

*contract with Laval University, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Macdonald College or Memramcook Institute for a series of short courses on agricultural production to be held at several locations throughout Kent County during the late fall or winter.*

*"It has been my feeling that technology has not been accepted and put into practice as fast as we would hope" (Weaver).*

- 3. That the federal agriculture research station in Fredericton undertake immediately the development of new varieties of grain, forages, and vegetables specifically adapted to the Maritimes.*
- 4. That the present 4-H program in Kent County be expanded into the school system and that students be encouraged to participate.*

#### Management and Resources Services

This program must assist the farmer in assessing his needs and potential in terms of planning, resources and management. It will also provide an integrated package of capital, credit and other kinds of financial assistance needed to support existing, new and replacement farmers.

In addition careful consideration of the land resource will be necessary so as to evaluate its greatest potential.

These services must be integrated and closely coordinated with production oriented field services.

#### Recommendations:

- 1. That the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Kent County Development Association introduce a farm management and planning service whereby annual on-farm visits are made.*
- 2. "My second observation would be that until the province comes to grips with a basic land use aspect of the problem nothing very significant is going to happen. Provinces have a great deal of difficulty with this" (Kristjanson).*

*That the Province of New Brunswick impose a freeze on the sale of land out of agriculture in Kent until such time as some of the new initiatives in agricultural development have had a chance to encourage the continuation of agriculture in Kent, and that the province seriously consider the establishment of a land bank where farmers could either purchase land or lease it from the bank on a long term basis at a charge of lower than the normal rate of interest. For "when used in conjunction with deliberate attempts to encourage new entrants, land banks can be a most effective means of assisting in agricultural development" (MacEachern). Kent cannot afford further losses of agricultural land.*