

The limited extent of the agricultural land resource of Canada was stressed in many of the briefs. Common also to many of the presentations made to the Committee was the need for more research especially as would apply to the field of land use planning and the field of extension.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations result from study and deliberations of the Committee on the basis of information submitted during the present session.

- (1) that a system of financial assistance payments by senior governments be developed to recompense farmers on sub-marginal and marginal lands in appropriate areas to encourage reforestation of presently cultivated farm lands and sustained use management of present farm woodlots during a waiting period and until these lands attain a fair state of forest productive use.
- (2) that Federal and Provincial Governments arrange for the building up of a co-ordinated extension staff to work with the present Provincial extension staffs whose training should have particular emphasis on farm management and planning, rural development, principles and methods of community organization and development.
- (3) that further studies in co-operation with the provinces be made to the end that pollution of waters should be restricted by more effective measures and penalties.
- (4) due to the limited extent of good agricultural lands in Canada, it is recommended that the Federal Government speed up the survey being made by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys of urban expansion of all metropolitan areas in Canada, so that there might be a basis of a more orderly development.
- (5) whereas the agricultural industry is subject to changing forces and periodically facing new economic and social problems and in a continuous process of use adjustment, the Committee believes it can serve a useful purpose in the public interest and recommends:
  - (a) that the Special Committee of the Senate on Land Use in Canada be a continuing committee and to be reconvened at each session,
  - (b) that authorization of the Committee under its order of reference be used to engage a research team or teams to assemble data and to make comprehensive studies and report to the Committee on
    - (i) the state and incidence of rural taxation, (ii) requirements of land for future recreational use, (iii) conversion of marginal farm lands to forest use, (iv) river and lake pollution, (v) loss of good agricultural lands to urban sprawl, in all parts of Canada, and (vi) co-operation of Federal and Provincial Governments in a study of methods to combat forest fire losses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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