

*Adjournment Debate*

in their best interests. We should as a responsible Parliament insist that this House indeed do prorogue. We should insist upon a new session. We should insist that this Government outline a renewed program of policies for the people of Canada to ensure that we get back on the track and on with the job of making Canada once again great. Under this administration, the reverse has taken place. It is indeed a terrible shame for the people that this Government purports to represent, and purports to make policies on behalf of, that the Government allows this session to exist and run on when indeed it has such a dismal record of failures behind it.

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Tousignant:** Mr. Speaker, I will ask my question in French to the Hon. Member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett). In view of the turmoil or, if you prefer, the excitement resulting from the preparations for their convention, and on the basis that in the very near future, they might form the Government, does it not simply confirm a lack of imagination on their part? Fully aware of the fact that they are bankrupt of ideas necessary for a Speech from the Throne, they are now asking this Government to come up with one with a view to developing their suggestions from it should they be elected at the next election, which tends to confirm their total lack of imagination; their only intention for asking this Government to present a new Speech from the Throne is their desire to use it for their next platform.

*[English]*

**Mr. Corbett:** Mr. Speaker, in looking at the clock it is quite obvious that the Hon. Member does not expect a response. Indeed, all I can tell him is that his expectations will prove to be correct and indeed we will be forming the next Government when the next election is called.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order. It being six o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Section (11) of Standing Order 62, proceedings on the motion have expired.

● (1800)

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

*[English]*

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

LABOUR CONDITIONS—NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
EMIGRATING. (B) YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. (C)  
NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, the matter I want to address tonight is that of youth unemployment which

is fast becoming a very serious crisis in the country. It is a crisis not only in the sense of what is happening today but in terms of the impact it will have on our future, our potential and where the whole country will be going in the near future.

Last week I asked the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) what the Government was going to do about unemployment in the area of engineering. Looking at what was happening in the field of engineering since 1981, we find that unemployment has risen by about 500 per cent in this select group of people. Our concern was that on top of the 500 per cent unemployed, there is an additional 7,000 university graduates in the field of engineering who will be coming on the job market in 1983, within the next 60 to 90 days.

The Prime Minister's response was that we should sit back and wait for the budget which was going to solve our problems. I can only assume it is going to change things like the National Energy Program, which will in turn help create jobs for engineers.

Our young Canadian people are facing a very serious problem. Unemployment among the young today is running around 21 per cent. The unadjusted figures show it as 23 per cent, or a total of 650,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 who do not have jobs.

There is another group called the underemployed. At the moment 727,000 young Canadians are employed part time. Our information indicates that roughly half of those young Canadians would like full-time employment. Essentially, what that amounts to is that one-half of that 700,000-odd students are underemployed. That gives a total of about 350,000 young Canadians who are under-employed, part-time employed, looking for full-time jobs.

There is another problem which is creating a very serious situation. Very soon about 600,000 young Canadians will be looking for summer or part-time employment. In addition, 500,000 young Canadians will be looking for their first full-time jobs. That is half a million young Canadians looking for their first jobs.

I should like to break down those figures based on information obtained from Statistics Canada. The universities will graduate over 80,000 B.As, 10,000 to 13,000 M.As and just under 2,000 Ph.Ds. Add to that the undergraduates and those with diplomas and it means about 114,000 young Canadians coming out of universities will be looking for full-time employment this season. Another 70,000 from the community colleges will be looking for jobs.

The latest information I can obtain is from a study done in 1978 by Statistics Canada on people coming out of school into the labour force. It showed that 113,000 young people would graduate from high school. I think the same would be true