

think they ought to get to some time. When that time will be I do not know, but we believe that, and I hope you will excuse us for believing that. I think the members of our association will continue to believe that, but any steps which are taken, and such as are being contemplated at the present time, I believe are wonderfully good steps leading up to where we think this thing will get to.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Appleby has a short statement.

Mr. BREITHAAPT: Will he be here to-morrow? I have not had the floor at all. It is only a small group has the floor in this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: You will have it all day to-morrow.

Mr. BREITHAAPT: Nobody else gets a chance to speak around here—

The CHAIRMAN: We will let you have it to-morrow.

Mr. APPLEBY: I will not take more than a couple of minutes because Mr. Bickerton has answered many of the questions. I should like to deal with one matter which was raised, and that is as to one section of the community paying for another section. I would like to give you some of the thoughts of our association on that. There was something said which did not seem to fall in line with the thoughts of our association, that year after year any point in our province would be taxed to pay interest and keep on paying for another part. We had a system that was entered into whereby a portion of our province which continually proved that it would not supply its own needs and its upkeep was taken out and placed in the government community pastures. It all goes to keep up our whole dominion. You can put into a little community pasture a part of the province which has proved that it never will support itself under any policy. I think it can be explained in that way. It has worked in our province in large areas. Thousands of acres have been withdrawn. Mr. Tucker knows that. That part can be taken out. I think that would eliminate a lot of this argument. When we come down here with our association it is an honest endeavour, an appeal to you people to do something about conditions out in Saskatchewan. There is tremendous unrest out there in the prairie provinces. Saskatchewan has shown that there is tremendous unrest. The leaders in the farm movements have pretty well lost their faith in the banks and the government administrators because they just have not shown them the way out. They don't know why particularly, but their condition has progressively got worse over the last number of years, and they have produced and produced.

Mr. McNEVIN: Is it not a fact that if you take the reports, there have been very substantial reductions in the mortgage indebtedness in the province in the last two years?

Mr. APPLEBY: Yes. I said progressively. Don't take any two years. It is twenty years or thirty years, and the debt has piled up and up.

All this serious unrest is another thing, and they are looking for something. I do not think we want to enter into any discussion, and I want to avoid that, but there is a way out, and we are honestly looking to this committee for a solution; and if the solution is not found here unrest is going to grow and grow, and what is going to happen is going to be laid at the feet of this committee where it is going to be placed. You are responsible for giving us a position in Canada that will push us forward, and if you fail in your commission then Lord help us.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, on behalf of the committee I wish to thank you for your attendance here.

Mr. TUCKER: Perhaps Mr. Bickerton could remain for to-morrow's meeting. There are members who wish to ask him questions.

Mr. BICKERTON: Yes, there is really no reason why I should go. I could stay over.

The committee adjourned to meet Thursday, July 6, at 11 a.m.