

Mr. Starkes Touching on that paragraph referred to by Mr. Harrington I notice 251 holdings — is that farmers?

Mr. Butt The average was six acres per family when they started in 1934, but it is a few more since then. The 1939 average was eight acres.

Mr. Starkes Am I correct in saying that each farmer cost the taxpayer roughly \$700 per year since they settled there?

Mr. Butt It is \$5,400 altogether.

Mr. Smallwood We read the totals spent and the total number of acres, we did not read the names of the settlements.

*[Mr. Butt read from the report]**

Mr. Smallwood Could Mr. Butt tell us about those 251 holdings, are they all occupied now? This 1,534 acres? All under cultivation?

Mr. Butt I really do not know. In some settlements there may be possibly one or two families' places unoccupied, waiting for someone to come in. That is the case in Brown's Arm. They are filling them up. Presumably when you have the total 251 families on these holdings, you will then have all the land worked.

Mr. Smallwood This total expenditure. How lately was money spent to make up that total?

Mr. Butt I do not know.

Mr. Keough My guess would be up to 1942 or 1943; they are not spending any money on these land settlements now.

Mr. Smallwood Would the managers' salaries be coming out of public funds, or are they coming out of their own groups?

Mr. Keough As far as I know there are no longer any managers there. They are on their own.

Mr. Northcott You have given no returns for this large sum of money — \$1,370,000. Is it really gone as far as the treasury is concerned? Has any of it ever been paid back? I might have a house built there; I am to pay back some of that money over a period of years. Has any of this ever been paid back?

Mr. Butt As far as I know none of that has ever been returned.

Mr. Northcott Then it is a sad affair.

Mr. Keough There was one time when the department concerned did have under advisement a plan for collecting a small sum in respect of some holdings. I do not think it was ever decided upon. I do not know of any specific instance where any amount was collected.

Mr. Butt This land development was started from the Colonial Development Fund — it was started out of that grant of £100,000; one interest payment was made and the rest cancelled.

Mr. Smallwood Interest cancelled, or principal?

Mr. Butt Principal. Actually because of that gift, it was \$870,000 on total overall cost.

Mr. Smallwood That is not entirely a sad story. There are people living there and earning their living; they have homes and something to show for it.

Mr. Butt We did not attempt to justify this. It is all over and done with.

Mr. Hollett I am concerned with this

* Settlement	No. of Holdings	Expenditure	Total Acreage cleared	Date Started
Markland	73	\$644,816.13	385 acs.	Apl. 1934
Haricot	16	114,803.28	91 "	Oct. 1935
Lourdes	27	86,549.05	112 "	Apl. 1934
Midland	25	120,735.67	231 "	May 1936
Brown's Arm	24	133,090.78	123 "	May 1936
Winterland	17	83,627.54	143 "	Sept. 1939
Marystown-Creston	8	17,172.62	30 "	Sept. 1939
Sandringham	25	75,748.92	166 "	Sept. 1939
Point au Mal	36	93,866.84	253 "	Sept. 1939
Totals	<u>251</u>	<u>\$1,370,410.83</u>	<u>1534 acs.</u>	