

are unable to pay, until the trial—if there is one—actually begins. On minor charges, and some not so minor, the poor suffer from lack of legal advice, and are often the victims of summary justice.

## SUMMARY

The purpose of this brief is to point out to the Government the steps that can be taken to break the cycle of poverty, and to offer hope to those crushed by our present systems.

Lastly, and in the strongest possible terms, we would urge the Government to act before the opportunity for efficacious action has been destroyed by the despair of inertia. By "we" I am a "we". I am not discussing them and those. I am poor.

**Senator Fournier:** In what section of Saint John is Crescent Valley?

**Mrs. Whipple:** It is the north end, public housing.

**Senator Fournier:** The north end?

**Mrs. Whipple:** Yes, public housing.

**Senator Fournier:** You say here when the other brief was presented, the South End Tenant Association, you would approve the brief that was presented before?

**Mrs. Whipple:** I didn't catch the question.

**Senator Fournier:** Did you approve of the brief?

**Mrs. Whipple:** Yes.

**Senator Fournier:** Are your problems about the same?

**Mrs. Whipple:** No. As far as housing is concerned I would say we are much better off.

**Senator Fournier:** On the housing situation are there more new homes?

**Mrs. Whipple:** This is a public housing area, Crescent Valley, all CHMC housing and therefore we don't have the problem they have in the south end, that particular problem.

**Senator Fournier:** I notice in your brief here you gave a little example, case A and case B. Do you have that in your brief?

**The Chairman:** That brief is not being presented.

**Senator Fournier:** I didn't get the other one.

**The Chairman:** You must have.

**Senator Fournier:** I have got it now. I don't need the brief. You agree with the other brief and you think your conditions are about the same except for housing.

**Mrs. Whipple:** Yes, that is right.

**Senator Fournier:** Your thinking is the same as the other lady who presented the brief. If you had the minimum income you would still want all the services and some of the recommendations?

**Mrs. Whipple:** Yes. I don't think money is the overall answer but I know it certainly helps when you are hungry. It is not the answer to recreational facilities and they are very much needed and cultural activities. They should be part of the school curriculum.

**Senator Fournier:** How many members are there in your Association?

**Mrs. Whipple:** In the Crescent Valley Tenant Association?

**Senator Fournier:** Yes.

**Mr. Saunders:** I would say about 125 members in the Crescent Valley Tenants Association. I would like to clear this up. This brief is to be submitted by Mrs. Mary Whipple; it is not the Crescent Valley Tenants Association. They tell me there is a brief submitted by the Crescent Valley Tenants Association, which I am not aware of and I am the president of the Crescent Valley Tenants Association. I have been informed, senator, that the brief is in here, but I say I am unaware of it. I am here and you graciously put me on your program and I would like to speak on behalf of the poor if time will allow.

**Senator Hastings:** You say "Investigations into purely personal affairs should cease". Would you enlarge on this recommendation?

**Mrs. Whipple:** I think a person's affairs are their own and the Government should investigate our financial situation if they are going to help us but morals and principles and this sort of thing are our own business.

**Senator Hastings:** Do they investigate morals?

**Mrs. Whipple:** Not mine as much as my neighbours, but they have asked questions.

**Senator Quart:** You look like an innocent type.