

Extension

Your Committee is of the opinion that agricultural extension is of paramount importance and that effective use of research and experimental results are not now fully or adequately adopted by practising farmers. Your Committee believes demonstration plots or farms administered by the Federal Agricultural Research Stations would assist in solving this problem.

Your Committee requests that the Government give serious consideration to working in conjunction with Provincial Extension Services, to arrive at an improved method of disseminating valuable research information and suggestions on a farm to farm basis and on a personal basis where possible.

Inspection and Sale Act

Your Committee is of the opinion that the Inspection and Sale Act, Chapter 155, R.S.C. 1952, along with the Inspection and Sale Act Regulations which appeared in the Canada Gazette, October 13, 1954, -S.O.R./54-445- are no longer of any great value and the feasibility of placing the subject-matter of this Act under some body other than the Department of Agriculture should be examined.

Fur Farming

Your Committee recommends that greater encouragement be given to the fur farming industry in Canada, as there is great room for expansion of this industry.

Research into fur farming should be expanded and serious consideration should be given to setting up research facilities in central Canada, so as to serve more efficiently the fur animal breeders across the country.

Animal Contagious Diseases Act

Your Committee feels that compensation payments to owners after slaughter of their animals condemned under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, R.S.C. 1952, Chapter 9, should be tied to current market prices, and that the Animal Contagious Diseases Act be amended to allow this.

Uses of Chemicals

In taking of evidence, your Committee became concerned with the ever increasing use of drugs and chemicals in the agricultural industry. It is your Committee's considered opinion that the controls of the use of such drugs and chemicals be kept under constant review in order that the consumer be protected in the use of such farm products.

Your Committee has heard some evidence which might indicate that the Health of Animals Branch of the Department of Agriculture could better police the sale and administration of drugs and chemicals used in livestock and poultry production. It is your Committee's recommendation that an interdepartmental committee, comprised of officials from the Departments of Agriculture and National Health and Welfare, be established to study and examine this aspect of drug and chemicals used with a view to establishing the best methods of control.