

development by the previous colonial régime. My Government cannot afford to be a salary-paying institution when on the other hand the man in the street and the poor peasant still suffer untold hardships.

You are all aware that during the previous régime the emphasis was laid on agricultural and livestock services in the offices and on the so-called experimental farms. No effort was made to extend these services to the farmers in the villages and fields. The expectation was that the farmers would come to their masters in Maseru to obtain these services. The whole thing was not only faulty but utterly unworkable and has as a result failed dismally. On the contrary, the policy of my Government - and this will apply to the Minister himself and his agricultural experts - is that these officials will have to go out into the country and serve the people. They will not remain in their offices, as was previously the case.

We are here to serve the people and not to play the rôle of masters - and our motto is devoted service to the people of Lesotho. What our people want is that essential services such as the supply of seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and stud animals should be brought to their places of residence. Depôts must be established at convenient places in the country where they can easily be reached.

Another wasteful practice typical of colonial days is that there was considerable duplication of services in conducting research into agricultural and livestock problems. All necessary information in regard to these can easily be obtained from the Government of South Africa, which works under the same conditions as ourselves and which has made tremendous progress in these fields. I have no reason to doubt their willingness to co-operate in these respects. All we have to do is approach them for the information we require. The money spent on this could be used to assist the farmer more directly.

The same unproductive effort manifests itself in our educational system. Consuming no less than two million Rands of the national budget, all it does is to train our youth for white collar jobs. What a sad legacy of the colonial government! Government is determined to effect a complete change by which education will be orientated to meet the needs of the country in all spheres of human occupation. Only then can we all be happy that revenue spent on education is money

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