

March 31, 2016

Open letter to Mrs. Francine Landry
Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour
Fredericton, NB

Re: February Statutory Holiday

Minister Francine Landry,

As you are well aware, for a three month period between Christmas and Easter, there are no holidays in New Brunswick. In our view, that period is too long. An increasing number of provinces have adopted an additional holiday for their citizens, most during February. The following provinces all have a statutory holiday in February: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario have a Family Day, Manitoba has Louis Riel Day, Nova Scotia has Heritage Day and Prince Edward Island has Island Day.

The Common Front for Social Justice supports the Government of New Brunswick in regards to the province establishing a statutory holiday in February. The hard working citizens of this province deserve a day to rest and spend time with their loved ones and do so without fear of having a reduction in their next pay check.

Every day, thousands of workers go to work and contribute to the economy and society. They work hard and tirelessly to provide for themselves and their families. This will be a day for workers to enjoy the people in their lives, in the place they call home, in the province in which they have chosen to live.

A day of rest for the the workers of New Brunswick will warm their hearts during one of the coldest months of the year. Providing them an extra day for their own well-being benefits everyone because people who are well rested and have more time to do things they enjoy are more productive workers.

We look forward to hearing the Government of New Brunswick's final decision regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Chantal Landry
Provincial Secretary
New Brunswick Common Front for Social Justice