

work with the doctors in the clinic and see the patients there. But we also do a lot of follow-up and teaching in the home setting. This is why I feel very strongly for our family health worker program as extensions of us in the community.

The emphasis on preventive medicine, this is really where most of our stress should be. It costs a lot of money to treat people who are already sick. I think a lot more emphasis in the medical profession generally should be placed on prevention.

The Chairman: Miss Stewart, you worked overseas in Switzerland. Did you do similar work overseas?

Miss Stewart: No, I was in a hospital.

The Chairman: You cannot relate the situation there amongst poor people and the diseases that affect the poor there as they affect the poor here?

Miss Stewart: I did not work at all in a clinic and I was a complete stranger to that country and not too familiar with their medical service operations, but I know that there they deal with a much more homogeneous population.

The educational level throughout a small country like Switzerland is much more equal than in a large country like Canada. In a big city like Montreal there are greater gaps, lower income areas, poor education. I have had some friends who worked in the social medicine field—I was strictly in a hospital ward—and they were able to push programs throughout the country, education of people, much easier than we are able to do in Canada.

Senator Inman: Do you feel like telling us how much your budget is and from what source you get it?

Mr. Wilson: As long as it is transmitted to the right places—our budget is \$40,000 a year. This can take into account the kind of people we would like to hire. We would like to hire an executive director for the clinic. We would like to hire a research coordinator and we would like to hire another nurse and have two full-time doctors and two full-time public health nurses. Up to the present, we have had no executive director, and the direction has been handled in a rather haphazard way by students, by doctors, et cetera. We would like to hire a research coordinator to see whether this method of providing care is a viable one. We would also want our research coordinator to keep up on the literature on this kind of care which is

being developed in small pockets in the rest of Canada and also in the United States.

We received our money up to the present, about \$14,790, from the federal Government as part of our research grant. That was for the last fiscal year. We have received large donations from the McConnell foundation and other foundations—the John and Mary Marco Foundations, the Royal Bank, the Bank of Montreal, and private donations. We received a bus from one foundation and we have just put in a grant for \$220,000 for the federal Government and are waiting patiently with fingers crossed to hear from them.

The Chairman: Do that with both hands, will you? They are hard to get money from these days.

Senator Inman: Do you find good co-operation and good relationship between the clinic and the citizens of Pointe St. Charles?

Mrs. Lorna Castell: Yes, there is. It has a friendly atmosphere and you are not afraid when you have a problem to tell them. Whereas when you go to the General, you are not at ease with the questions they ask.

Senator McGrand: It has a community atmosphere.

Mrs. Castell: Yes, it has. You feel more at home.

The Chairman: More personal, she is saying. That is what Mr. Wilson was stressing here too.

Now, let me ask the question that I think is on everybody's mind. As of the 1st of July you have medicare coming into the Province of Quebec.

Senator Sullivan: What is medicare!

The Chairman: How do you see that affecting your work in general?

Mr. Wilson: We have discussed this with the doctors themselves and it all depends of course when it comes in. I have heard rumours about December of this year and July of this year. When it does come in, hopefully we will be able to organize some kind of relationship with the federal Government or with the provincial government on a cost-sharing basis as far as the services are concerned.

Senator Fournier: I think in the morning paper, it says it is going to come out on July 1st.