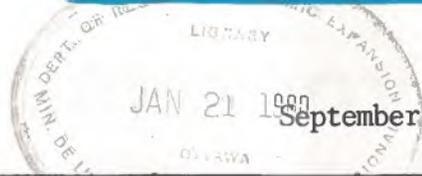




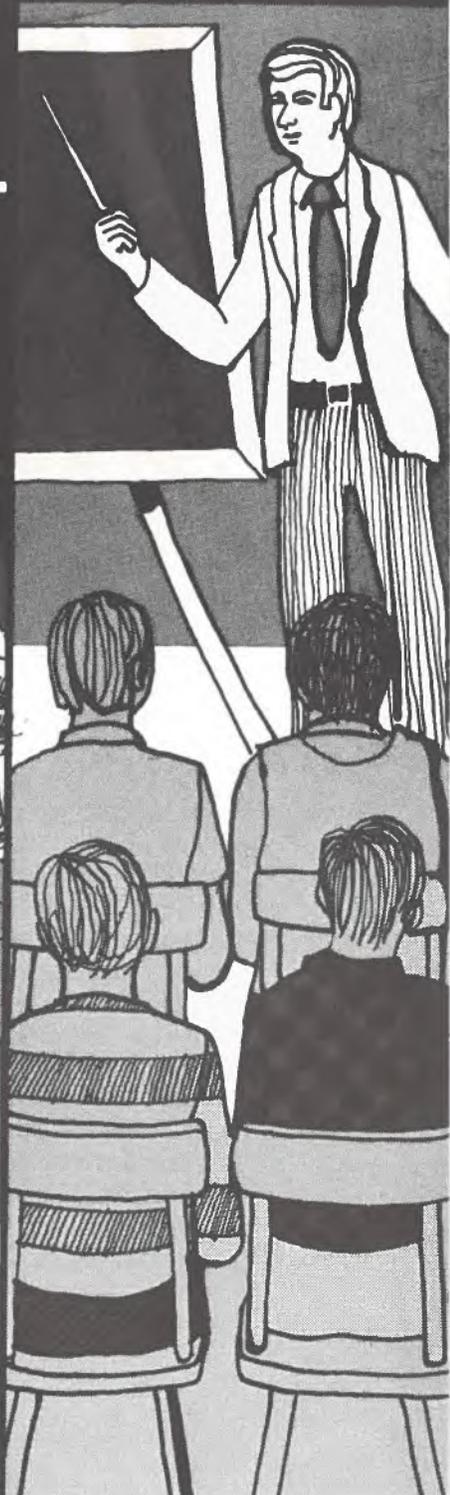
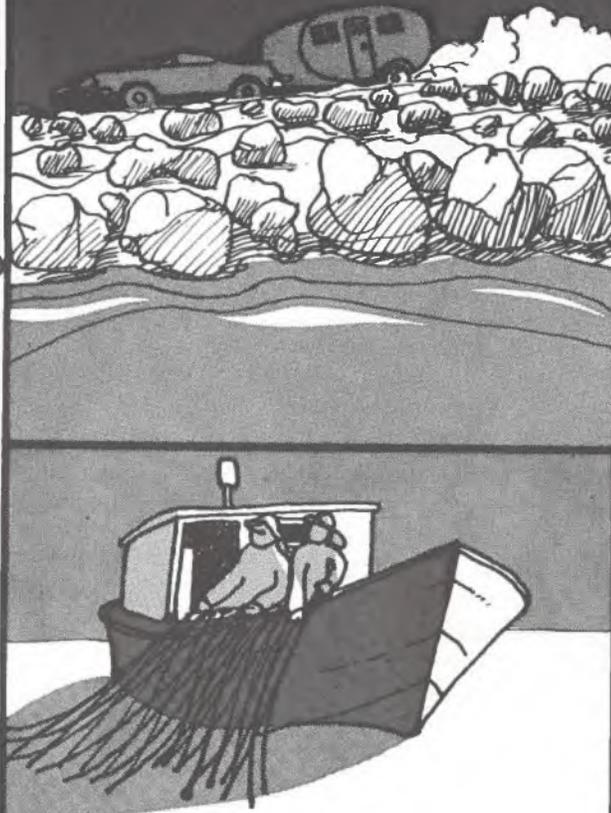
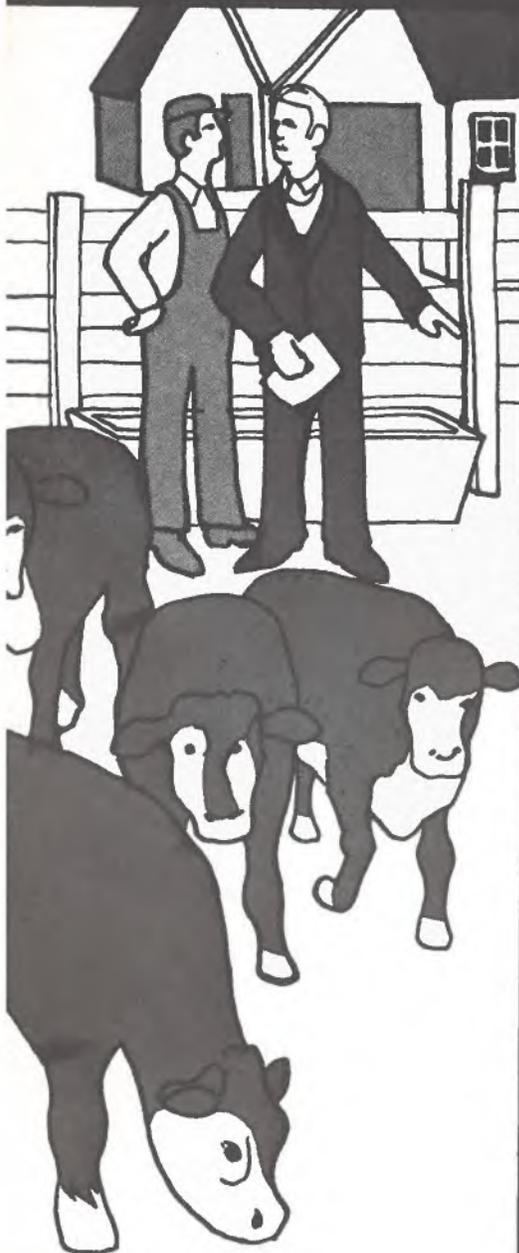
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FRED — A Look At New Programs Up To 1977

