

enforce the Narcotics Control Act? I am thinking of the R.C.M.P. and the whole machinery under that act.

Mr. McCARTHY: Yes. I think this is what will happen: the present enforcement authorities will assume responsibility for the administration of this part.

Senator THORVALDSON: Do you use the services of the R.C.M.P. under the Food and Drugs Act?

Mr. McCARTHY: Yes.

Senator THORVALDSON: So, actually it is safe to say that it would be brought pretty well within the same type of scope.

Mr. McCARTHY: I believe that is true, yes, sir.

Senator MOLSON: Has consideration been given to whether it is possible to check the promotion of LSD and marijuana, which apparently are being promoted in some shops in Yorkville, and so on, where in effect they are advertising accessories that help you take a "trip" and make it more wonderful, and so on.

Senator McDONALD: You might call them "travel agencies".

Mr. McCARTHY: Well, under the legislation we have now marijuana is of course listed under the Narcotics Control Act. As far as LSD is concerned, as yet consideration has not been given to the control or to the availability of measures for controlling the advertising of LSD, for instance, until this act comes through.

Inspector Macauley may be able to give some useful information on this from the experience he has gained so far.

The CHAIRMAN: Inspector Macauley, do you have anything to add on this particular point?

Inspector J. A. Macauley, Criminal Investigation Branch, Royal Canadian Mounted Police: On the advertising?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. Of course, I understand that you have not the authority of legislation as yet.

Inspector MACAULEY: There is no authority whatsoever for us to do anything.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us just project your ideas a little bit and presume there is authority. How will the enforcement proceed?

Inspector MACAULEY: Well, once we have a possession charge for the illegal possession of LSD, we may be able to take some steps to control it. But so far as advertising is concerned, I do not feel this would be necessary. We could take some action in so far as illegal possession is concerned, though.

Senator CROLL: We could attack it on the basis of false advertising, Mr. Chairman: it does not do what it says it does. May I ask Dr. Hardman a question on another point? Can you identify an age group?

Dr. HARDMAN: Yes.

Senator CROLL: What is it?

Dr. HARDMAN: It is 16 to 24, but it is now going down as low as 11.

Senator CROLL: Then you are getting the high schools?

Dr. HARDMAN: That is correct, in Vancouver.

Senator CROLL: Is there much use in that age group?

Dr. HARDMAN: No, sir. Statistics are very difficult to obtain on this, because both sides of the argument are interested in inflating the statistics. The proponents are claiming wide statistics and, on the other hand, the natural tendency for us would be to say that 10 per cent of the students are using it. We have no evidence of the quantitative use, however. The only evidence we have is what is turning up in the emergency wards in the hospitals.

Senator CROLL: Yes. Well, the Board of Education of the City of Vancouver issued an advertisement. Do you know about that?