

ready for presentation in the event that a fall session were called and the Committee on Manpower were set up again.

I should like to deal briefly with the work that has been done by each of these persons I have mentioned. I am informed that Mr. Denton's job has been to make a basic analysis of the changes that have occurred in employment and unemployment in this country during the past ten years. My information is that the main purpose of the study is to explain and illustrate significant changes in the industrial and other characteristics of the labour force and its components as a background to the present unemployment situation. Mr. Denton has devoted all his time to this work and is now ready to present the results of his study to the committee.

Professor Hood has been working on a part-time basis studying the nature of the structural and cyclical unemployment in Canada. His intention is to show how the level of employment and unemployment in this country is influenced by changes in demand, by trends in exports and imports, and the effects of changes in productivity. He expects to have his study ready for presentation to the committee early in December.

Mr. James has been making a survey of the characteristics of the unemployed in the year 1960. This is a sample survey of the people registered for jobs with the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Questionnaires were distributed through each of the local offices of the commission, starting on September 26. In general a 10 per cent sample was selected, except in the case of large offices, where the sample was reduced to 5 per cent. More than 17,000 questionnaires have been returned, and all the information on them has been transferred to punch cards by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These cards, when processed on an electric computer, should throw a good deal of light on the characteristics of the persons applying for jobs. Among other things, information will be made available as to their age, marital status, educational level, family characteristics, length of employment, degrees of skill, and so forth. This information will be available with respect to job applicants in the country as a whole and for each of the provinces.

Mrs. Ostry's survey has had to do with the definition and measuring of unemployment. It will deal with the problems of defining and measuring unemployment, and will explain how the matter has been dealt with in Canada as compared with the United States and the United Kingdom. A draft of her study has been completed and should be ready to be placed before the committee as soon as it is organized.

Professor Judek has been making a detailed study of 18 labour market areas where unemployment has been a persistent problem over the years. His study is now nearing completion.

The officials of the Department of Labour undertook to prepare a number of studies for the committee, as follows: (a) the effects of automation on unemployment; (b) problems of seasonal employment in Canada; (c) the status of technical and vocational training in Canada. I understand, honourable senators, that this information is available for presentation as soon as the committee is organized.

In addition to what I have mentioned, I understand that there have been a number of discussions with various organizations which were invited to submit briefs to the committee. The sooner the committee is reconstituted, the sooner we shall be able to tell these organizations when they will be expected to present their briefs.

Honourable senators, the motion I have just presented for your approval is worded the same as the one I presented last May, and, because of the amount of work done during last session, the personnel of the proposed committee is the same as that of the committee which came to an end at prorogation.

I hope the committee will be reconstituted. It has a big job to do, and I know it will make a careful, thorough and satisfactory examination of the whole problem. That is all I intend to say at this time. Perhaps a little later in the session, when I speak on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I may have something more to say on employment.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Honourable senators, may I ask the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) a question? He has told us that studies have been made of the effect of various things on unemployment. My question is, has any study been made of the effect of unemployment on human beings?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I am afraid I cannot answer that question at the moment.

**Hon. W. Ross Macdonald:** Honourable senators, I am sure we are all pleased that the Committee on Manpower and Employment is to be set up again this session. The honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) in his closing remarks said that the wording of the resolution before the house is in the exact terms as that of the resolution presented last session. May I first remind him that although he, on behalf of the Government, is taking credit for setting