

Government, under the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. There was also such a survey made by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. Then there was a soil survey of the Clay Belt made in great detail by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. Then, recently a survey has been done by the Agricultural Soil Survey, which is partly provincial and partly federal. They were each done separately; they each had men in the area, and each supported field expenses and vehicles. There was a great deal of expenditure of both money and brains.

Senator HORNER: And duplication?

Mr. BROWN: And duplication, yes. I know what the attitude was in Ontario towards the federal Forestry Branch. It probably originated away back when the Forestry Branch here had control of more forest land than it has now. It practically has no control right now. There tended to be a feeling that "We should not let them do anything because they are trying to take over control".

Senator BRADETTE: The federal Government did not want to control the forests.

Mr. BROWN: This is true but the feeling was there that the federal Government wanted to take over control and management of the forests. I know it is wrong, but it is a serious matter that this feeling exists. Then I came up to Ottawa to the federal Forestry Branch, and I know that their attitude is not to want to take over any land from anybody. They know what the British North American Act provides in connection with resources. But it is true that they do not have enough land to work on properly themselves and a forester without forest is lost. For several years when I was in the branch there was difficulty in arranging locations where they could do research work. Provincial feelings were, "Well, give them some place where they can work. Shove them in a corner and forget about them". This is a horrible state of affairs. You cannot blame anybody. It is just something that has grown. I know that the present Director of the Forestry Branch and the Minister of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests are doing everything they can to overcome this situation.

Senator BRADETTE: From your experience what would you suggest would be a solution to this problem? You can speak openly here because this is not a political forum. As a result of your wide experience you must have some good advice to give in this matter, for as you say it is not a good or fair thing.

Mr. BROWN: I think the only successful plan would be to get a co-ordinating body set up. There would have to be equal representation of provincial departments on this body where they could have a word in what was being proposed. This central body should not be one of control but one of direction, and it would have to have some very persuasive people on it. A very experienced or intelligent person as far as research is concerned will not completely fill the bill. Persons serving on such an organization must have a great deal of tact. When one works in a provincial Government service one tends to think only of the provincial problems. I think the solution would be to get a co-ordinating body set up, made up of federal and provincial people, and let them direct or advise what should be done.

Senator BRADETTE: And have no duplication of services.

Mr. BROWN: That is right, no duplication of services. Another thing is that the universities would have to come into this picture, for there are many Canadian universities which have excellent facilities to carry on studies on various features of land.

Senator BRADETTE: How does this situation affect your firm?