

cies or request assistance from another agency.

I think this attitude of working on it from a private point of view or an individual point of view is wrong. I think we should contact other agencies and use other resources, frankly.

Senator Fournier: I should have asked it as the first question. Does the Saint John Community Workers Association go in the field? Is it a welfare community organization in a welfare association?

Mr. Smith: It is all the various social agencies in the community, AA, Health and Welfare, Nursing, and so on.

Senator Fournier: That is good enough. You also refer to a change in training programs to provide adult education and technical training. Do we not do that now?

Mr. Smith: We do it, but we do not have enough of it.

Senator Fournier: Is it a matter of buildings or facilities?

Mr. Smith: Facilities, for one thing.

Senator Fournier: In what way? What are we short of in the schools in Saint John?

Mr. Smith: I think they are not adequate to meet the adult problem which we have run across continuously and that is you need Grade 10 for, we will say, a motor mechanic.

Senator Fournier: To become a barber.

Mr. Smith: People may only have Grade 7 or 8. If they do not have Grade 10 they are out of luck. They cannot get any training.

Senator Fournier: The upgrading facilities do not achieve the purpose?

Mr. Smith: They do, but they are not the group of whom I am thinking. When I say adults, I am thinking of these children at 16 or 17 years of age. I have come across many cases of boys from reformatory training school who are just not capable of even taking a course and passing exams, and getting into it. Therefore, they are limited. They have no way of getting into it.

Senator Fournier: There are no facilities for them?

Mr. Smith: Not that I am aware of, no.

Senator Quart: Mr. Chairman, the first question I would like to ask Mr. Smith is: Does your Community Workers Association act as a coordinating council for the other community services in the area?

Mr. Smith: I will pass that on to a resource person, if I can, and ask Mr. Finigan, who is the president, to answer that.

Mr. James Finigan, President, Saint John Community Workers Association: Mr. Chairman, the Committee of the Workers Association actually is a group that meets constantly, at least once a month, and discusses problems and we have a luncheon meeting and one of the prime factors for that is the people who work in the field get to know each other.

In other words, when we talk about this we get to know this person. We have special speakers in the Lions with the work that we do. We also have periods when each agency describes what they can do so that other people in the community working with people realize that if they need a referral where they can get this referral.

Senator Quart: How many members have you? How many communities have you in the group?

Mr. Finigan: How many agencies?

Senator Quart: Agencies.

Mr. Finigan: Well, we have numerous agencies in Saint John—all health agencies, recreation and welfare. We even have a clergyman in our group.

Senator Quart: They all belong to your group?

Mr. Finigan: They all belong to our group.

Senator Quart: Approximately how many members would that entail?

Mr. Finigan: Well, it is hard to say the number of people. Possibly we usually have about 50 active members at a meeting.

Senator Quart: Have you a regular full time office?

Mr. Finigan: No, we do not have an office like an agency. It is just more or less...

Senator Quart: Getting together?

Mr. Finigan: You could say it is a social gathering of people to discuss problems and to understand problems in other agencies.