

- (1) The probability of further industrial development within the boundaries of, or closely adjacent to, the municipality concerned. This may not be a matter which represents a serious problem or question of some municipalities, but it is of vital importance to others. Almost one-half of Canada's population lives in urban centres of 40,000 people or more; nearly one-fifth of the population of Canada lives in two municipal areas -- Montreal and Toronto. Do the authorities in these and similar municipalities expect their cities to continue to grow at the same rapid pace as they have done during the past ten years? Is the shift in population from rural to urban centres - which has been going on steadily for more than 100 years - likely to continue? What are the prospects that still more industrial plants of all kinds will be built in or near the areas in which already industry is largely concentrated? What problems will be created, in terms of unemployment and unemployment relief, if the industrial segment of the economy is not prosperous? Would it be better to try to encourage industry to decentralize? What are the problems of the one - or two-industry towns? Are they better or worse off than the country towns with little or no industry?
- (2) What will be the needs of the growing urban population for more schools, technical schools, and universities? Can these needs, including the required numbers of adequately trained teachers, be met by the municipalities? Or will they need outside help?
- (3) What action needs to be taken to redevelop existing depressed or slum areas in our cities? Will the limits of our cities continue to be pushed outwards with the building of single-unit suburban housing, or will there be a shift to multiple housing in central areas -- a building up instead of out? Is it reasonable to expect the municipalities concerned to assume full responsibility for their own re-development?
- (4) With the reducing length of the working week, what will be the requirements of the population -- and particularly of the urban population -- for their leisure time? To put it in other words: will the municipalities be expected to cater to the recreational needs of a growing population with more spare time on its hands? Who should be responsible for providing more community centres, stadiums for athletic events, race tracks and parks, not to mention more museums, art galleries and symphony orchestras?
- (5) What will be the requirements for hospitals and for doctors and nurses? And who should be expected to provide for them?
- (6) Again what will be the demands for more and better roads, throughways and bridges? How do the municipal authorities expect to cope