

Mr. Smith: What is that?

The Chairman: The reference that you made about assistance to the working poor in that sense.

Mr. Smith: I believe it is, yes.

The Chairman: Can you identify it? I do not remember it.

Mr. Finigan: Mr. Chairman, I do not think it says that in that particular area but the White Paper goes into the whole question of welfare and of economics, of levels of income, rates of pay and so on, and levels of education.

It does not go into the narrow definition of the question of the poor house but I think one must understand that New Brunswick has just recently moved into the wider concept of bringing services to all people and this has come about after 50 or 100 years of a sort of feudal existence, where the municipalities operated welfare programs and I think we are going through our growing pains at this particular time.

The Chairman: Yes, I am glad you mentioned that because of any subsidization that is made the Federal government pays 50 per cent. It may be difficult for you, of course, to pay the first 50 per cent. I know your problem, but you see, you have got to reach for that first 50 because you are saving, as was indicated, a vast sum of money.

Miss Gale, did you want to say something?

Miss Gale: You were asking the witness about why these social workers did not go to the government and speak about this kind of thing. You see, since the White Paper has been issued...

The Chairman: It was a task force.

Miss Gale: Yes. The Social Services Council organized a meeting in which we sort of simulated community programs over different segments of the community and we were asked to respond to the White Paper, which was done, and a lot of these recommendations have gone to the Provincial government. I just wanted to make that point.

The Chairman: I am glad you did because the White Paper is certainly a good beginning.

Mr. Stegmayer: I think, Mr. Chairman, the core of the White Paper is on page 30 and 31

which asks four specific questions. What the citizen is prepared to pay for the introduction of this program and I am lost for the other three, but I remember the first one. It is on page 30 or 31.

The Chairman: It is on page 29 which you are looking at. Of course, these are very important questions.

Mr. Stegmayer: They are the nub of the White Paper, sir.

The Chairman: Yes. Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Committee I want to thank you for coming here today. This is a good brief. It contains a great deal of material that is very useful to us and very interesting, and with the conversation we have had this morning we have some understanding of the problems that we did not have before, which is always very helpful.

I want to convey to your group the appreciation of the Senate Committee for the time and effort that you put into the preparation of your brief. Would you also tell them that when they have documents issued by the Senate of Canada they should read them.

Mr. Stegmayer: May I make one brief comment?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Stegmayer: I think we should all thank the Committee because the kind of searching questions you have raised here will also stimulate our community to go further and become a little more active in things we might be doing. Thank you very much.

The meeting adjourned.

Upon resuming at 2.00 p.m.

The Chairman: We have a brief from The New Brunswick Association for the Advancement of Coloured People. Sitting on my right is Mr. Joseph Drummond, Executive Adviser and Past President, Vice-Chairman of the National Black Coalition of Canada, and Chairman of the Welfare Committee, and a native of the province.

Mr. Joseph S. Drummond, Executive Adviser and Past President, The New Brunswick Association for the Advancement of Coloured People: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and honourable members.

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