

by the F.D.C. to work in Gatineau Park for equal work done in different sections of the park or in the various municipalities of the park. (I am assured that the labourers from Ste. Cecile de Masham receive only .95 an hour, whereas they would receive \$1.25 an hour if they worked in Hull-West.) If such a difference exists between the wages of various groups doing the same work, we would be very interested to know the reasons or reasons for it.

Do the wages paid correspond with the wages prevailing in private industry?

Who decided that the employees in this or that municipality would receive more or less wages for the same type of work?

Whatever the answer is to these questions, I would not want any of the employees to lose their jobs for answers which would be more than comprising; on the contrary, I would like them to keep their jobs but I would like them to receive strict orders from the senior officials of the F.D.C. or even from the Federal Parliament!

Is the lack of co-operation often shown by permanent employees of the F.D.C. towards the municipalities or other local bodies to be interpreted as following orders received from the F.D.C. to act in that way, for I have no doubt that the employer is responsible for his employee?

I know that I have not touched on anything like all the questions under dispute and that there is probably a procedure for various answers according to the particular cases under consideration. However, I beg the indulgence of the Parliamentary Committee and the members of the F.D.C., for I am not an expert in these matters and I do not claim to be. However, as the person entrusted with the files of Ste. Cecile de Masham, I have gained knowledge of certain facts which, I feel, must be of interest to the present Parliamentary Committee if they wish to get a better idea of the prejudices and recriminations that have been aroused with regard to the F.D.C.

I favour, and we all favour, the beautification of the National Capital and its surroundings, but we would like things to be done as Jacques Gréber specified on page 14 of his 1950 general report which was accepted by the Federal Parliament. To that end, Masham and the area await with impatience the development of the tourist industry which should be "the major industry of a capital".

Looking at it from another angle, I notice that the brief presented by the F.D.C. quotes on page 5, among the powers which are conferred on it, Article 4: "To operate or grant concessions for the operations of places of refreshment or amusement or shelter or for the encouragement of recreation, sports and games on real property which it administers or controls."

XIII—*Amend the present system of compensation:*

I had intended to finish my answer after the conditions I have just enumerated, but I find that this answer has, in my opinion, only touched on the problem itself. As a citizen living in the area affected by the plans and the work of the Federal District Commission, I feel it is my duty to clarify the Ste. Cecile de Masham situation in particular with a few facts of a general nature affecting the Quebec section of the National Capital district. In doing this, my only qualifications are that I have got together the data which I possess as secretary treasurer of the following bodies: Metropolitan Council of Western Quebec, Municipality of Ste. Cecile de Masham, Ste. Cecile de Masham School Commission. In addition, I am the vice-president of *l'Union des Chambres de Commerce de l'Ouest du Québec* and member of a few other organizations. I am also a permanent employee of the Provincial Department of Health for the County of Hull.

In my opinion, it is urgent that the policy of compensating municipalities on the present basis of grants in view of taxes lost by the municipalities be