

for negotiations between the federal and provincial governments to be carried out under the ARDA legislation. This has been done by Manitoba and I presume other provinces as well.

Under the direction and guidance of our Minister of Agriculture an inter-departmental committee was set up to formulate a list of proposed projects. In doing this, we submitted projects that fell within the three major categories of the Act: Alternative Land Use, Rural Development, and Soil and Water Conservation. Within each of these we submitted projects that fit into the two sub-categories: research and investigation projects, and physical projects.

As I pointed out earlier, we believe that the ARDA program should be a long range fundamental development program. In order to achieve sound long range programs a good deal of detailed information is needed. Therefore our submission included provision for a substantial number of research projects, the information from which will enable us to develop sound long range plans. For example, we have submitted research projects on soil surveys, farm ownership studies, sociological surveys, hydrologic survey, and many others, all of which are needed in order to develop multiple use programs.

Under the physical projects category, we also submitted a number of proposals. Fortunately, prior to the passing of the ARDA legislation, we in Manitoba had done a considerable amount of research work in the fields mentioned above. Although this information is not complete for any large region we did have enough information on which to base recommendations for certain physical projects. For example, we have recommended a land purchase program in certain marginal areas in the province where we are confident that this is necessary in order to achieve the highest use of such land. For the most part, this will enable us to get land now in agriculture out of agriculture into forestry and wild life uses. We are also working on reorganization of certain currently marginal agricultural land into more effective agricultural use, primarily a livestock ranching type of operation. In addition to privately operated ranching units, we have suggested expansion of the community pasture program where it appears sound for the overall development of our agricultural program.

I may summarize all that by saying in the first category is the land we want to take out of agriculture and put into forestry and wildlife uses, land that was put into agriculture and probably never should have been in the first place, and we are now trying to make this changeover there. The second category is marginal land, marginal because of the size of the operation and which we are trying now to develop into more economic units. The third point is the community pasture approach with which you are also familiar.

Recognizing that many of these areas are overpopulated from the Agricultural point of view, we have suggested an educational program for one of these areas in an attempt to prepare at least some of the people for non-agricultural employment. Retaining and relocation can not be overemphasized.

The really significant point in all our physical projects is that we have maintained the philosophy that ARDA is a long range development program and as such we have submitted only those projects for which we had sufficient information to be confident that they would lead to sound development of all the available resources. In other words, we did not submit projects for the sake of submitting projects. The physical projects have been based on detailed information we had in certain areas—and perhaps we did not have enough information—but these are the items we had information on.

Let me summarize what I have covered to this point.

1. I outlined my, and I think, Manitoba's philosophy on rural development.
2. I pointed out that we are approaching it from an inter-departmental and multiple use approach.
3. We are basing our programs on sound facts.