

Mr. DAVIDSON: You mean under all sections of the act?

Senator WALL: Yes.

Mr. DAVIDSON: Yes, they do. All provinces have made proposals. It would be difficult for me to honestly say whether one province is keener than any other. All provinces are interested and the projects cover almost a full range and perhaps beyond what will be finally agreed upon.

Senator WALL: May I ask this question. You mention an inter departmental committee at the deputy minister's level, and then at the working level.

Mr. DAVIDSON: Yes.

Senator WALL: Which departments are likely to be involved in this type of committee?

Mr. DAVIDSON: It has been proposed to involve—if I can remember them all—the departments of Agriculture, Finance, Fisheries, Trade and Commerce, Forestry, Citizenship and Immigration, and Labour. I think I have covered them all.

Senator CAMERON: The Department of National Health and Welfare would be in there too.

Mr. DAVIDSON: No, not to date.

Senator VAILLANCOURT: I believe at the beginning of your remarks you mentioned that two provinces are interested in reforestation.

Mr. DAVIDSON: If I said two I misled the committee. A number of provinces are interested in projects, under this alternative uses of land section, to do with tree-growing. All the eastern provinces are interested.

Senator VAILLANCOURT: You mentioned two provinces.

Senator TAYLOR (*Westmorland*): No, he referred to all eastern provinces before, Senator Vaillancourt.

Mr. DAVIDSON: Yes. If I said two provinces I was wrong. I think we have such proposals from all the eastern provinces.

Senator HOLLETT: In what connection is the Department of Fisheries associated?

Mr. DAVIDSON: The Department of Fisheries has been proposed to be included on the committee because particularly in the Atlantic provinces there are many areas where fisheries are the major factor in the question of rural development, rural income and employment opportunities. It is our proposal that in the studies of rural development in these areas, the fishing industry and employment opportunities in the fishing industry, the question of what I might call off-farm employment in fisheries—I think it is almost the other way round in some cases—would have to be considered. This is why we have had discussions with the Department of Fisheries, and where they have programs in some sections of the Atlantic provinces they will have to be intimately concerned.

Senator HOLLETT: There is no doubt about that in so far as my province is concerned. I take it Newfoundland is interested in this?

Mr. DAVIDSON: Yes, very much so.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? I would like to say we appreciate very much, Mr. Davidson, your presence before this committee. You gave a clear outline of what we more or less anticipated was being done in regard to the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act, but we