

mandarins and deputy ministers who make a lot more money than Members of Parliament, and in all probability put in about half as much work time as most Members of Parliament.

While some tax increases have been introduced in a humane and careful fashion, fully 70 per cent of the deficit reduction measures will emanate from reducing expenditures. This Government also intends to shop for suitable buyers of Crown corporations. For instance, Teleglobe, Canadair and Eldorado Nuclear are on the block for perspective purchasers. The \$500 million special reduction in non-statutory spending for the 1986-87 fiscal year is equivalent to 2 per cent of the cost of those programs. This will reduce operating costs for all Departments on an ongoing basis, as departmental spending may not exceed 2 per cent per year following 1986 and 1987.

Departments will also be encouraged to increase productivity and reallocate funds to absorb increases in their costs. These initiatives will save the taxpayer \$850 million next year, and will amount to \$2.8 billion in 1990 and 1991.

It is abundantly clear that this administration is planning for the future. It is most refreshing and encouraging to see a Government setting its sights beyond the next election in the best interests of the people it represents. At the same time the Government is showing a considerable amount of courage by facing the economic music. The previously untouchable Canada Post has been ordered to come up with a new plan of attack to reduce its operating deficit to nil while it improves service. This may be an almost impossible task, but certainly it will give it something to shoot at. Let us hope that under the direction of the new President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Donald Lander, this will take place, or at least there will be a major step in that direction. I will admit that Post Office bashing has been a very popular Canadian past-time. This Government would rather work with Canada Post in an earnest effort to bring the Crown corporation into line. As a Member of Parliament from a rural area I know that from among the criticisms that come to my desk against certain Government departments those against the Post Office probably lead the way. I will admit that a year or so ago I think it was running a close second to the Department of National Revenue, but that is no longer the case.

Also, in the interest of reducing the red ink in Canada's bank book, we will reduce the amount of foreign aid expenditures. Increases in our foreign aid commitment will be shaved by \$1.5 billion over the next five years causing our contribution to grow at a slower rate than is currently the case. Let me emphasize that there will still be an increase in foreign aid each year, but not as great. Those increases are targeted at 8.7 per cent per year, to remain at .5 per cent of the Gross National Product. It is expected that our contribution will climb to .6 per cent by the middle of the 1990s. There will be absolutely no doubt about Canada's willingness to continue playing our role as a team player on the international stage. Growth and defence spending will also be curtailed by 1 per cent in each of the next two years. I would remind budgetary critics that these are not cut-backs, they are smaller increases

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than have been the case in the past. The Government's decision to reduce the rate of growth in defence spending will save the taxpayer about \$285 million.

With the myriad facts and figures inherent in the budget process this Budget is about people. The heart-wrenching plight of low-income Canadians is frequently the focal point for Government planning and decision-making. More assistance for low-income families resulted from the increased child tax credit introduced in the May, 1985 Budget. In the past, the poor have been forced to wait for their credit until their income tax returns have been processed and returned. As a result, many tried to expedite the process by paying tax discounters to give them a partial payment before the tax return was filed. In an effort to prevent this from happening the Government is proposing to pay the child tax credit in advance. The \$300 repayment per child will be paid in November of this year to families with a 1985 income of less than \$15,000. Need I say more about the fairness of this Government?

The shining success of this administration includes the follow-through on our promise of jobs and more jobs. The turn-around in the rising rate of unemployment has been astounding. There are many people in this place who have played a role in bolstering job creation across the country. The Government is being commended from all sectors for creating 580,000 jobs since the September 1984 election. Eighty-one per cent of those jobs, let me emphasize, are full-time jobs. Some statistician figured out that that came to one job every 90 seconds.

In my riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka where employment opportunities drop markedly during the winter months, the situation was improved considerably. This winter there are 500 fewer people drawing unemployment insurance benefits, and some businesses have been able to retain employees normally laid off at this time of year. In my home village of Burks Falls I was speaking to the manager of the oldest company there, Thompson Heyland, and I asked him how things were there. That plant usually has a regular workforce of about 80; they have 100 now and are looking forward to providing summer work for a good many students. That is certainly welcome news. The administration has created an average of 30,000 jobs per month since it came to power, compared with a meagre 7,400 jobs per month created by the Liberals during their heyday. This means we have created, as I see it, a job every 90 seconds. It is notable that 580,000 jobs have come about in a mere 16 months, while it took the former Government about 55 months to create just 406,000 employment opportunities.

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Canada's employment rate of 9.8 per cent is the lowest it has been since 1982. The Government is turning all the right screws to get it even lower in the future. It would seem that the sterling job creation abilities of this Government are undeniable. The tragic rate of youth unemployment has also decreased from 18.3 per cent to 15.9 per cent. This is certainly