

The coming to Hull of a better qualified and higher income population gives a false impression of reduced economic contrast between Ottawa and Hull, hiding the situation of downtown Hull residents. More accurately, we feel that the planned disappearance of the manufacturing sector in Hull, and the lack of federal incentive to create new enterprises, have had such consequences that a large sector of the population has suffered rather than benefited from NCC's interventions.

The intervention of the Federal Government in Hull also severely affected the residents of Hull in terms of housing. Between 1969 and 1974 1537 housing units were torn down either to make room for federal buildings or to create the road system needed because of these new buildings. Within a few years people in Hull have seen glass and cement columns grow near their houses if these had been spared by road construction. And whole sectors have been isolated by criss-crossing boulevards.

The destroyed housing facilities were characteristically large, low cost and of good quality. These housing facilities had been built by their owners with much physical effort and at great financial cost.

The government's activities in Hull soon drew a crowd of speculators, small and large, attracted by the federal piggy-bank. The scarcity of land, caused by the massive buying of various governments has attracted real estate monopolies as well as beginners in this field. Companies were set up and bought land strips everywhere in the centre of Hull in the hope of building either office or luxury apartment highrises. Little by little, Hull tenants (they used to live in the same house as