

utilization of arable land in order to increase output per acre. For this purpose credit facilities will be created for the purchase of fertilizers, insecticides, good seeds and for the hiring of tractor services.

It is in the interest of every Mosotho that trees be planted and properly looked after. The Israelis have planted trees successfully in what is almost a barren country. There is no reason why we cannot do likewise in Lesotho. The Government will provide seedlings to groups of people who will plant and look after them. Nurseries will be established in the Wards of Principal Chiefs. The planting of trees is considered among others as a priority in our struggle against soil erosion. They also constitute a store of firewood for later years, in addition to beautifying the country. Let us take pride in our country.

Let me again emphasise the Government's anxiety to see the consolidation of settlements so that any roads to be built can serve optimum village settlements. It is in such areas that basic services such as clinics, schools, hospitals, etc., can be provided efficiently with the assistance of Government. This will help us avoid the repetition of such tragedies as has just occurred to the Flying Doctor Service, which was instituted by Government to try and alleviate the sufferings of the people living in the mountain areas of the country.

With the development of roads some processing industries may be established to process wool and mohair. Ways of doing this are under active consideration. The Government is simultaneously investigating ways and means of helping small traders who eventually will form the core of our local industrial and entrepreneurial skills.

The opening of the mountain areas will constitute the beginning of tourism. People will visit each other with ease. Handicrafts made by mountain people will be accessible to visitors and tourists. The countryside will itself constitute a major tourist attraction - hence the importance of trees, and fish in the rivers and dams. This will encourage the growth of fishing, both as a sport and as a source of protein food, for visitors and residents alike.

In conclusion, I wish to assure my people in every part of Lesotho that the Government will introduce, in the

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