

situation where an agricultural representative encourages a landholder to embark upon an extended agricultural program while, concurrently, a welfare agent encourages the same man to enter a retraining program that would remove him from agricultural employment.¹ Agency representatives having the best of intentions cannot work effectively unless clearly defined and enunciated policy and goal structures enable them to act in conscious and informed collaboration. There must be a collective vision engaging inputs from all agents of change. The skills and insights of the sociologist are needed to complement those of the economist and other specialists dealing with poverty problems in Nova Scotia.

1 "There appears to be a widespread lack of co-ordination between welfare and manpower services; good co-ordination is needed here to help family units achieve economic viability." Economic Council of Canada, Sixth Annual Review, (Ottawa: Queen's Printer, 1969) p. 119.