

*Business of Supply*

Canada last year did not practise for one single day in this country, but left immediately for the United States where they could secure better returns for their services. I do not think this is fair.

I am not going to pick solely on the medical profession. I am also talking about engineers, dentists, architects and lawyers, all the people in what we call the professional class. We have a fantastic investment in these people.

A young man or a young lady leaving high school today, and deciding to buy a shoe store, a dairy, a bakery, a grocery store, or whatever it may be, must have the necessary money or must borrow it from somebody else. If they borrow the money, it must be paid back. One of the great segments of our society is the agricultural industry. Many young farmers must buy their way into it. Perhaps they take over family farms. If they do not have the money themselves, they must get it from the Farm Credit Corporation, private mortgage companies or banks. They borrow money in order to buy a farm, cattle, equipment and all the things necessary for farming. And sooner or later, they have to pay back that money.

I ask where is there a segment of our population that gets things more easily in the financial sense than those people who go through primary school, as all of us did, and through secondary school, completely at the cost of the state, then go on to university? Many of us did not reach university but quite a number did. This year there will be 250,000 students attending university, and two thirds of the cost of university education will be borne by the state, whether it be the province of Ontario, Quebec, or any of the other provinces. A student's father pays the other one third of the cost if the student does not get a scholarship.

In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, governments over the years have not provided for the development and retention of manpower resources in Canada. I ask, does a student who gets free primary schooling, free high school schooling, and has two thirds of his university education paid for, have a responsibility to Canada? Has he a responsibility not only to his parents but to the other people in Canada who paid the taxes that paid for his education? I say he has. The young man or young lady who gets a qualifying certificate, be he or she a dentist, a lawyer, a doctor or an architect, has really got it made in what we

call the western world. I say that many thousands of students who graduate from our universities have an obligation to pay back something to Canada.

Do we need these young men and women whom we have educated with our money? When I talk about "our money", I am not talking about the money of the average member of parliament who sits in this chamber. I am talking about our older citizens who have worked hard throughout their lives, who have raised their families and who are now living in retirement. Unfortunately, many of these people do not have the financial resources that we would wish them to have, yet they are still striving to pay their way and to help build up the society that we want in Canada.

I have pointed out that one third of the medical doctors who graduated from Canadian universities last year left this country. I do not want to take anything away from them. They worked hard in order to get their degrees, but they left this country without paying back in services or in taxes one nickel of the huge sum of money that we invested in them. Do we need these young doctors? Ask any member of this house who comes from a rural area. If there is an exception I am willing to apologize, but I do know that in the rural areas of Ontario there is a shocking lack of medical doctors.

● (8:40 p.m.)

Do we need dentists in Canada? I have been told, even by dentists themselves, that tomorrow morning the dental profession could place 5,000 new dentists in positions across Canada without hurting economically one single presently practising dentist. We would not be taking one nickel away from any other dentist. We need these people. Do they have an obligation to us? I say they do. Now, I shall come to the crux of the situation. We often talk about such things as democracy, freedom of speech and freedom of everything else here in Canada. Particularly, we discuss these things in the House of Commons. But unfortunately sometimes it is necessary to give up a little bit of freedom for the over-all good. If a young farmer is to buy a farm or a young businessman is to buy a dairy or a bakery, he must pay back the amount of money he borrows in order to buy the business. So, I say that our students who graduate from our universities also have something to pay back to the taxpayers of Canada. I say they have an obligation to remain here to give us not only their services for which we are crying in rural Canada but