Under revisions to the Interlake FRED agreement, the total allocation of \$85 million remains the same but funds have been shifted within the plan to allow for four new programs: Farm Development, Veterinary Clinics, Farm Water Services, and Fishermen Development. Also additional funds have been allocated to Recreation Development and the Manpower Corps Training Program.

The changes in the Manitoba-DREE FRED plan were signed by federal Regional Economic Expansion Minister Jean Marchand and Manitoba Agriculture Minister Sam Uskiw.

The Drainage Program (\$7 million), the Roads Program (\$8.9 million), and the Training-in-Industry Program (\$500,000) are near completion and the allocations to these programs remain the same as under the original agreement. The Selkirk Industrial Park Project (\$400,000) was completed in 1971. The Land Adjustment (now \$4 million), General Counsellors (now \$2.3 million), Community Affairs (now \$803,000), and Administration (now \$1.75 million) allocations have all been reduced slightly under the revised agreement.

The Land Clearing, Fisheries Adjustment, and Resource Management Programs have been discontinued. The proposed Lake St. Martin Control Dam has been dropped from the program.

The federal Canada Manpower programs (\$15.8 million) which include academic upgrading, farm management,

fishermen development, and skills training will continue along with the education program (\$23.7 million) for elementary and high schools.

The changes are the result of a review of the first five years of the FRED plan and reflect an increased emphasis on livestock production and recreation development which are likely to generate jobs or increased income.

The changes also reflect a balancing of federal, provincial and local priorities for the development of the Interlake.

