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Globalization positive, says Dyer

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is jobs that would have been here aren't; they're going south (to the United States)."

If the people of Quebec would have voted in favour of separating from Canada, Canadians would be living in a very different world right now, he said.

"What would have happened would be the TV (stations) telling you not to worry, Canada is a boring country and we wouldn't do anything silly. We would have a civilized

divorce. Divide the national debt and get on quickly with life. But over night, it's not okay. The native people of Quebec wouldn't want to leave Canada. In northern Quebec, where the majority of the people are native, would have a legal right not to leave Canada. They could go through the courts but that would take too long. The Mohawks in Montreal wouldn't leave Canada either. So now the referendum comes out the wrong way — seize the north of Quebec and the Mohawk's seize the bridges. And the people (of Quebec) would assume it's all a federal plot (the referendum)."

Soon the province would be in complete anarchy with bombings, graffiti and police guarding the streets.

"There would still be a confrontation to this day," Mr. Dyer said. "Would Canada be a good place to invest, somewhere where the future is on hold indefinitely? Quebec is still promising a referendum. We could be staring down the barrel of this gun again."

Mr. Dyer also told the students their timing as a generation was "bad" because jobs are harder to come by today.

"One hundred and fifty years ago a group of countries, including Canada, had a monopoly on the world's good jobs. When I left high school jobs grew on trees, but that stopped in the early to mid-'80s. With economic globalization, we no longer live in a closed economy."

In Canada the average person's pay is \$15 per hour, compared to \$2 an hour in Mexico and India, he said.

"Where are we going to put our next factory — in Canada where we have to pay

\$15 an hour, or in India where we have to pay \$2 an hour. If we look through our closets at home, virtually none of the clothing is made in Canada."

He believes globalization in the end is a positive process and although finding a job is difficult, Canadians will manage.

"The most important decision in the last century was changing the immigration laws in 1967," Mr. Dyer said. "Before 1967, 98 per cent of our descendants were white Europeans. We were dominated by two ethnic groups, French and British. When I was a kid we didn't have the maple leaf on the flags, we had the British flag and sang God Save the Queen. We joined the war because Britain was in it. In 1967, we blew the doors open and anyone could come in (to Canada) on an equal basis. Canada is becoming a representative sample of the entire human race."

Canada can do well in the global market and has an advantage because it's an ethnically diverse country, Mr. Dyer said.

"In Japan there's only one culture available. It pales in comparison to us because we have all the cultures on the planet available here. It doesn't guarantee all the jobs will be available to us but it gives us a good advantage."

New immigration occurs in Quebec on a 10 per cent foreign basis and it's mandatory all immigrants send their children to French speaking schools, he said.

"The working language, is French, but they don't care who Louis Riel was because it's not their history."

When it comes down to it, Canadians do have a decent country, future and place to live, he said. "We're going to be fine."

