

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND STUDIES

A comprehensive analysis entitled "Off-Farm Work by Farmers" written by Ray D. Bollman. Statistics Canada published in March, 1979 is an excellent analysis of Census data in relation to farmers and farmers with other income. The author reviews the work of other research analysts as well as the Canadian Census data and concludes with the following comments:

"Some studies (e.g., Gruber, 1971; Nerndier, 1973; Moore and Wayt, 1957; and Perkins, 1972) view part-time farming only as a temporary phenomenon whereby farmers are adjusting from full-time farm work to full-time non-farm work (or, sometimes, from non-farm work to full-time farming). This study suggests that part-time farming can be viewed as a permanent situation which may be a solution to the problems of low incomes among farmers and a solution to the problem of rural depopulation. Off-farm work among farmers can be promoted by increasing the opportunities for off-farm work among farm operators. The results of this study indicate two alternative methods will have a positive impact on off-farm work among farmers: either increase the number of jobs within a reasonable commuting distance of the farmer, or train the farmer for job opportunities that already exist.

Nevertheless, the role of off-farm work in facilitating the adjustment of the farm operator's labour resource into or out of agriculture must be recognized. This is a topic that is not