

Senator WALL: On page 5 of the brief, Dr. Kristjanson, you mention a suggested educational program for one of the areas, in an attempt to prepare at least some of the people for non-agricultural employment. The question which I put right at the beginning was, Are you training them to leave the area or to re-orient themselves for the opportunities which may exist within the area. What is the basic consideration?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: In some areas it will have to be training—it will have to be training to leave. However, in the case of this group of 25 leaders a very interesting point came up. They were talking about the type of training they would need—on improvement in forest management skills and other training that would prepare them for jobs that could be developed within their own area. It is a very significant point.

Senator WALL: On page 6, dealing with the 25 rural leaders, you say that these people reached the point of developing a suggested administration framework at both the provincial and the local levels. What is that framework? What were you thinking of?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: Essentially they came up with this coordinator idea in the local area; and they came up with the interdepartmental committee idea at the provincial level; people to feed information to the coordinator and to whom the coordinator could go. This group would also look at the total province so that, just as was mentioned a while ago where communities were competing, they want them to look at the province as a whole and say: "This region is suitable for this type of development; let us push that here. It could possibly go into another area, but let us try to do things in this area." On the local level they suggested committees on agriculture, tourism and so on, to work under the chairmanship of this co-ordinator that I suggested.

Senator WALL: This co-ordinator should be a provincial employee, and at best should be an Ag. Rep. who has been extensively trained in that same area if he is to fulfill that function, and such a man would have to be taken away from his duties for a month or two.

Mr. KRISTJANSON: I would put it this way, that there are two alternatives. You could take a person who has the other experience in coordinating at the provincial level, in a sense, and train him for local involvement. The Ag. Rep.—has the other experience of motivation in the local area, and the reason I put him first is that in my opinion the local involvement is so very crucial, and I think it is easier to provide training for that individual of the other nature than to do the reverse.

Senator WALL: I think so, too.

The CHAIRMAN: If there are no further questions I shall adjourn the meeting. We have heard this morning from two men of practical and very technical experience. We have had very fine briefs from both of them upon this very important subject. I extend our thanks to both Mr. Kristjanson and Mr. Truemner.

The meeting thereupon adjourned.