

such things, unnecessary things that do not bring any benefit to the people.

Mr. Paikowsky: It is a matter of priorities.

The Chairman: Let me say to both of you not to be discouraged, because new ideas find opponents very easily. They are a little harder to sell than normally would appear to you. They are not fully understood but they have a value. The encouraging part is that two young men like yourselves, both products of our environment and our education, take it upon themselves to come before the committee and present an idea for consideration and with the hope that you can help others. That in itself is worthy of commendation. I thank both of you for coming.

The Chairman: I understand that Mrs. Ann Chisholm, who is in the audience, wanted to say something.

Mrs. Ann Chisholm: I live in Saint John and I am an odd person insofar as I have two professions and yet in the past year I have only earned just about \$500. I have put down my monthly expenses here and I have \$155 that comes to me to handle and my monthly expenses, without food or heat, amounts to \$172. Therefore every month, of course, I have less and less.

I am firstly a nurse, an R.N. My activity as a private duty nurse in Saint John came to a rather abrupt close 17 years ago this month when the wife of my dying patient asked me if I would stay the night in her place so she might have a few hours of uninterrupted sleep. I explained to her I couldn't possibly stay. I will have to say that because I did accept this against my own desire—I would like to be home in bed myself—I stayed the night without pay and without being in the room, no contact whatsoever with the patient, but from that time onward I haven't been given a single solitary case at a hospital in Saint John.

After many months and years of striving to get a hearing I finally gave up temporarily and took up teaching. I taught for approximately 10 or 11 years and I feel I have done quite a good job. The trouble is I have a big mouth and when I see something that is wrong and continues to be wrong, somebody sticks their foot in my mouth, one foot and the other foot and the rear end and out I go. I was teaching at a school for retarded children when we went for a period of five weeks

without drinking cups in a building that had no ventilation, the windows were not opened and they were high up. I brought this to the attention of a general meeting and that was certainly the beginning of the end for me.

There were also such things as a little welfare boy who found a half bottle of pop and he drinks it and then he is denied his next gym period which was only 45 minutes once a week. This was a mentally retarded child. I object to that heartily.

My objection is I am out. I haven't had any work and I think I am perhaps one of the poorest people in your poverty program with less than \$500. Thank you.

The Chairman: Have you applied for welfare?

Mrs. Chisholm: I haven't but from what I gather I think I will apply soon. I am beginning to think they are far better off than I am.

The Chairman: That is your right. You should exercise your right.

Mrs. Chisholm: I would like to say that part of the money I do have is the newly acquired Old Age Pension that my brother gets and the other if for my mentally retarded 75-pound sister who I may bring tonight or tomorrow and you can see. That is my income.

The Chairman: Thank you very much.

This concludes our meeting this afternoon. There will be a meeting scheduled tonight commencing at 7:30 and 8:30.

The meeting adjourned.

Upon resuming at 7:30 p.m.

The Chairman: Order, please. We are continuing our hearings. We have the presentation from the South End Improvement Association, and the South End Tenants' Association. On my right is Miss Anne Maxwell who will make the presentation, and Miss McGrath. She will take some time in presenting the case and then there will be a video presentation which will take about 15 to 20 minutes.

Miss Anne Maxwell, Member, South End Improvement Association: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Senate Committee, ladies and gentlemen:

In our attempt to discern and suggest solutions to the problem of poverty in Canada we