As in the original agreement cost-sharing between the two governments varies from program to program, but overall the federal government is responsible for 58 percent and the province 42 percent of the total allocation.

Agriculture

New programs under FRED in agriculture reflect the shift to livestock--particularly beef production--in the region.

● INTERLAKE FARM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (\$3 million):

A total of 500 Interlake farmers are expected to participate in this

plan which includes a farm conversion grant program, an on-farm advisory service, and other management assistance including the development of a farm management plan to improve livestock production. In addition, provincially guaranteed loans will be available to farmers participating in the program for capital purchases such as land or cattle.

- INTERLAKE VETERINARY CLINICS
(\$150,000):

Announced in 1971, this program provides for the construction of veterinary clinics at Selkirk, Lundar, Ashern, Arborg, and one other location. The clinic program will help ensure improved livestock health services in the region.

Manpower Corps trainees are responsible for the construction of the clinics.

- INTERLAKE FARM WATER SERVICES
(\$420,000):

A grant of up to \$300 as well as technical and advisory services are available to farmers who wish to establish or improve farm water and sewer systems. As well as improving the general living conditions on Interlake farms, this program will enable farmers to expand their herds and improve handling facilities.

Fisheries

- FISHERMEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
(\$698,000):

This program will include management services, small group workshops, and demonstration projects

on improved gear and equipment for about 300 fishermen on Lakes Winnipeg, Winnipegosis, Manitoba, Waterhen, and St. Martin.

Recreation

(\$3.9 million):

The additional \$1 million allocated to the FRED Recreation Program will be used for further development at Hecla provincial park.

The development of Hecla park is expected to create 50 construction jobs and when completed the park is expected to employ about 40 seasonal and 20 permanent workers.

Manpower

(\$5 million):

The Manpower Corps Program, which receives an additional allocation of \$1 million, will continue to provide basic training and work orientation to help trainees prepare for further vocational skills training or for regular employment. About 1,160 people are expected to participate in the Manpower Corps Training Program over the remaining years of the agreement.

Programs similar to the Farm Development, Veterinary Clinics, and Farm Water Services are available in other areas of Manitoba under a new ARDA agreement.

New Farm Program Reflects Shift To Livestock Production



A new approach to improving the productivity of livestock enterprises--particularly beef--is being undertaken as part of the Interlake FRED Program.

Under the new FRED Farm Development Program on-farm advisory services, small group workshops, grants for converting to livestock, loans, and other government programs will be organized and co-ordinated.

Under this program a farmer with gross sales between \$2,500 and \$15,000 annually will be eligible to apply for a "farm plan" agreement with the Department of Agriculture under which he would be helped to increase his income through better management of his present livestock operation or by increasing his livestock production.

Plans are to involve some 100 farmers a year in the program over the next five years thus covering a total of 500 farmers by 1977.

Each farmer would contract with the Department of Agriculture for a period of up to five years during which he would be able to obtain a grant of up to \$2,000 to construct or renovate farm facilities directly related to improving the livestock potential of his farm.

These farm conversion grants could include pasture and hayland renovation, permanent hay and silage buildings, and permanent livestock handling facilities depending upon the particular requirements of the farm. These projects would be included as part of the operator's development plan for his farm.

The move to the Farm Development Program reflects the expected five percent annual increase in demand for beef. Studies indicate there is a base for expanded livestock production in the Interlake. There are about 800 farmers with present gross incomes of between \$5,000 and \$15,000 annually who could increase this level to over \$15,000 gross per year primarily through livestock production and improved management. In addition there are about 350 farmers now grossing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 who could increase their gross to more than \$5,000 by using improved production and management practices.

The prime target group for the program are farmers grossing \$5,000 to \$15,000 and under age 45. Exceptions will be made to permit up to 15 percent of the farmers accepted in the program to be under the \$5,000 gross sales level if it is indicated

that their incomes could be significantly increased. Also, up to 15 percent of the farmers in the program could be over 45 years of age.