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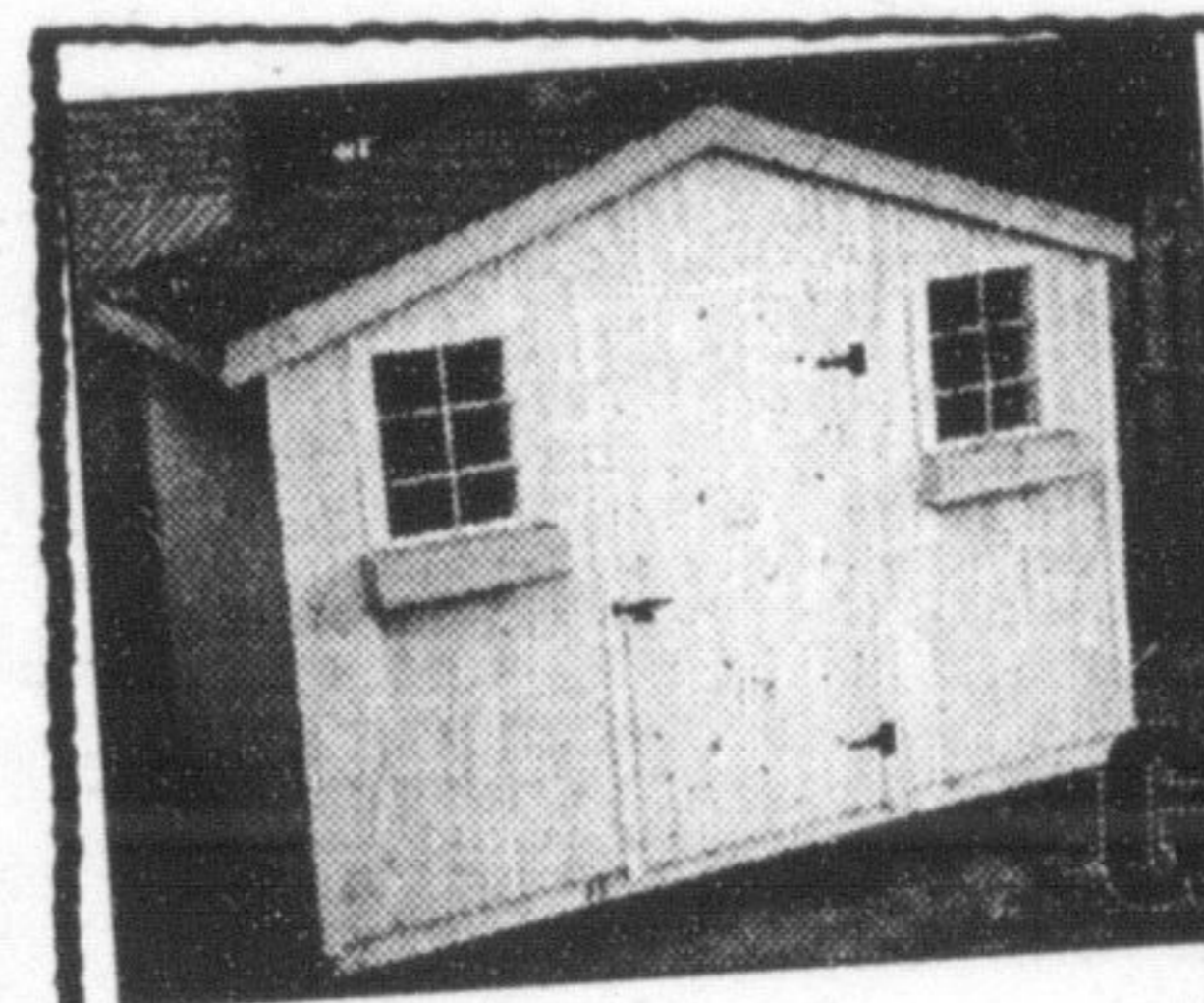
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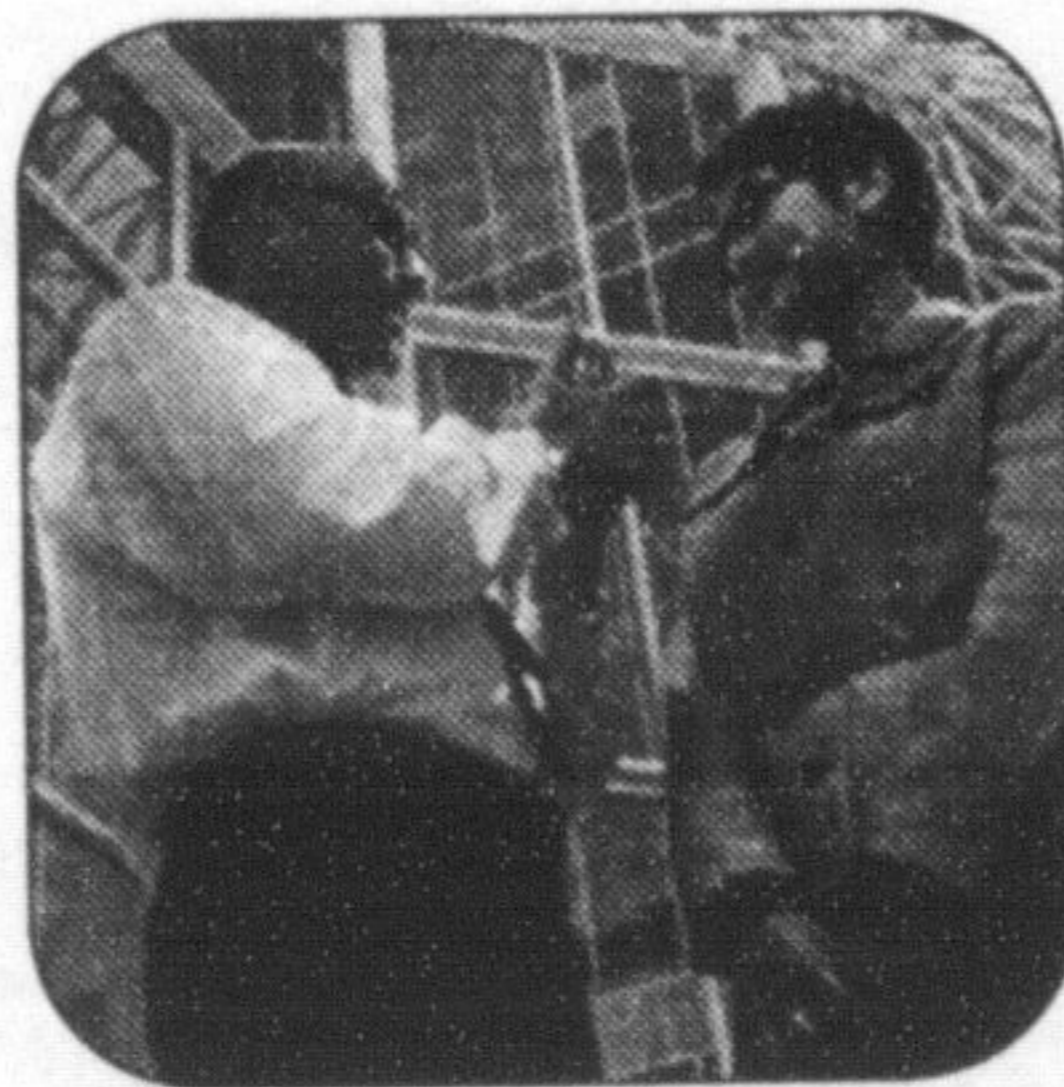
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