

various supply control systems and where possible recommend such schemes. From the Evidence presented it was the unanimous opinion of your Committee that additional measures concerning agricultural production and marketing are sorely needed.

More Federal-Provincial projects under A.R.D.A. and P.F.R.A. should be instigated on the initiative of the Federal authorities. It is your Committee's view that with the initiative and implementation left to the provinces, many farmers are placed at a disadvantage, primarily because some provinces do not have the revenues for implementation.

Importation

Your Committee has heard evidence that massive seasonal movements of foreign agricultural products into Canada have had a harmful and depressing effect on the markets of certain Canadian Agricultural products. Canadian markets and production should be closely watched by the Department of Agriculture and when the importation of agricultural products appears to have a harmful or depressing effect, quick and decisive action should be taken. Your Committee is of the opinion that the present system is inadequate to speedily combat such situations when they arise. Your Committee feels that regulations should be established that will give officials the power to take the proper action quickly.

Staffing

It has been brought to your Committee's attention that it is increasingly difficult to recruit qualified professional personnel for the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee is of the opinion that greater success could be achieved if the Department were to take more initiative in the recruitment of professional personnel.

Research

Today research into the physical sciences and technology is of paramount importance and your Committee would like to commend the Research Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the work done and under progress.

Your Committee, however, believes that research into all fields of the sciences and particularly the agricultural sciences should be greatly expanded.

Agricultural technology is to your Committee a subject of serious concern as it is an area that directly affects the farmer's costs, and productivity. As a result, your Committee feels that research into this subject should receive greater attention.

Your Committee notes that over the last few years the Department of Agriculture has been refitting, rebuilding and refurbishing many of its research laboratories. Your Committee feels that this program should be approached with a greater sense of urgency.

Insurance

Your Committee supports the principle of crop insurance and believes that its application should be extended.

Your Committee is of the opinion that serious consideration should be given to amending the Prairie Farm Assistance Act so that the benefits it provides could be extended under a broadened crop insurance program, not only to Western Provinces, but to the whole country.

Your Committee recommends that the P.F.A. Act be amended to allow sections of lands lying diagonally (Kitty-Corner) to each other to be eligible areas.