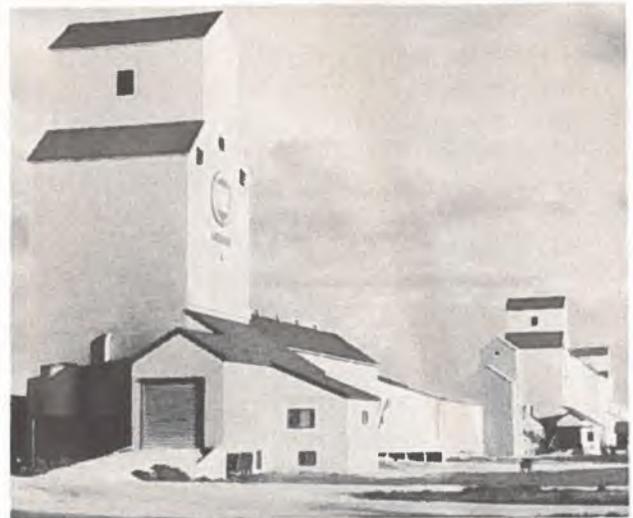
Farmers applying for the program will be selected by a committee of local advisors and representatives from the Manitoba and Canada Departments of Agriculture. In general, the farmers applying to participate in the program will have to show a desire to improve their livestock production capacity. Livestock which will be eligible are beef cattle with sheep, dairy cattle and hogs accepted if market conditions are favorable.

Once accepted into the program the farmer will be required to work out a detailed farm development plan which will guide his farm operations for up to five years. An advisory service will include on-farm consultation, small group workshops and demonstrations of farm management practices. In addition farmers will be encouraged to participate in the regular Canada Manpower farm management courses.

Under the Farm Development Program the farmer will be eligible for conversion grants and for loans to help him achieve the goals of his plan. The loans will cover costs incurred in increasing the livestock operation which are not covered by the conversion grants. The loans of up to \$10,000 will be administered by the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation through a \$25 million loan fund established specifically for this purpose.

VETERINARY CLINICS

Under the Interlake Veterinary Clinic Program four clinics will be



completed by next year providing clinics in Selkirk, Arborg, Ashern, and Lundar along with another at an as yet undetermined location. The construction of the five clinics will improve veterinary services and will promote better management practices, decrease the incidence of animal mortality, reduce disease risks and offer special outreach services to Indian reserves where livestock herds are being expanded.

The Manitoba government and the municipalities concerned will equip and staff the clinics and cover the operating costs. Manpower Corps clients will assist in the construction of the clinics.

FARM WATER SERVICES

Incentive grants to encourage improvement of farm water facilities will be available under the Interlake Farm Water Services Program. Technical advice to farmers in planning and constructing farm water services will be provided along with materials and equipment at substantially reduced cost through central-volume purchasing. Maximum grants available will be 15 percent of the cost of installing facilities up to a maximum of \$300. About 1,300 to 1,400 farmers are expected to take advantage of this program.

Under the original FRED plan four programs--Land Development, Resource Management, Drainage, and Land Acquisition were developed to help farmers improve their skills and increase productivity.

Land Development and Resource Management will not be continued. Drainage will be completed this year as originally planned under FRED. Land Acquisition will continue with a reduced budget.

Land Development covered land clearing incentives and a forage seed subsidy policy. About 92,000 acres of land were cleared under this program.

The Resource Management Program provided advisory services related to agriculture, wildlife, resources, and fisheries.

The Drainage Program was initiated to construct and refurbish drainage channels in the Interlake to remove excess water from an estimated 1,123,520 acres. Seven projects are near completion.

The Land Acquisition Program carried out under FRED will be continued during the last five years. It involves a voluntary offer to purchase farms which suffer from poor quality soil, isolation, or because they are subject to excessive amounts of flooding. These lands are converted to more suitable uses such as wildlife management areas or park recreation sites. A relocation grant was made available to those farmers affected by the program.

Raising Net Incomes of Fishermen Aim of New Program

A Fishermen Development Program will involve about 350 fishermen over the next five years of the FRED program.

