

so I will not repeat it, except to say that I agree with him completely.

Senator MacKenzie then referred to the members of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, which is written up in the Canadian Medical Association Journal of November 5, 1966.

I wish to quote a few remarks of Dr. McCreary to show you exactly how he feels about it. Dr. McCreary expressed the view that the Canadian medicare scheme could drive away immigrant physicians and cause a serious shortage of doctors in Canada. He said that Canada must register about 1,300 new physicians each year to maintain its present physician-population ratio. "However," he said, "our 12 medical schools only produce 850 new doctors each year."

Regarding immigrants, he said:

Canada would have been in serious difficulty during the period of post-war population growth if it had not been for the large number of immigrant physicians. Now, Canada will cease to be one of the two remaining countries in the world where health services are provided entirely on the free enterprise system. It may well become a less attractive place to foreign physicians than it has been in the past.

Regarding the expansion plan, Dr. McCreary said the Royal Commission on Health Services also recognized the effect medicare might have to diminish the number of immigrant doctors, and had urged immediate expansion and construction of medical training facilities.

The *University Toronto Graduate*, of December 1966, page 22, quoted Dr. Chute, the new Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, in answer to the question, "Is there any answer for the doctor shortage?" as follows:

No matter what we do, there will be a shortage of doctors for the next 15 or 20 years. There just is not enough doctors in Canada.

I do not often quote from newspapers, with all due respect to Senator O'Leary (Carleton). I have not made much use of the big scissors they gave me when I first came here. There is a smaller type of scissors I would like to use on some people down here. However, I would like to quote from the *Montreal Star* of March 2, 1966. That paper carried an extract of an editorial in the *Journal of the Canadian*

Medical Association. The *Montreal Star* then said:

The editorial is an urgent appeal for government to heed the warnings and the proposals of the Gundy Report on Medical Education.

It is one of the most informative reports that ever has been produced in this country as regards medical science and education, but it has been disregarded completely. It has been sent to everybody but it was never made any use of.

This is what the *Star* said:

The editorial is an urgent appeal for government to heed the warnings and the proposals of the Gundy report on medical education. It refers to the "twilight sleep of lethargy" which enfolds both the public and those in high place.

Canadians complain endlessly about their abject position vis-à-vis the United States. But they refuse to face the fact that much of it is simply due to failure to spend money where it will do the most good. We are prepared, apparently, to institute medicare at vast expense. We do little to improve medical science and education upon which, obviously, medicare ultimately depends. The amount of money involved is trifling in comparison to the global budget total.

I would quote further from Dr. Jones, and I shall be brief, because I could talk until midnight about this subject.

This matter has been studied by many bodies, most recently in the Gundy Report, and all have come up with staggering figures about our needs for increased medical research. Let me emphasize that this is not to have large break-throughs in medical knowledge, though that would be very nice and such things have occurred in Canada in the past, but because unless we do have adequate research facilities of our own, we cannot properly teach modern medicine and we will not attract or hold our qualified teachers.

All groups agree that we need a vast extension of facilities, hospitals, laboratories, and so on. All groups are exceedingly concerned by the very poor conditions in the mental health services in this country, for example, taking up almost 50 per cent of the hospital beds of Canada.

This has been Government responsibility for years. I want this on the record carefully, and every word of it.