

Manor, or something like this, but it is still public housing, so I suppose in public housing if you change it or call it by another name, it would not help.

**Senator Fergusson:** Well, perhaps if it were not built the way it is it might be better. If it were a little more divided and perhaps among other houses people would not realize it is public housing. Do you think that could be?

**Dr. Parlee:** That is what I was saying.

**Senator Fergusson:** However, it may be too expensive for the government.

**Dr. Parlee:** Well, component homes can be built and put up very cheaply now.

Small communities, instead of assembling large apartments, comprised of small individual homes using these component homes that can be put up very quickly, could be established.

**Senator Fergusson:** You would almost have to put them in different localities.

**Dr. Parlee:** Of course.

**Senator Fergusson:** They could not be all together in any one place that points a finger at them.

**Dr. Parlee:** That is right.

**Senator Fergusson:** I just wondered if you had thought about how such housing could be built?

**Senator McGrand:** If you put up that type of housing would it not affect the real estate values of the other areas around?

**The Chairman:** Personally, I have heard that argument time and time again. I think it is a lot of hooey. For years I have heard that same thing and, of course, we have had people in the neighbourhood actually oppose the building of public housing. They do not know what they are opposing but they say "My boy doesn't want to play with that boy. He doesn't even know the boy." After they are there a short time they find they are the best of neighbours. I do not believe it.

**Senator McGrand:** That is not the statement I made.

**The Chairman:** You did not make a statement. You asked a question.

**Senator McGrand:** This is what I am talking about: In a certain area land is valuable,

and if you put this type of housing here and there over this area there is a tendency to downgrade the value of that land because people say to themselves "I do not want to live here". I think they pay more for the land than they pay for the house in a select area. Therefore, I would think you would get a lot of opposition from those who are in the real estate business. It is just a question of dollars and cents to the real estate people.

**The Chairman:** I agree with you that these people should not be segregated.

**Senator McGrand:** You have not answered the question I asked.

**Dr. Parlee:** I am sorry, I cannot answer that, senator.

**The Chairman:** Well, doctor, you gave us a very short brief this morning. I can assure you, for reasons I cannot state but which are very good reasons, that for us it had a thrust. Thank you, doctor, for coming before this committee.

**The Chairman:** The next brief is being submitted by the Saint John Community Workers Association and on my right is Mr. Archibald Smith, who is a Social Service Worker with the Department of Health and Welfare. He will make their submission.

**Mr. Archibald Smith, Social Service Worker, Department of Health and Welfare:** Mr. Chairman, Senators and ladies and gentlemen. The name of our Association is the Saint John Community Workers Association. The purpose of our Organization is to promote fellowship and understanding among the various agencies of the City. These include Health, Welfare, Educational, Justice and Recreation. Originally we had planned on making some startling remarks but in the last two days all the points that we had intended to bring up have been brought up.

We would like in our brief to stimulate conversation among you and give you some food for thought.

We found it most difficult to define the term "poverty" in this 20th Century due to the numerous connotations that are applicable to such a problem.

The other portion that we attempted to expand upon was that of deprivation. We feel that an individual who cannot participate fully and wholly in our Canadian Society because of economic inadequacies is in a form of poverty. To us poverty means substandards