Administered by the Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management, this program will provide fishermen with instruction on improved fishing methods and management

techniques through seminars and workshops held in local communities. Each of the 350 fishermen will have their operations analyzed, records established, and management changes suggested.

Demonstration projects will be designed to encourage fishermen

to purchase improved gear, modify existing equipment, and adopt practices which will increase productivity or reduce capital and operating costs.

It is expected that underemployment of fishermen on Lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Winnipegosis can be reduced and incomes increased by improving management and fishing techniques.

More than 1,000 Interlake fishermen earned part of their income from freshwater fisheries in 1969. Nearly 50 percent of the fishermen are of native ancestry.

Since fishing rarely provides full-time employment for the fishermen they usually rely on other jobs such as construction, trapping, services, and farming to supplement their incomes.

Under FRED over the past five years two programs to assist the Interlake fishing industry--Fisheries Adjustment and the Lake St. Martin Dam were planned.

The Fisheries Adjustment Program was originally intended to provide a system for allocating fishing rights to distribute the allowable catch among fishermen. Preliminary investigations indicated there was insufficient information to develop

a Fisheries Adjustment Program and a study was carried out to assess the fishing situation in the area. The major recommendation of the study was to help fishermen improve their management skills.

The second program proposal under FRED was the construction of a dam on Lake St. Martin to control



water levels and thus improve the fishing conditions on the Dauphin River and Lake St. Martin. Due to high water levels the work was not undertaken and the dam is no longer considered a high priority project and will not be built under FRED.

As a complementary program to the Fishermen Development Program, the Manitoba Fisheries Training Centre at Hnaua will offer advanced intensive training programs which

will be funded through arrangements between Canada Manpower and the province or by the province alone.

The general extension program carried out by the province will be continued to assist fishermen with production, management, and marketing programs. These programs are available to the 950 fishermen in the area not included in the Fishermen Development Program.

Recreational Development Seen As Good Area For Developing Jobs And Income For Interlakers

Hecla Island will be the area where recreational activity under the FRED program will continue over the next five years. Construction of campgrounds, day-use facilities, roads, and resort services will be included under additional funding of \$1 million for recreation. This expenditure is expected to create 50 construction jobs over the five-year period of which approximately 45 can be Manpower Corps trainees.

Major work on Hecla commenced in 1970 with the construction of the causeway and access roads.

Winnipeg Beach was renovated and redeveloped under the FRED plan and the facilities which have been completed can accommodate 15,000 visitors a day.

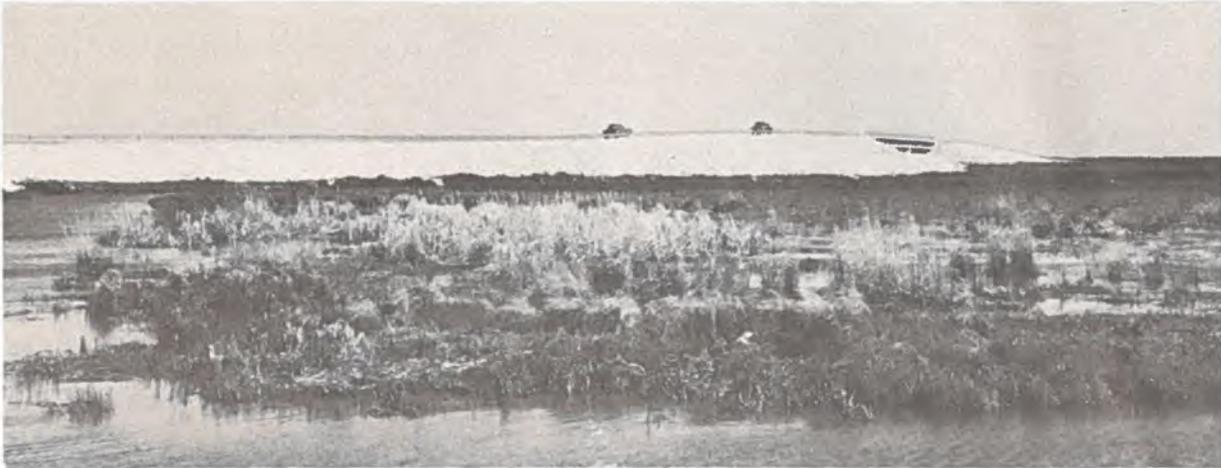
The demand for short term outdoor recreation is increasing by 10 to 15 percent per year in Manitoba and the Interlake offers many suit-

