

in view of the serious decline in our rural population, accompanied by a marked falling off in food production, in the face of Ontario's unsurpassed agricultural possibilities and millions of acres of unoccupied agricultural land, this House is of the opinion that a great advance in the agricultural policy of the Government is one of the most urgent and vital needs of Ontario to-day, such policy to include:

"(1) Making more available to rural communities the scientific and technical knowledge taught in our agricultural college by the establishment of agricultural schools and demonstration farms throughout the Province; (2) The inauguration of an effective system of rural credits; (3) The development of co-operative effort in buying and selling; (4) Financial assistance by way of loans at a low rate of interest, on the security of land and improvements, to assist desirable settlers in establishing themselves in the newer parts of the Province, and to enable farmers in the older parts of the Province to improve and increase the productivity of their lands."

The Government moved an amendment to this motion expressing satisfaction with the soundness and stability of agriculture. The Liberals proposed a further amendment that "this House regrets that the Government does not propose any radical advance in its agricultural policy to meet the urgent situation now confronting us." The Government voted down the Liberals proposals.

*What Mr. Marshall (Liberal Member for Lincoln), said in introducing his motion.*

"My solution of the problem is in demonstration farms and associated with these, schools of agriculture. If you established institutions in connection with the demonstration farms to teach, you would be able to deal with the raising of live stock and other branches of agriculture. They could show how things should be done, and the demand in agriculture to-day is not so much for the men who can tell people how to do things, but the man who is able to do them himself.

There could be, in addition to that, a school for the girls that is urgently needed at the present time. It could teach work in the kitchen, cooking, sewing, sanitation and hygiene."

The Province of Ontario was being urged by the Government to produce more food. The Government made no attempt to formulate a policy in order to open up the huge tracts of unoccupied territory within the Province. Four concrete proposals were suggested by the Liberals in the above resolution but the Government ignored them and went on its way with a self-laudatory amendment.