasingly on knowledge, skills and innovation. That is why we emphasize up-dating skills so that young Canadians can develop and diversify our economy and give us a head start on world markets. Business, unions and governments are invited to work together to create at least 2.5 million new jobs by the year 2000 and to increase the real income of Canadians by at least 25 per cent.

Mr. Speaker, these objectives are realistic, but our young people will have the difficult task of achieving them. I want to give the hon. member the assurance that through the programs and initiatives I just described, this government, in co-operation with its partners in Montreal, Quebec and Canada as a whole, is trying to transform a national co-operative effort into effective local action. We are doing everything we can to provide a brilliant future for young Canadians, and we mean all young Canadians.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Moving on to the 10-minute question and comment period, the hon. member for Québec-Est.

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Minister of State (Youth) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my hon. colleague on this excellent speech and let him know that, no later than tomorrow, I will make sure, and it is my duty, that everyone involved

in school issues in my riding gets a copy of this historic speech.

Mr. Speaker, in the discharge of my duties over the past seven years, I have often met people, men and women, who were looking for a job, either because they had lost their job or wanted a change. In every case, I did the same thing. I tried to make them realize that nobody is in a better position than they are to help them find a job. As the saying goes: "God helps those who help themselves." I noticed that they do not always give themselves every chance of succeeding. That is when I believe my advice can be the useful and, to sum it up, Mr. Speaker, my advice is this: first, identify the position that suits you before applying; concentrate on employers in the chosen field; apply in person; preferably, have a clear and up to date résumé; finally, take great care over your presentation at the time of the interview.

These constitute, Mr. Speaker, the ABC of success in job hunting. In my experience, a highly motivated person almost always finds work within a reasonable time, provided of course that person puts in the time and energy required and does not rely exclusively on others to do it for him or her.

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From what my hon. colleague from Bourassa just said, I am convinced she pays as much attention to the young people in search of a job in her riding as I do in mine and gives them more or less the same advice.

I would like to ask the hon. member for Bourassa a specific question on the excellent, as I said earlier, speech she just gave. We know that the Co-operative Education program is a success wherever it is implemented across Canada. Can the federal government provide increased funding for this program?

Mrs. Marie Gibeau (Bourassa): Mr. Speaker, this particular program, which is also part of the Labour Force Development Strategy, has been quite successful. Since it was introduced, \$9 million per year has been spent on co-operative education. Furthermore, the government has approved new commitments totalling \$16 million for the next four years to promote the co-opera-