

we are considering at the moment but to the whole broad problem of Canada and her youth.

Mr. DOUGLAS: I appreciate the concise details the minister has given us of the objects to be attained by this item, but I wonder if he could give the committee some specific data as to the methods to be employed. Is it intended to use the technical schools for training purposes or will special camps be set up? What type of young people will be eligible for entrance to these camps? Practically all the other projects which have been considered have in mind the transient youth. While I have every sympathy with the transients and have spoken on their problems again and again, I do contend that there is another group of young people who are oftentimes forgotten simply because they do not cause the government any embarrassment. I am thinking of those young people who have gone through high school in the small towns and cities and who are at home without employment. They are sadly in need of some kind of training. Quite often they are not eligible for employment on any of the government projects. It is quite evident that a million dollars will not take care of the training of all the young people of Canada, and so I should like to know what the basis of eligibility will be.

Mr. ROGERS: It is not intended that this vote shall be confined to any particular group of unemployed young people. Certainly it is not intended that it shall be confined, as my hon. friend suggests, to that group which we have learned to describe as transients. There have been other votes under discussion which apply more particularly to that class of young people. In the allocation of these amounts we shall be obliged to work with the provincial governments, as we shall have to do in connection with other votes which have received the consideration of the committee. It is not intended to set up camps except where camps are a necessary part of the equipment for the work which is to be undertaken. That would apply to forestry work, and probably to training projects for hard rock mining. Where it is contemplated to give special courses elsewhere to train the unemployed, we shall try to utilize, in cooperation with the provincial governments, the existing equipment in the form of technical schools, and so on. We shall try to arrange the courses in such a way as to bring about the highest degree of absorption of young people in industry. I might say that it is not intended that the money shall be reserved exclusively for unemployed young

men. We have in mind that some provision may have to be made for unemployed young women. They will be provided with training in certain classes of work as may be recommended to the government.

Mr. DOUGLAS: Will the small towns and cities that have no technical training facilities be automatically eliminated?

Mr. ROGERS: I am somewhat at a disadvantage in stating exactly how far this money will go. I have not the least thought that the vote is large enough to deal with the problem as one would like to deal with it, but at the same time I hope it is large enough to give us a clear sense of direction if we find the problem is a continuing one.

Mr. MacNEIL: Would the minister amplify his statement with regard to the assistance to be given to unemployed young women?

Mr. ROGERS: So far as the unemployed young women are concerned, we have in mind the classification of employment opportunities, and special training will be given to unemployed young women in order that they may be eligible for these employment opportunities. Already in some cities progress has been made through voluntary agencies in preparing young women for housework, in taking housekeeping positions, and in dressmaking and that type of training. I am not suggesting that this description is all-inclusive, but I mention it as illustrative of what might be done.

Mr. KINLEY: As an employer of labour who is interested in industry I wish especially to commend this item. But before doing so I must express surprise at the attack which has been made by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Massey) upon the young gentleman who is chairman of the youth committee—an attack which, it seems to me, is made more subtle by touching him with the kiss of high personal regard. This young man is said to be unfit to be chairman of the committee because he was a defeated candidate at the last election.

Mr. MASSEY: And because he has political ambitions.

Mr. KINLEY: And because he has political ambitions. In my opinion the fact that he has been a candidate and has political ambitions eminently fits him for the position. In the first place, if as a young man he was chosen as a federal candidate he must be highly thought of. In the second place, if he is ambitious because of his political convictions to serve the government which is now in power he will be