

Good opportunities exist for interaction with reindeer-breeders. Conditions also exist for the establishment of an integrated enterprise for (a) tanning leather, (b) processing the by-products of slaughtered reindeer, and (c) the manufacture of consumer goods.

We expect much from an improvement in the activities of Arctic "Intourist" enterprises and their closer co-operation with similar organizations in neighbouring countries. For example, the accelerated reconstruction of the Lotta-Murmansk highway with Finnish participation will give new impetus not only to business co-operation, but will also make it possible to at least double tourist exchange.

Still other possible objectives of international co-operation in the Kola Peninsula to the benefit of business partners are starting to appear. Of course, by no means all tasks can be accomplished with the resources and means of our province. But we have a foreign economic sphere which is almost completely in our hands. I refer to borderline trade and direct business contacts between our enterprises and neighbouring Scandinavian partners. The resulting earnings are directed towards the strengthening of the material base of enterprises and partly towards the acquisition abroad of consumer goods.

For the Arctic, to where nearly all food products, including vegetables and fruits, are brought in from the outside, it is very important to ensure the preservation of these products on the spot during the long Arctic winter. And so it is impossible to do without secure storehouses. This is why we used our borderline trade earnings to also purchase modern vegetable and fruit storehouses from Finnish firms. Four of them, with a capacity of up to 10,000 tonnes each, are already being put to use. The "Sevryba" All-Union Fish-Industry