

regard to the numbers, in relationship to the numbers. It is true that the Caribbean community does help and it is true that some parts of the Canadian black community try to help each other from going on to welfare. That is why we call it the soul concept. It goes back to the thing of all for one and one for all.

Senator McGrand: You mentioned there were more people in Manpower in Fredericton than Saint John. You have that impression. I think you are perhaps a little optimistic. I would like to know how many blacks are employed there before I will agree they are getting any better treatment up there than they are getting here.

Senator Hastings: Were you not saying more employed in the Manpower office?

Mr. Drummond: That is the office of Manpower. They have two typists who are employed in the office in Fredericton, I saw them two weeks ago myself. There is one girl in the office of the Department of Justice. Again in Saint John we lag behind, yet we have an organization that goes out and tries to confront them.

Senator McGrand: There was a black girl working for the Department of Health 25 years ago and she got married and went to Boston.

Mr. Drummond: I have a good idea who you mean. I won't quote any name.

Senator Fergusson: There was a black stenographer that worked in the office of which I was in charge in Fredericton in the late forties. I suppose that would be about the same time. She did a wonderful job and we thought she was a wonderful employee.

I am interested in what Senator McGrand says about Fredericton. Do you feel there is any more consideration for the black people in Fredericton than there is in Saint John?

Mr. Drummond: I cannot speak for the white community in any place because I don't know their values. They are hard to keep tabs on, to tell you the truth, as far as I am concerned, and I believe in speaking my mind.

If there seems to be this attitude in Fredericton and the government offices, both federally and provincially, I think it should be carried all through the province wherever you find black people.

In our own welfare office I heard them speak of the task force in great glowing terms for two days now. I would like to take exception to these glowing terms because even though the task force is needed and the White Paper on Social Reform is needed, they neglected to have the black community or the Indian community as members of the task force. I don't mean the bourgeois blacks, but the blacks who know what it is like to stretch out a meal of Kraft dinner and bologna.

On the Welfare Appeal Board they do not have any blacks or Indians. I am not speaking for the Indians because I don't have that honour, but what does another man from Mount Pleasant know of the condition of the black man or woman who is down in the nitty-gritty when they come to appeal? They do not have the articulation to appeal and they are afraid of the red tape and officialdom. That is why I take great exception. Until they get people on there who represent the two communities then it is useless to us black people.

Senator McGrand: Are you a member of the Human Rights Commission?

Mr. Drummond: Yes.

The Chairman: As a matter of fact you have just brought in a report which the Council endorsed recommending that the matter of human rights be really enforced in this community rather than just tolerated.

Mr. Drummond: That is the Volunteer Committee. It is called the Mayors' Committee on Human Rights. I am vice chairman of that. My appointment is a provincial appointment. I am a Human Rights Commissioner.

The Chairman: I am talking about the Mayors' Committee.

Mr. Drummond: Yes. We just brought this in.

The Chairman: You said you don't understand the white man.

Mr. Drummond: The white community.

The Chairman: Now seven generations in Saint John of Drummonds and almost 15 years in the navy or in the forces, what don't you understand about your fellow man?

Mr. Drummond: I cannot understand some of their hypocritical ways, some of their two-faced manners. I have been here for many generations but you never know how to take