

MPP's Queen's Park report

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THE FAMILY TODAY
The family as an institution is essential to the well being of individuals and society; above all, it is a vital factor in the development of a child's potential in all its aspects - emotional, intellectual, spiritual, physical and social.

Ontario's Government has stated that it considers the family a potential focal point for the development of social policy. However, its approach to urgent social, health, educational and economic issues has made it clear that the Government is engaging in rhetoric, not dealing with reality. While paying lip service to the changes which have occurred in work and family life, the Government has adopted no strategy to meet current needs.

While emphasis tends to be placed upon the nuclear family other family types - lone parent, reconstituted, unmarried couples with or without children, etc. - are increasing as a percentage of the total. Families are under severe pressure: the erosion of traditional supports, the trend to smaller families, increased marriage breakdown, the decline of the role of the Church as a source of support, economic stress due to inflation and unemployment, greater participation of women in the labor force, etc. We need family policies based on realities not wishful thinking in order to preserve and recapture family values.

Almost 50 per cent of the mothers of pre-school children in Ontario go out to work. In this province, the number of mothers in the labor force who have children under 3 years of age has risen dramatically from 118,000 in 1975 to 146,000 in 1979 - a jump of 23.9 per cent. Nearly three-quarters of Canadian women aged 25-44 are predicted to be in the labor force in 1989, compared to just over half at present.

One in ten of Ontario's children live in lone parent families, 83 per cent of which were led by women in 1978. More unwed mothers are keeping their babies: 88 per cent in 1977 compared to 39 per cent at the end of the 1960's. The divorce rate is climbing: in 1976, one in four Ontario marriages ended in divorce, but the rate is now one in three.

Ontario's population is rapidly aging. By the year 2001, 13.6 per cent of the total population will be over 65, compared with 8.9 per cent in 1976.

Violent juvenile delinquency has shown an alarming increase: the rate of apprehension of juveniles for acts of violence in Canada went up 60 per cent between 1974 and 1978, from 155 to 249 per 100,000. Family violence (wife-beating, child abuse and abuse of grandparents) is getting worse; for instance an estimated one in ten women will be battered by mates this year. 20 per cent of Family Service Association walk-in cases in Toronto are victims of assault - compared to two to three per cent a few years ago!

Per capita consumption of alcohol in Ontario rose by 72 per cent from 1960 to 1974, resulting in higher rates of alcohol dependence and alcohol-related problems - lifestyle advertising for alcoholic products has an effect here. Identification of mental and emotional illness among Ontario's young people has increased significantly. Of children born in 1960, one in ten is predicted to need institutional psychiatric care at some time in his/her life; the rate of predicted mental illness of children born in 1971 rose to one in 8.5. The number of suicides among young people in Ontario (age 5 to 24) went up 70 per cent from 1970 to 1978 (from 134 to 228).

Clearly, the most promising method of dealing with any social problem is to prevent it. Social scientists tell us that once breakdown has occurred, for instance once a juvenile has committed a crime, once a person has succumbed to alcohol or drug addiction, etc., subsequent rehabilitative services, no matter how skilled, have less hope for success than if they'd been applied before the breakdown.

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385ml tin
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Mount Elephant Mushrooms .78
10 fl. oz. tin

Feature
Powdered Detergent 1.99
6 litre box
Instant Chase & Sanborn
Decaffeinated Coffee 5.69
8 oz. jar
No Name
Coffee Whitener 1.39
500g jar

Assorted Varieties
No Name Cookies
700g bag
1.49
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Tea for Two Hundred
Tea Bags 1.07
100g bag
Long Grain Rice 1.99
5 lb. bag
Assorted Varieties
Romi Egg Noodles .69
12 oz. pkg.
Quick, Flake or Minute
Old Mill Oats 1.09
1.35kg bag
No Name Granola Bars 1.19
300g box

Cake and Pastry
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2.5kg bag
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Pure
Sun Squeeze Apple Juice
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.89
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pkg. of 100
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