

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, December 12, 1963.

The Special Committee of the Senate on Aging make their second Report, as follows:—

1. The order of reference given to your Committee was adopted by the Senate on July 29th, 1963. Following the termination of the ensuing summer adjournment on October 1st, 1963, your Committee:

- (a) Held nine meetings, seven hearings, heard and examined twelve witnesses;
- (b) Formed an interdepartmental committee, comprised of senior government officials, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. E. G. Davis, your Committee's Special Consultant, to gather such statistical and related information as is available from federal government sources;
- (c) Requested all provincial governments to make available to your Committee such information and advice as they may feel is relevant to the inquiry;
- (d) Requested voluntary organizations, numbering approximately 100, whose activities relate significantly to the subject matter of the inquiry, to prepare briefs and inform your Committee of their experience with such major problems of older people as income, employment, leisure time activities, housing, health, institutional care and social services.
- (e) Instituted the preparation of an inventory of Canadian studies and research on the major problems of older people, recently completed or being conducted currently, by universities, governments and other bodies.

2. Of vital importance to an inquiry of this magnitude is comprehensive statistical information specifically related to people aged 65 and over. Such information, your Committee has found, is scarce, scattered and often unreliable. While your Committee has made progress, it is apparent much time and effort is still required in this area.

3. While the response to your Committee's requests for information and assistance has been gratifying, the ramifications of the inquiry are such as to preclude the possibility of any short-term results.

4. Your Committee therefore recommends that it be reconstituted at the earliest possible date following the opening of the next Session of Parliament.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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*Chairman.*