

made as much money so easily and have no intention of going back to the farm. I think that is the same all over the country.

I was brought up in Michigan and I did not like it there so I went to Alberta and liked it better there, and that is something you cannot do much about. However, I do think we should try and make it as interesting as we can because it certainly is nice to keep our boys around us and our girls as well. As I said, Ontario does not have this problem to the same extent and since we struck oil in Alberta we have done a lot there to better things. Most any young farmer can go out to work on the oil drills, to work in the oil fields and make pretty easy money and they are used to working.

Mr. Chairman, how are you going to keep them down on the farm after they've seen Paris?

The CHAIRMAN: That's the question.

Hon. Dr. DEWAR: I think the senator from Nova Scotia has the solution—I think that farm income has to go up.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): But, the moment that your farm income goes up your cost of operating also goes up.

The CHAIRMAN: It does if you do not enlarge your farm unit.

In Saskatchewan we are overcoming that mostly by increasing the size of a farm unit, but in many cases it is difficult for them to get into that position.

Senator STAMBAUGH: You can do it if you can get enough land to work your tractor full time.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, if you have a big enough farm to keep the cost of production down.

Senator STAMBAUGH: A farmer generally has an investment in a tractor and various kinds of machinery, and if his farm is not big enough to use that full power, and use it in the full days that you can work it, then the farm cannot be made to pay.

Senator McGRAND: If you were to enlarge Prince Edward Island farms on that basis it would not be long until you had the soil of Prince Edward Island cultivated by very few farmers.

Senator STAMBAUGH: That is a fact, it is going to lead to fewer farmers.

Senator McGRAND: And it does not give you more population.

Senator STAMBAUGH: It will give the farmers who are there a better standard of living and they will be better satisfied and that's what we are trying to do as well.

Senator MACDONALD (*Queens*): Senator Stambaugh, isn't the whole philosophy of our land use committee to try and hold on to the family farm—isn't that the philosophy we are trying to put over here?

Senator STAMBAUGH: Yes, but we are not trying to hold them there by chaining them down, we are trying to make it more attractive.

Hon. Dr. DEWAR: This tendency to leave the farm is not uniform throughout the world. I was in Malaysia last month and I was shown a rural program that was being carried out in a rubber plantation. There and 8-acre unit is an economic unit for growing rubber and I was told that for each of these 8-acre units the department of government in charge has a hundred applications for each of these units, applications from people in Malaysia who are anxious to get the land.

Senator STAMBAUGH: I think that is true. Of course it has been the opposite there. They have great land owners and they have thousands of acres.