

Summary of the Report on Social Security for Canada
as prepared by the Advisory Committee on Social Security
Special House of Commons Committee on Social Security

The report sets out:

- (a) The main features of the present social security legislation already existing in Canada.
- (b) The methods by which these provisions may be improved or extended generally by the introduction of the various schemes mentioned in a comprehensive social security system in the country.
- (c) The principles which should be considered in the construction of a comprehensive social security system in the country in the most efficient and effective manner.

It is emphasized that the report is not a compilation of brief measures, but that any legislation is necessary before the "detailed" plan is adopted.

On the constitutional aspect, the report expresses the opinion that proper attention and consideration of a comprehensive scheme will not be possible unless the Federal and provincial governments work out a clear understanding as to their respective responsibilities.

Another fundamental principle is that social security legislation should be based on the national income. As the report suggests, the social security system should be one of the "strategic factors" in the national economy. The flow of income from the various sources and other factors, the social and economic conditions, which is a part of the national income, should be taken into consideration for children, family stability, and a healthy and productive economy. It is not only an essential part of the national income, but also a condition for the development of the national economy. It is a part of the national income, and it is a condition for the development of the national economy. It is a part of the national income, and it is a condition for the development of the national economy.

Following are summarized the elements of the comprehensive scheme suggested as suitable for Canada.

General principles, including the elements of the scheme, are set out in the following paragraphs.

(A) All Income Taxation

1. Medical care, including hospitalization, should be provided free of charge to all citizens. This should be financed by a special tax on the national income, and should be subject to a special fund for medical care. The special fund should be established as a separate fund, and should be subject to a special fund for medical care.

2. Unemployment benefits should be provided to all citizens who are unemployed through no fault of their own. This should be financed by a special tax on the national income, and should be subject to a special fund for unemployment benefits. The special fund should be established as a separate fund, and should be subject to a special fund for unemployment benefits.

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