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their education. Their future in terms of job placement is very complicated at present. The trade training program of a previous administration was probably the best thing it did. It far exceeded in importance the bill in respect of the Great Slave Railway, the selling of wheat to Red China or any of the other short-term stop-gap things which are very necessary and important.

However, the welfare of our youth involves the welfare of our whole nation. The youth will not be satisfied with the dulcet tones of the pied piper's music any longer. They want something solid; they want assurance that they will have an opportunity to take their place in this new dynamic Canadian society. They want to help us beat the Japanese and the West Germans in the markets of the world. I hope they will never be called upon to fight in our armed forces, but they certainly will be called upon to serve in a Canada which is alert to its responsibilities in the world. In terms of economics, we are in the proud position today of having our balance of payments position good and our exports high. Yet, it is strange in this age of great and magnificent affluence for many of us—some people say for 90 per cent of us—that 10 per cent of our population, and most of them young people, should be neglected. This is not the fault of any one administration. My party formed the administration when I begged for action in this regard. I have begged for it ever since. Several provinces have taken up this challenge and their departments of youth are working very well.

The original dream in respect of the Company of Young Canadians was good. I believe we learned something from that. I do not think we should put off any longer the consolidation of our efforts on behalf of the young people merely because we made a mistake. Far from it; the mistakes in respect of the Company of Young Canadians should be merely sign posts along the road indicating where the soft ground is. But let us have leadership. Let us not place this responsibility on the shoulders of a junior member of the new administration. Such a person should not be a sub-cabinet man but rather the finest leader we have. If necessary this responsibility could be that of the Prime Minister himself. If he has the magic touch with the young people, why not put it into action; why not give our young people the leadership they are anxious to have. We do not want only the 13 year old girls with autograph books waiting for the next act of the Prime Minister. We want the college graduates, the young men and women who desire homes and solid jobs in Canada, clamouring on Parliament Hill.

I wish many of these young people would march here with banners calling for this type of action. This would be preferable to having them lead a revolution or a movement to upset the government. I submit that so far the government's best has not been good enough. A negative approach is not good enough. When there are not sufficient jobs to go around in Canada I do not think it is good enough to say, "let us just share the jobs we have". This attitude reminds me of a snake with its tail in its mouth. I am afraid that when we have had 10 more years

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of this there will not be a snake. I suggest we should have a plan for Canada which is big enough to include all of us. In a country the size of ours there should be a clamour for immigrants. The future in Canada should be such that a solution would be possible for even the problem the young people are worried about. They do not want to bring babies into this world because some of them say there is no future here. I would like to think that every family could have four children who would have a future and that no one would have to worry about abortion.

I would like to see the people in the position of having to worry about income tax and running away from Benson. I would like to see them in the position where they would have to worry about paying \$4,000 or \$5,000 income tax on an income of \$15,000. That is the kind of worry they want. If this reorganization of government means that the cabinet ministers will be able to solve some of these problems, then I know there will be a good deal of co-operation from both sides of the House. If we find that members of all parties in this House are absolutely bankrupt of any ideas, or any loyalty to the people of Canada, then it will be obvious that we are already overpaid. I happen to think that a Member of Parliament who does his work is probably donating his time. It is not well-known that the average take home pay of a Member of Parliament is that of a public school teacher. Many people come here at a monetary disadvantage. They do not have their arms up to the elbows in the public treasury. Those people who speak out at this time will have very little chance of getting the double pay that is to be offered to these extra cabinet ministers.

• (4:10 p.m.)

I believe it is very dangerous to think that any government in Canada is in such an entrenched position that it does not have to worry about a turnover in the future. I do not think for a minute that government members should be worried about their own tenure of office; far from it, but it is discouraging to hear it said in this House "we are not worried about you". I do not expect them to be worried about me or my leadership or lack of leadership, but I do expect them to be worried about the fact that the people of Canada are looking for quality in government which they do not think they are getting at present.

Having been here 12 years, I know how difficult it is to gain a reputation for giving the kind of service which the public wants. But we have to go to work on it and we will have to have the co-operation of everyone. I do not think it is necessary to try to make something appear legal which, in fact, is not legal. I do not think it is necessary to try to fool anyone. I think much time may be gained by coming out in the open and explaining to us what the problem is. Let us take, for example, the problem that arose about hiring Francophone students. I for one was very disappointed that it became a *cause célèbre*. I feel certain that if we had known all the facts, which we did not know, this would have been unnecessary because there are equally generous offers for every-