

requirements are far too high and you do, in fact, discriminate against the man who has just arrived in Canada and who has a status in his native country. He arrives in Canada and finds he cannot in any way be licensed or registered in your federal organization. I am not criticising you in particular.

Mr. McNamara: Well, we maintain a list of universities around the world. This work is carried on primarily by the Canada Council of Professional Engineers. They have a standing committee to do this work. These are universities whose standards are recognized automatically. A graduate of these universities with the experience requirement, which amounts to two years in engineering work, is automatically the same as a graduate of a Canadian university. There are universities in Canada and in the United States that are not recognized automatically. The graduates of those universities are required to prove their technical competence just the same as people from other countries.

Senator Hastings: As a Canadian?

Mr. McNamara: That is right.

Senator Hastings: In your brief, you say:

All Canadians have a right to a healthy life in this prosperous and developing country.

What do you mean by "healthy"? Do you mean keeping alive?

Mr. McNamara: Well, that, like the word "poverty" or "prosperity" is a relative term. I think every man almost has to define that for himself.

One, I suppose, can define it statistically by the health standards of the day which, again, varies as years go by. I imagine what is considered a reasonably healthy life today is quite different from a reasonable healthy life in 1920.

Senator Hastings: In other words, you are referring to physical and mental health?

Mr. McNamara: I am referring to physical and mental health. These, I think, cannot be separated from a person's financial well-being.

Senator Hastings: Does your Association believe that every Canadian has a right to sufficient resources to provide the basic necessities of life and a reasonably comfortable life for one's dependents and one's self?

Mr. McNamara: That is correct.

Mr. McKinnon: We use the word "resources" in its broadest sense.

Senator Hastings: He has a right.

Mr. McNamara: He has a right to the resources. In other words he should not be prevented from getting to the resources, and incentives should be such as to encourage him to get to the resources.

The Chairman: Mr. McNamara and Mr. McKinnon, for two reasons we are very thankful to you. When we started our hearings we sent out invitations to professional bodies and you are the first Professional Engineering body that accepted our invitation. We are very appreciative of that.

On top of that you travelled some distance to come here, and this morning you have made a contribution, and you have been helpful to us. In a quiet way you have said many things that needed saying from people who are in the field, and who are concerned and have the interest of the country at heart. The committee thanks both of you for your contribution this morning.

Mr. McNamara: Thank you very much.

The Chairman: We have a brief here from Dr. Bruce Parlee. He is Chief of the Department of General Practice at the Hospital. We do not see too many general practitioners as we go around the country but as was pointed out to me Dr. McGrand was a very general practitioner many years ago.

Dr. Parlee will read his brief and then we will put some questions to him.

Dr. H. Bruce Parlee, Chief of the Department of General Practice, Saint John Hospital: Mr. Chairman and Honourable Senators, my brief is very short, as you know, and I am basing it on the right of a person to live his life with dignity and possibly by changing his environment it will increase his chances to live that life.

I have been asked to report to you concerning poverty as seen through the eyes of a practising physician in this City. You will have had briefs in great detail concerning Education, Guidance, Intelligence, Disabilities, and Calamities as they affect the picture of poverty in our country. However, the aspect beyond all others with which a general practitioner is daily confronted is Environment