

Mr. KRISTJANSON: It is not being used at the present time. We are very interested in looking at irrigation in that particular area because of the necessity for continuity of production, and we are also looking very closely at the development of irrigation projects in the so-called Pembina triangle. There will be a very detailed study of that region. However, the Carberry region will also be looked at as to the feasibility of water for that area.

Senator INMAN: What are you doing in the processing of potatoes?

Mr. TRUEMNER: There are several kinds. There are five potato products, and I will attempt to name them. There is what is called the French fried potato; the potato patty; the dehydrated or granulated potato, which is based on the Asselberg process, developed through the auspices of the federal Government; and there is the potato slice.

Senator INMAN: Potato chips?

Mr. TRUEMNER: No, not chips; I do not think they are contemplated. There is one more, but I believe the main production lies with the dehydrated potato and the French fried.

Senator INMAN: Is the frozen potato required to be cooked?

Mr. TRUEMNER: Yes. I am not an expert on cooking, but I imagine so.

Mr. KRISTJANSON: They are not pre-cooked.

Senator HORNER: Do you think they compare with potatoes boiled in their skin or baked?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: Dehydrated potatoes are becoming popular but.

Senator HORNER: Perhaps the lack of proper storage and warehousing in Carberry may limit a plentiful supply, because in many parts of Canada, simply for lack of proper storage we have brought in vegetables from the south at different seasons of the year, where it should have been possible to get them here. Is that considered in your program?

Mr. TRUEMNER: On that point, the airport had six hangars, and when the Airport was brought to the Simplot Corporation, they joined three hangars together and put in conveyor belts thereby using these three hangars for the processing, packaging and storing and freezing, operations but of course the hangars had to be renovated, and there was quite a bit of reconstruction done to accomplish this.

Senator McGRAND: Mr. Truemner, the department of industry and commerce you represent, and the development of ARDA, are going to travel along parallel lines in Manitoba to co-ordinate your program. Is the purpose not only to develop the latent resources in the rural communities, but also in order to render the rural communities suitable for people to live in and to be close to the resources of the land; is that part of your program?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: Where it is possible or feasible to develop a community, yes; but we must recognize that there are some communities that do not have the facilities for expansion of industry. However, it is in effect a decentralization program, but not necessarily to the extremity of a hamlet, having a post office, and nothing else.

Senator McGRAND: Then you develop the resource of that community that is not otherwise developed?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you developing a pilot area? It has been suggested in certain provinces they do that in this ARDA program.

Mr. KRISTJANSON: Not specifically, no. It is done in sub-marginal areas. The most work is done in the southeast. Mr. Truemner was speaking about the