

able to do so. In many of those areas people from the city and elsewhere recognize that there is land which they could buy for \$3,000 or perhaps \$1,000. They have a lifetime ambition to go out and farm so they invest a few thousand dollars, they spent three or four years there, they lose their investment, they break their backs and their hearts at the same time. What I am most concerned about in these areas is that where this land has historically indicated that it is not capable of providing a livelihood from agriculture, no one else should make the same mistake which two or three generations have made already.

Senator WALL: May I ask a further question as to Mr. Kristjanson on this, as I presume there is no firm policy?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: To my knowledge there is no firm policy. The practice is that we have frozen tax delinquent land in non-organized areas, that is, areas which do not have local Government districts. I do not think there is a governmental policy; it is the practice to do so.

Senator WALL: Say I am one of those persons who have invested three or four thousand dollars in this land. I have spent three or four years, I have broken my back, and now I am ready to give up the ghost. Would it be possible to picture that the provincial Government would take this land off my hands and help me to re-locate somewhere else? Is that your thinking? It has to be, if it is to be practical.

Mr. KRISTJANSON: I hope this will become possible under the program.

Senator TAYLOR (*Westmorland*): Does the province of Manitoba soil survey deal with the entire province?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: The general reconnaissance is complete; the detailed survey is not. We have gone quite a long way in the detailed survey. At one point it was called a reconnaissance survey, then a detailed survey; but when we get into irrigation farming another type of classification is necessary and a further detailed survey is made. This has been completed in southern Manitoba where there is very active survey of irrigation development.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you made a survey of the natural resources? Is that completed, or is an attempt being made?

Mr. KRISTJANSON: The surveys which Mr. Truemner mentioned provided us with a good picture on a broader basis. When we get to specific programs, more detail is necessary, but it is necessary over each of the regions.

Senator INMAN: When you spoke of the tourist development and the tourist industry, along what type of program were you thinking? Were you thinking of camping sites?

Mr. TRUEMNER: The common type of tourist development is in the form of motels and some outfitters camps established by private capital. We may think of recreational development by our provincial Government through the provision of picnicking and camping sites. Tourist attractions are also special events such as the Trappers' Festival at The Pas and the Swan River rodeo. These are attractions for tourists on a periodical basis.

Mr. KRISTJANSON: The Department of Mines and Natural Resources has been developing roadside parks and other types of recreational facilities also.

Senator WALL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if you would request the secretary of our committee to get in touch with either the federal Department of Agriculture or the Minister of Agriculture and Conservation in Manitoba, so that we may have access to the brief which was prepared by the Manitoba Development authority concerning the type of project which may be implemented in rural development in Manitoba. It may give us a clue as to the thinking. I think we should have access to that information.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.