

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

SOCIAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS SURVEY

Organization.

- (1) A Social Research Council has been formed representing all the social science departments at McGill, and including a number of interested persons from outside the University, (e.g. business and industry, social agencies, etc);
- (2) A small committee of the Council constitutes the Executive Committee, responsible for general sanctions; and
- (3) the general planning and direction of the work is in the hands of the Director.

The ultimate aim of the scheme is to encourage, and to coordinate where coordination is fruitful or desirable, all social research in the University (hence the representation on the Council). For the unemployment study this means that if besides those aspects which belong to the field of the economist and sociologist, there are those which belong to e.g. the educationalist, the psychologist, the lawyer, the study of problems from these aspects can also become part of the general scheme.

Programme (in broad outline only).

Work at outset to be mainly confined to Montreal (with comparative data for Canada, etc., where useful or obtainable) having regard to its special importance as a metropolis, and the special character of its population.

- I. As a basis for future social research as well as the unemployment study; from published and other information,
 - (a) the analysis and presentation of demographical information (composition, distribution, growth, etc., of population)
 - (b) do., for the industrial character and importance of, and the occupations of the population, etc., in Montreal.

II. Analysis of all existing unemployment statistics (trade-union unemployment, Dominion employment indices, employment Service statistics) since the War, for Montreal.

III. Information as to extent and problems of unemployment in Montreal by cooperation with social agencies and other institutions which either have data or are sources through which data can be obtained (use of case-records, additional questionnaires, special studies, etc.).

Type of information: age-and sex-distribution of unemployed, family dependency, periods of unemployment, occupations, nationality, sources of relief, degree of labour mobility, juvenile unemployment problems, etc. Special studies wherever opportunities present themselves.

IV. Studies by post-graduate students contributing to, or suggested by the general survey (e.g., unemployment in particular industries, tests of industrial ability of particular groups, the problems of the juvenile entrant to industry, etc.). This should be a field capable of wide augmentation and development in the later stages of the scheme.

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