

beef. After a few years it was realized that the whole project had gone under water, again because of mismanagement. This is the type of help we do need, not to subsidize but to bring about some good management and, as far as our resources are concerned, to really develop them in that area and not merely exploit them.

Now, one of the questions I would ask of Mr. Cram is that if the Northeastern Ontario Development Association does not put any pressure on the fact that moneys could be made available to farmers under the same terms as they are made available to the tourist trade operators, that pressure could be put that a study be made as to what exactly would be the best products that could be cultivated in northern Ontario. We have mentioned this quite often. Why is transportation to remove our raw materials so cheap and get so high to bring back the finished products or to export the finished products? Those are definite things that should be studied and I think attention should be brought to them as the solution for our area.

Mr. CRAM: On the first point, I think a note was made that this is a good point to bring up at the meeting.

Mr. LEGAULT: The point I want to bring out, Mr. Cram, is that I have attended quite a few meetings, as you are aware, and we always seem to be delving in the same mud puddle. We are hitting the problems but we are not hitting the proper people. ARDA is one of them, which could be done through the Department of Agriculture. On the question of designated areas, that could be done through the Department of Industry. We know it is not doing us any good whatsoever. We could hit at various other departments directly but we should do it with a definite plan.

Mr. CRAM: You can certainly bring up the business of the tourist operators, but you are also chairman or vice chairman of the Tourist Council of Ontario, are you not?

Mr. DELVILLANO: They have been assisting us, as you say. I think you have given us a new angle to delve into and I think the secretary-manager is making a note of this.

Mr. LEGAULT: But I want to bring out definite points. Let us not look for a handout. Let us look to justify our position. If we cannot justify our existence, well then, we are certainly just looking for a handout. But I think we have a reason for doing this.

Gentlemen, I have a point that I think should be brought out right here. While on the planning board we have tried for years to prepare something that would be interesting, but nobody in the area which we serviced wanted to plan for the future. All the planning board was used for was to try to correct errors that had been made in the past or to bring about a solution for the man who had bought land and found himself landlocked, he could not get roads in there. We have tried to prepare for this by asking every township to make provisions for the future and by reserving lands for public use, but today there is more interest in the \$50 or \$100 than the \$100,000 which will be necessary to provide for those areas about 25 years from now. Those are the things for which we have to organize.

Mr. DELVILLANO: That is a localized situation.

Mr. LEGAULT: Well, it is localized all throughout northern Ontario.

Mr. DELVILLANO: No, we have planned for the future in our area, and I am sure many other areas have also done this.