able locations within easy reach of Winnipeg to satisfy the demand. Recreation development will create some 40 seasonal and 20 permanent jobs in areas which have a high level of unemployment. In addition to these permanent jobs, construction of



facilities will create temporary work much of which can be tied into the Manpower Corps Program.

• Tourist expenditure in the area will also generate some new service jobs and contribute to higher incomes for Interlakers.



Manpower Programs Will Involve 2,000 Interlakers Over The Next Five Years

The Manpower programs carried out under FRED during the first five years --General Counsellors and Manpower Corps--will be continued.

For the remaining five years of the program, clients, especially those in rural communities dependent upon farming and fishing for their income, will be encouraged to participate in training courses. It is expected that 2,000 people will take training in Manpower Corps or Canada Manpower Programs.

Since 1967 under the FRED program about 5,000 people in the Interlake received general counsellor's services. Of these, approximately 3,000 entered training.

The Interlake Manpower Corps allocation has been increased from \$3 million to \$5 million over the ten years of the program. Manpower Corps is a regionally orientated training program under the FRED agreement which combines training and work experience to assist trainees prepare for further vocational training or for regular employment. Each Corps project is designed to meet the specific training and orientation needs of the group of trainees involved.

About 1,160 people are expected to participate in Manpower Corps training over the next five-year period. The Manpower Corps Program will be divided into two main categories.

The first of these is short-term training for people who require limited skills to enter the labor

force. These will include youths currently attending high school who could benefit from the program, and adults who have recently left school and who are in the early stages of improving their vocational skills. These programs will run from two to six months and it is estimated that about 640 people will take part in them.

Long-term training will be required for about 520 people. Most of the long-term projects will be associated with construction, manufacturing, and services. Four main projects are planned:

- The Parks Furniture Equipment Plant at Selkirk;
- Recreation development at Hecla Island and Grindstone Point;
- Construction of veterinary clinics;
- Construction of public housing in the region.

The Parks Furniture Equipment Plant at Selkirk will gradually absorb up to 35 permanent employees. About 90 jobs associated with recreation development at Hecla Island, Grindstone Point, and Gimli will also be available and once the facilities are ready for full use more than 100 related service jobs will be generated.



Forty new jobs are expected in the construction industry and development in agriculture should open a limited number of service jobs.

A Training-In-Industry Program which covered capital costs of projects designed to enable people to learn job skills will not be continued under the FRED program. Under the program the Parks Furniture Manufacturing Plant at Selkirk, the Manitoba Fisheries Training Centre at Hnausa, and the Peguis Garment Plant on the Peguis Reserve were built.



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (\$803,000):

The Community Affairs Program is designed to assist Interlakers participate meaningfully in the FRED plan and other government programs which affect their lives. Leadership training and other workshops as well as informal adult education programs are provided under Community Affairs. Grants are made to area development boards to assist them in their function as area development agencies and to enable them to support adult education programs.

INDUSTRIAL PARK:

The original plan allocated \$400,000 for the development of an industrial park site at Selkirk.

The program was completed in 1970 with all funds being spent. No further grants will be made for this park.

TRANSPORTATION:

No further funds will be spent on transportation during the last five years of the program. The original FRED plan allocated \$8,850,000 to construction and renovation of highways--principally routes associated with the school consolidation process.

ADMINISTRATION (\$1.75 million):

The Administration Program is responsible for co-ordination, information, and monitoring of the Interlake FRED program. This will be carried on with a reduced budget.

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