

one gets the impression that the remote areas have no dynamism, having become accustomed to explaining everything by difficulties and poverty. And the South is slowly turning its eyes northward. This is obvious on the example of the "Tobol" agro-industrial society.

A few years ago the "Arktikneftegazstroï" society was attracted to the environs of Yalutorovsk for its resort base. The idea was to provide, in the region's southern zone, all the necessary conditions for rest and relaxation for builders between difficult tours in Yamburg. Right now workers are transported to the Polar Circle from all corners of the country! And here it is the same region. The savings on transportation expenses alone will run into the millions.

At present, having met its state delivery requirement, the "Tobol" farm construction society is preparing to send its first batches of meat products to Yamburg. But first of all, this newly created society put in order the little village of Krivolutskii, which it inherited from the "vernyiput" sovkhos: houses, roads, farm buildings. The villagers are much happier and now stand resolutely behind "Tobol".

Unfortunately these are just plans, ageing and yellowing in the drawers of decision-makers' desks. The idea is not favoured either by the Yalutorovsk party town committee, or the district executive committee. The arguments go back and forth: to build or not to build a town for northern workers?

How can people come to feel at home in Siberia? The problem is an extremely serious one.