

Mr. Drummond: It was very favourable. So favourable it was only supposed to be a pilot project and it is still going and that is two years.

The Chairman: What report are you referring to?

Mr. Drummond: It is called the Manpower Centre on Gottingen Street in Halifax. It is situated in the heart of the black and white community there. There is an influx of new immigrants and stores and businesses on that street. We have never been able to get a copy of this report.

Senator Hastings: I have one supplementary question to ask. Are the French in this area discriminated against?

Mr. Drummond: I would like to answer your question, but I don't have the right to speak for another group. I am not speaking for all black people. I am only speaking for the NBAACP blacks.

The Chairman: And he has made it clear he is speaking for the people in this city because he does not speak for the blacks across the country.

Senator Hastings: He indicated at the time that discrimination did exist against the Métis.

The Chairman: If they were here there would be discrimination against them, I think he said.

Senator Hastings: The French are here.

Mr. Drummond: I couldn't say.

The Chairman: Let me say to you, Mr. Drummond, that this committee has had a very sad and uncomfortable hour, something that will trouble our conscience for a great deal of time. Discrimination in any form is reprehensible and it is more so in its present context. You can believe that, because most of us have had dealings with it a very long time.

I do not want to leave you without saying that if you have read the record of the Senate Committee on Poverty on July 25 you will know that I said on behalf of the committee: That there had been no change in the distribution of income in Canada for 20 years. That comes from the Economic Council. That means, in plain, ordinary English, that the rich got richer and the poor got poorer. That is just what it means. So the income distribu-

tion must be changed in order to correct the poverty situation. That is the crux of the whole business. How you do it is not the easiest thing in the world because somebody has got to give up something for somebody else. You have been through that all your life, and you know how easy it is to get people to give up things. It is the kind of approaches that you can make.

We are not here to tear down the system, but the system needs changes and modifications, and that is the purpose of our visit here; otherwise we would not have come. We could have learned all there was to learn sitting at home. We have heard here talk about a change in attitude that is necessary from the bottom and from the top. There are two changes that must come about, and that is not very easy either.

We have had responsible people come before us here who said that a man has a right to certain things, and one of his rights is a job, and if he has not got a job then the responsibility is upon the state or community to provide an alternative.

These are things that have to be weighed. We try to listen to the people and we have had a very good response in this city. We are trying to talk to them about their problem and we want them to talk to us about their problem. We can learn from them and we can get our message across to them, that they have got to get into the ball game in order to get some decent results. It is part of their problem. They are not the problem. They must help in the solution and without them we cannot solve it. We have to consider what we can afford and when we can afford it and how soon we can reach those goals. Those are our problems.

In 20 minutes you have given us a great big headache. Thank you.

We shall now hear the Family Services of Saint John. On my right is Miss Florence Christie, the Executive Director; and next to her is Mrs. W. R. Forsythe, a board member. Mrs. Christie will present the brief.

Miss Florence Christie, Executive Director, Family Services, Saint John: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I am delighted to have this opportunity to present the views and recommendations of the Family Services. We are a private and non-sectarian family agency and our purpose is to do anything appropriate in the way of social service that will help to strengthen the family and family life generally.