

Fears Moronic Children Sequel to Baby Bonus

Speaking from his experiences as a medical practitioner, Dr. R. Hobbs Taylor (Prog. Con., Huron) told the Legislature last night that the "indiscriminate bonusing" of families under the Family Allowances Act presented the danger of citizens of low mental calibre reproducing moronic children.

Dr. Taylor, speaking in the Throne Speech debate, warned that Ontario and other Provinces would be compelled to build more hospitals to take care of the "indiscriminate stimulation" in the birth rate of this group of low mental calibre citizens. He estimated there were 35,000 homes in Canada composed of this type of person.

"I am concerned, not only as a medical man, but as a representative in this Legislature of the type of citizens who are proud of the fact that they have been able to bring up their children without the aid of Government bonus, and feel they can do so in the future without this kind of assistance," Dr. Taylor said. "Are these people, the vast majority of our citizens, going to be penalized by this baby bonusing by a group of people which, from a medical standpoint, is not competent to raise vigorous and healthy Canadians?"

Sterilization

R. D. Thornberry (C.C.F., Hamilton Centre) asked Dr. Taylor if he would favor sterilization of mental defectives.

"As a doctor, I am not adverse to sterilization for those who are definitely mentally defective," replied Dr. Taylor.

"This is a disturbing feature, and one which we must face up to," continued Dr. Taylor. "We must adopt a realistic attitude toward this legislation before hailing it as an all-embracing social advantage. As any medical man knows, the bonusing of families in this low mental group gives a potential reproduction of 7,000."

Religion in Schools

Dr. Taylor defended the Government's plan of religious education in the schools, asserting: "If the basis of our system of education is not kept Christian, then it will be something else, and there are many other philosophies today which would be most eager to supplant it."

Criticism of the increasing taxation trend was voiced by Dr. Taylor, who declared that if the working man's pay envelope became increasingly taxed he would not be surprised to see an exodus from this country instead of a wave of immigration.

He told of conversations with young medical graduates who told him they intended to locate in the United States at the first opportunity. Canada could ill afford to lose citizens of this calibre, Dr. Taylor said.

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